



TBM Future Story: Our Community Sustainability Plan

The Town of The Blue Mountains is creating a Community Sustainability Plan to ensure our town and its residents, workers and visitors thrive for generations to come. We're calling this the **TBM Future Story**. The plan development process will include discussions around how we can ensure a prosperous, livable, and healthy future for all. We want to hear your ideas on ways we can make the most of what we love about The Blue Mountains and our community while supporting changes that make life here even better.

A **Community Sustainability Plan (CSP)** helps to shape local decision making by providing a clear path to making the future as bright as it can be. That means protecting our natural environment and making choices that will support a healthy, successful, and welcoming community for the next 50 years. The CSP will focus on four key areas of sustainability. These four 'chapters' will help us write the story of our future:

- Social issues (how we can all live our best lives)
- Environmental considerations (how we protect our natural resources and manage climate change)
- Economic considerations (how the community can remain vibrant and successful for decades to come)
- Cultural issues (how our human and natural heritage can be preserved and enhanced)

The TBM Future Story will complement the other planning processes currently being undertaken by the Town to ensure we have a clear approach to meeting local priorities and making the most of our community's gifts.

Want to get involved? You can help by sharing your ideas and priorities during a comprehensive public engagement process, with the first phase of engagement taking place until **February 26, 2021**. Take the survey and share your thoughts on what makes the Town of The Blue Mountains unique!

Discovering The Bruce Trail by Margaret Yaraskavitch

Residents of The Blue Mountains are fortunate to have a variety of trails available nearby including the Bruce Trail. Part of this 900 km long Trail that winds along the edge of the Niagara Escarpment presents a great local opportunity to snowshoe or go for a walk in the woods.



The Bruce Trail is a public footpath available for all to use. To get started, it might be useful to get a map from the Bruce Trail Conservancy website, brucetrail.org. It can be easy to get turned around in the woods! Some access points to the Trail are extremely popular and parking has to be planned in advance.

As you hike along the Bruce Trail, you may be walking on private land. The generosity of landowners, who have a handshake agreement with the Bruce Trail Conservancy, cannot be overstated. By staying on the Trail and following all posted signage, everyone can help to maintain goodwill between landowners and trail users. The Trail may traverse farms and businesses. Occasionally a hiker may not recognize the reasoning behind some signage. For example, some landowners have restricted passage of the Trail to "no dogs" usage. Typically, the landowner has animals that might be impacted by dogs entering the property. As well, when Trail users stay on the footpath that is clearly marked by blazes, landowners can continue to experience the privacy that they expect. Good relationships with landowners usually means continued opportunity to have a great route for the Trail. Re-routes on to the road or closures can and do occur when the agreement erodes. Your appreciation and respect for landowners who share with the Bruce Trail Conservancy helps us all.

Sections of the Trail cross through land that is Bruce Trail Conservancy Preserved Land. Over the years, many generous donors have made it possible for the Conservancy to work towards creating a "conservation corridor". Other parts of the Trail pass through municipal parks, Conservation Areas, and Provincial and National Parks. Please be aware of special guidelines for usage such as paid parking.

This "wilderness" Trail doesn't offer facilities like restrooms or litter receptacles. Trail users are expected to "leave no trace", pack in - pack out. The Trail itself is maintained entirely by volunteers. Here's a fun fact! The volunteers of the Beaver Valley Bruce Trail Club, one of the nine clubs that look after a section of the Trail, contributed an estimated 3500 hours of volunteer work into maintaining and developing the Trail in the past year. Members and volunteers are always welcome to be part of the Bruce Trail experience. More information is available at beavervalleybrucetrail.org.

Wednesday, February 10th, 5p.m. to 7p.m.

The Community Communications Advisory Committee is hosting a virtual Public Engagement Session to discuss highlights of the Corporate Communications Survey Results and to provide an update on the development of the Communications Strategy.

Insights from the Survey will assist the Committee and staff in preparing the Communications Strategy for Council's consideration.

Full details are available on the Agendas, Minutes, Reports webpage. www.thebluemountains.ca For information call John Milne, Committee Chair (416) 720-1390

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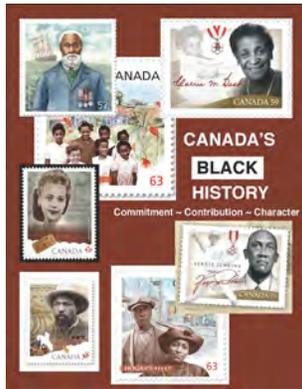
About Black History Month - February

During Black History Month, people in Canada celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians and their communities who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate, and prosperous nation it is today. Black people and their communities have been a part of shaping Canada's heritage and identity since the arrival of Mathieu Da Costa, a navigator and interpreter, whose presence in Canada dates back to the early 1600s. Black History Month is about honouring the enormous contributions that Black people have made, and continue to make, in all sectors of society. It is about celebrating resilience, innovation, and determination to work towards a more inclusive and diverse Canada—a Canada in which everyone has every opportunity to flourish.

In 1978, the Ontario Black History Society (OBHS) was established. Its founders, including Dr. Daniel G. Hill and Wilson O. Brooks, presented a petition to the City of Toronto to have February formally proclaimed as Black History Month. In 1979, the first-ever Canadian proclamation was issued by Toronto. The first Black History Month in Nova Scotia was observed in 1988 and later renamed African Heritage Month in 1996. In 1993, the OBHS successfully filed a petition in Ontario to proclaim February as Black History Month. Following that success, Rosemary Sadlier, president of the OBHS, introduced the idea of having Black History Month recognized across Canada to the Honourable Jean Augustine, the first Black Canadian woman elected to Parliament. In December 1995, the House of Commons officially recognized February as Black History Month in Canada following a motion introduced by Dr. Augustine. The House of Commons carried the motion unanimously.

In February 2008, Senator Donald Oliver, the first Black man appointed to the Senate, introduced the Motion to Recognize Contributions of Black Canadians and February as Black History Month. It received unanimous approval and was adopted on March 4, 2008. The adoption of this motion completed Canada's parliamentary position on Black History Month.

www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage



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It was the dream of Howard Sheffield to gather and preserve the history of his ancestors and share with the family. Community friends also became interested in the history of the black pioneers and settlers of Collingwood and the surrounding areas. Interest increased and various cultural artifacts were donated to Howard's project. The museum now includes pioneer life and times, the social networking of a community and the preservation of past generations. Howard Sheffield's dream was to keep the events of the past visible so we, and future generations, would never forget. The dream continues...



Love History? Want to keep it alive? You can donate by sending an e-transfer directly to sheffieldblackhistory@gmail.com "We thank you so much for supporting our efforts to bring history to life today and for future generations. Thank you for your kindness and encouragement!" Carolyn & Sylvia Wilson www.sheffieldparkblackhistory.com

Emergency Order - Continues

The declaration of emergency allows the government to:

- strengthen public health and workplace safety measures
- create and enforce emergency orders

The enhanced public health and workplace safety measures are anticipated to be in place until at least February 9, 2021.

The results of these measures will be evaluated throughout the provincial emergency to determine when it is safe to lift any restrictions, or if they need to be extended."

It should also be noted that business restrictions are contained in Reg 82/20 under the Re-Opening Ontario Act not the Emergency Order. The Act is renewed through Reg. 458/20 which currently states closure restrictions will remain in force until **February 19, 2021.**

www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca

Rapid COVID-19 Test Kits Deployed by Grey Bruce Health Unit

The Grey Bruce Health Unit has obtained a supply of 14,000 Panbio™ Point of Care COVID-19 tests. Manufactured by Abbott, this high performance rapid COVID-19 test provides results in 15 to 20 minutes. The test results inform early decision making in relation to case management, outbreak management, and other potential interventions. The ability to make quick decisions in these areas is an extremely valuable tool to help minimize transmission of COVID-19 in the facilities where they will be shared including long-term care homes, retirement homes, congregate settings, schools, childcare centres, first responders' workplaces and other settings. The tests will be distributed to community partners to aid in various COVID-19 testing needs requiring rapid results and will help alleviate the current testing wait times for case and contact management investigations.

"The Grey Bruce Health Unit is always looking to reduce barriers related to testing and to improve COVID-19 case and contact management." Says Grey Bruce's Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Ian Arra. www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca



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Instagram @bmplibrary

YouTube: The Blue Mountains Public Library

CHD Facebook @CraigleithDepot



February Programs 2021

Among Us - Virtual Teen Game Night; Friday February 5th, 6pm BMPL Zoom

Join us for a fun and competitive night of "Among Us!" where crew mates win by completing tasks and figuring out who the Imposter is! Download the game ahead of time on your computer, tablet or smartphone. Register now to participate.

Cognitive Brain Health: Health & Wellness Series; Tues, Feb. 9, 7pm BMPL Zoom

Learn about the importance of keeping your brain healthy and how to improve your brain's cognition. Join guest speaker Jennifer, Naturopathic Doctor, as she speaks about the importance of brain health. Register now to get your invitation to the event.

Teen Group; Thursday February 11, 5pm BMPL Zoom

Be part of the BMPL Teen Group so you can steer the direction of library programs and services for teens and youth. Earn community service hours, provide feedback on the library collection all while doing fun activities.

A Virtual Evening Under the Stars, Thursday February 11, 7pm BMPL Zoom

Observe the night sky and look through the telescope with local astronomer Ian for a virtual tour of the winter skies. From under the stars to your warm comfy chair, Ian will share his telescope view with you for a full-colour view of the night skies. Register now to attend this event.

Author Talk with Kate Hilton, Saturday February 13th 11:00am BMPL Zoom

Kate Hilton visits the library online to discuss her most recent novel "Better Luck Next Time". Read her other bestselling books at the library. Registrants will receive a link to the author talk.

Family Yoga with Inner Yogies, Monday February 15th 10:00am BMPL Instagram

Celebrate Family Day with a fun family style yoga session with Inner Yogies. Open to all ages and skill levels. Visit our Instagram page to join in the family fun!

Exploring the Birds of Ontario II, Thursday February 18th 7:00pm BMPL Zoom

David T. Chapman presents part two of Exploring the Birds of Ontario. Everything from small backyard visitors to some of the largest birds in Ontario. Enhance your birding experience when you register for this Zoom event.

Tween Advisory Group - Thursday February 25th 7:00pm BMPL Zoom

Join TWAG and have your say on the Library's programs and services to Tweens. Monthly meetings will feature an interactive maker kit where tweens can make, explore and lead, and other tween-led activities. Registration required for grades 6-8. Meetings will be every 4th Thursday of the month.

Seniors Exercise, Mondays 10:00am BMPL Facebook

Sharon is online, providing a short exercise video on Facebook. Light stretches and aerobics. Sitting or standing, no matter your ability. Improve your fitness and balance.

Kids Clubhouse, Tuesdays 4:30pm BMPL YouTube

Kids Clubhouse is a fun and exciting program, just for kids, that provides engaging and interactive activities, crafts, puzzles and more in weekly activity packs. Weekly activity packs will be available for children registered in the program that they can create through the week at their own pace or by following along to a video shared on YouTube.

Wired Wednesday, Wednesdays 1:00pm BMPL Facebook & YouTube

Join Ashley on our Facebook page for virtual tech help. She will discuss a different Library resource or tech topic every week provide tech help.

Bedtime Story Time, Wednesdays 7:00pm BMPL Facebook & YouTube

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Digital Book Club, Thursdays 1:00pm BMPL Facebook

Let's talk books! What are you reading? Receive book recommendations or give book suggestions. An interactive Facebook Live weekly event.

Virtual Story Time, Fridays 11:00am BMPL Facebook

A great way to start your weekend! Watch from the comfort of your own home. Every week features stories and fun. Ages 0-5 yrs or anyone who likes a good story.

Trivia Game Night, Fridays 7:00pm BMPL Facebook

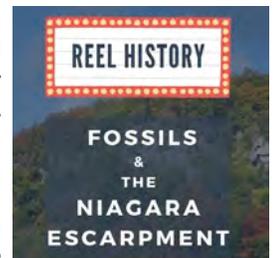
Join the fun for an interactive online Trivia Game Night. Answer trivia questions and compete for the top-spot on our scoreboard. Find the link to the game on the BMPL Facebook page.

REEL History Film Launch

The Craigleith Heritage Depot will present their next two new REEL History Films on **Saturday February 13 at 7 pm**. The museum has teamed up with local film company, Mountain Goat Films to bring you two more films in our award winning series.

These films cover two of our amazing natural history features: Fossils & The Niagara Escarpment. The evening begins with an introduction to the film series, then launching both short documentaries. This is followed by a Q & A with the filmmakers and then with the museum staff. Ask us about the series. We love to share. This will be on streamed on Crowdcast as well as Facebook and YouTube.

<https://www.crowdcast.io/e/reelhistory2021>
Contact: Andrea, 519-599-3681; Email: Depot@thebluemountains.ca



The Colour Green

The Arts and Culture Council (ACC) for The Gallery at L.E. Shore announces an open invitation, Salon Arts and Crafts exhibition. The 2021 Salon Show will open Virtually on **Monday, February 15 and run through Monday, March 29** with a theme of The Colour Green. All art should meet this theme.

Interested parties should apply no later than Wed., Feb. 10th. For More Information on Application and Submission contact: Hannah, 519-599-3681 ext. 142



BVO Update

Bottles for BVO Tops \$15,000! Thanks to the tireless efforts of volunteer Jean-Marc Page, and the participation of the community, Bottles for BVO funds have exceeded \$15,000 in the last year! Thank you for helping us raise money for our programs and services. Please deposit your beer, wine and liquor empties in the Bottles for BVO bin at The Blue Mountains landfill site. Bottle Bin coming to BVO - stay tuned!

Back to School! The kids are back in class at Beaver Valley Community School, and our Breakfast Club volunteers are serving nutritious breakfasts to start their day!

Treasure Shop & Donation Bins Temporarily Closed. Due to the provincial lockdown, our Treasure Shop doors are closed, and we're not accepting donations of goods at this time. We apologize for the inconvenience and ask you to hold on to your items until we reopen. Thank you!

Seniors Stay Social Are you or a senior you know feeling isolated during the pandemic? No computer or internet? BVO Seniors Centre Without Walls is a telephone-based activity program that allows seniors to phone in and connect with friends and participate in activities from the comfort and safety of their homes. Interested? Call 519-599-2577, ext 6, email seniors@bvo.ca

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Housing a top priority in Grey County Budget



On January 29, Grey County Council, sitting as Committee of the Whole, supported the draft 2021 budget. A County tax rate increase of 2.11% is needed on a total operating and capital budget of \$171.2 million. This equals an average increase per single-detached household of \$24.93. The budget of \$171M. includes \$130M for operating and \$40M for Capital projects. The county oversees: 321 Long Term Care beds, 997 units of affordable housing, 27,400 paramedic calls (2020), 1,654 Kms. Of roads, 192 bridges and 933 employees.

"The 2021 budget is responsive to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the needs of the community. Service levels are being maintained in most departments with additional resources supporting important priorities, such as affordable housing, transportation infrastructure, rural transportation and other areas," said Grey County Warden Selwyn 'Buck' Hicks.

The most notable new item in the 2021 budget is a \$1.11 million investment to create an affordable housing fund on the recommendation of the Affordable Housing Task Force. The amount is equal to \$500,000, plus the equivalent of 1% levy. The task force recommended including 1% in the budget each year to continue growing the fund which will support land purchases and affordable housing builds. Council chose to pay the 1% in 2021 from one-time reserves.

In addition to establishing the Affordable Housing Fund, the budget also includes an investment of \$3.7 million towards 49 housing capital projects throughout the County and administering \$3.8 million from the Canada Ontario Community Housing Initiative and Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative to support an affordable housing build by the Owen Sound Housing Company.

Council also supported continuing the annual 1% increase to the transportation budget as recommended in the asset management plan. Also in the 2021 budget is funding to offset and react to impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Nearly \$2 million is budgeted to support increased spending for staffing and equipment (including PPE) to support infection control, screening and testing. The largest expenditure will be in long-term care. Other County services, such as Paramedics, along with maintenance and cleaning across all services, especially in affordable housing will benefit from support for continued precautions.

Grey County will undertake several plans and studies in 2021 to help inform future policy and decisions. Some of the budgeted projects include an Age-Friendly Community Strategic Plan, a review of development charges, building and facility condition assessments and updating the Corporate Communications Strategy.

A summary of the 2021 budget and a full detailed package are available online at www.Grey.ca/budget. The budget will be before Grey County Council again on February 11 for official approval.

What will happen to my pets when I am gone?

Death is a sensitive topic that many of us do not like to think about. Unfortunately, the reality is that death can happen to anyone at any time. It is never too early to start planning your estate. Leaving your pets out of your Will means that they may end up in a shelter; it is not safe to assume that a relative or friend will take them into their care without a formal agreement. It is best to work with a legal professional when you are ready to write your Will. A pet trust can be set up for your pets' guardian(s). The sum of money in this trust will be provided to the named guardian(s) of your pets.

It may seem easier to leave a sum of money in the guardian's name and forego a pet trust. If you choose to do so, you run the risk of having that allocated money spent on expenses that are unrelated to your pets. To learn more, visit <https://www.gths.ca/what-will-happen-to-my-pet-when-i-pass/>

-- Anna Schuett, Communications & Marketing Coordinator
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In Appreciation

Tom Kennedy by Robert Burcher

In a small town, the concept of volunteering is just taken for granted. If there isn't money available to hire external contractors, then what we do is roll up our sleeves and "pitch in." Tom Kennedy is one of those people who is constantly rolling up his sleeves. After a life working with Bell Canada, retirement put him in a place where he could use his skills to help many different causes. I think the partial list is this; Thornbury Beaver Valley Lion's Club, the Legion, Marsh Street Center and the Beaver River Watershed Initiative.



His time at the Marsh Street Centre was where he played many roles that people know of him. He was the construction manager for the renovation and addition of the Marsh Street Centre, then the kitchen renovations and the addition of the patio fell under his supervision. He wasn't just the supervisor, though, because it was always his truck that did untold numbers of trips to the dump – hastening it to an early demise. Being on the Marsh St. Board was another of his strengths.

But I remember him best as the guy who carried all the little rubber duckies to the river on a summer day and launched them in a cascade of yellow pandemonium to start the Lion's Annual Duck Race. You earned that honour, Tom!

Not only was he a worker with his sleeves rolled up, but he was the guy who rose to

the top in any organization, running meetings with a firm hand with one eye on the clock, so we all didn't waste hours and hours getting to the group consensus.

"Just gitter done Tom!"

Local Guider Honoured

by Shirley Woolner

Girl Guides of Canada honoured **Marianne Reid** with the "Gold Merit Award". This was presented to her in a virtual meeting Mon. Jan 5th of local Guiding members. The Gold Merit Award is presented to adult members for outstanding service to Guiding above the basic requirements of the position held. The award is granted by Ontario Council. Upon presentation of the award, the two letters submitted for the awards approval were read and presented to her as well.



Marianne has been with the 1st Thornbury Guide unit for 17 years, sharing her knowledge, talents and enthusiasm. Her commitment to Guiding has encouraged so many young girls in our community to venture beyond their comfort zone. She has nurtured the girls with her creativity in how the program has been presented, allowing them to learn in a non-judgmental platform of peers, creating friendships and memories the girls will carry for a lifetime. Guiding has been a big part of her life, but she has also been involved in other community endeavours at the same time! She is very community minded.

As a partner in Guiding, I was very honoured to be able to present this award to Marianne. Presenting this award in a virtual setting was not what had been intended. If you see her, please join her fellow Guiders by congratulating her on her contributions to Girl Guides and her community. She was a very deserving recipient!

All Guiding units are still running, and new members are always welcome. Registration is through the Girl Guides of Canada website.

Council Updates Proposal for an apartment unit approved by Council

Council received the Committee of the Whole received Staff Report PDS.21.010, entitled "P2878 20 Alice Street – Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and voted to support the request to allow the lands to be used for a maximum of eleven residential apartment dwelling units. 9 bachelor suites, 1 one-bdrm and 1 two-bdrm are being planned.



Council Considers Intersection Improvements

Council acknowledged and supported the Transportation Committee recommendation with respect to the Victoria St./ Louisa St. Traffic Study and the staff report for intersection improvements at Beaver St. (stopping up and closing Beaver St S between Victoria and Louisa St.) with the understanding that the alternatives will be brought to a future Committee meeting for review in a closed session and that the Transportation Committee recommends Council and staff engage the immediately-adjacent community stakeholders in this discussion.

Retail Cannabis Stores - 3 applications are in process with the Alcohol and Gaming Association of Ontario

- Chili Blue Mountain - Blue Mountain Village
- Soma Leaf Company - 99 King Street E, Thornbury
- Dimes Cannabis - 49 Bruce Street S, Thornbury

The AGCO is committed to processing applications for retail store authorizations (RSA) as quickly as possible with the objective of making the legal supply of cannabis more broadly available across Ontario. Currently proposing 80 per month with 1100 applications to be processed.

"In Progress" indicates that the AGCO has received an RSA application and the process is underway. The table and map on their website are updated when the AGCO begins its review of an application (not when the application is submitted).

"Public Notice" indicates that written submissions are being accepted for that location until the date listed. Written submissions can only be made during the 15-day public notice period, and only by a resident of the municipality in which the proposed store is located, or the municipality itself.

The Council of The Blue Mountains sent their objections to the AGCO Retail Cannabis Store, Application No. 1115348, proposed at 49 Bruce St. S. Thornbury because of the traffic concerns in this location, lack of parking for this site, and the proximity to the Acorn Montessori School located in Errinrung.

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LEGO: by Robert Burcher

Who would have known that Beaver Valley Outreach (BVO) would become a significant source for recycled LEGO products? **Sylvia McMurchy**, a volunteer in the toy department, saw the need to “upcycle” the LEGO sets that were frequently showing up. Being a mother who has seen a son learn and grow through the LEGO hobby, she wasn’t going to let the sets go out in a less than perfect condition. That started a process to clean, fix up and restore lost elements to the donated items. Then because of her dedication to making the sets perfect, some of the rare items are sold online to collectors for more than you can imagine. The money then

goes back into BVO for all of their continuing good works. Sylvia told me that she has six tables in her basement with ongoing projects of refurbishment. Then under the tables are bins of spare parts for future projects.

I had to go to the internet to check out LEGO. The company started in Denmark in the 1930s as a wooden toymaker. When plastic was available after the second world war, the company dedicated itself to the iconic little bricks. Then in the 1960s, the concept of kits and plans emerged. Now some of the sets sell in the range of thousands of dollars. Fanatical adults who

started with LEGO as children have carried on with their toy passions. Star Wars-themed items are particularly wanted.

Sylvia is only one member of the Toy Department Team at BVO, all of who have their specialties. Some rehabilitate dolls, some vintage toys, and some gather up all craft items like crayons to assemble into other kinds of upcycled packages. As I said at the beginning, who would have thought it? During your pandemic cleanup, why not finally get rid of those LEGO sets that are lingering in the back of your cupboards? They are wanted! Sylvia 705-446-4007



In the Belly of the Whale by Norine Baron

Do you have a plastic bag drawer, a container on the wall full of bags, boxes of new garbage bags on a shelf? Do you drink bottled water? Is your Blue Box full of plastic? Plastic was invented around 1900 but it took many years to become ubiquitous. How can we live without plastic? How can we live WITH it when it compromises our health and that of the whole ecosystem?

I grew up with paper bags, cardboard containers and glass bottles. By the 1960’s I was using plastic bags, buckets, cups, mugs ...you get it. Then I became a recycling proponent. Now I know that only about 10% of recyclable plastic actually gets recycled in Canada. Now my first “R” is “Refuse”.

Ontario was moving away from single use plastic until COVID hit and now we’re back to square one – plastic gloves are everywhere and plastic bags are back in stores.

In the early 1990’s, I was in Central America and toured a banana plantation. I was appalled to see the thin blue plastic film on bunches of bananas to keep out bugs, being washed off on a processing line and flushed out to sea. Giant turtles think the film is jellyfish and eat it only to die. In March 2019, I saw a news report about a whale that died of starvation in the Philippines. Its belly was full of plastic - 88 pounds (40 kg) – bottles, bags, gloves, rope, nets. There is so much plastic – what you can see and what you can’t (microbeads and microfibres) – in the oceans that eating fish is a health hazard for us.

Want to reduce the world’s plastic problem? Contact a Climate Action Now Network member and like and share our Facebook page, @Climate Action Now Network for more great ideas!

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In Memoriam

MURRAY LORNE McEACHERN

Born in Arthur Township, Wellington County on February 22, 1926, a son of the late Harvey Lorne McEachern and Florence Mae (nee Morrison), Murray passed away at Errinrunc Residence in Thornbury on January 1, 2021 in his 95th year.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife and best friend Kathleen 'Kay' Frankum on December 13, 2009. The couple, who had been lifelong friends since their teen years, were married in Harriston in 1952 and enjoyed 57 years of marriage at the time of Kay's death. She and Murray retired to the Thornbury area some time ago and were actively involved in the community while health permitted and maintained a strong connection to the many friendships developed over those years.

Murray is remembered as a much loved father, 'Dad' and grandfather by his family: daughter Janice and her husband Claus Zimmer of Collingwood and his sons Matthew and Michael Zimmer; son Scott McEachern of London and children Alex and his wife Kayla, Tori, and Katie McEachern; daughter Laurie Murray of Kitchener and children Melissa and her husband Sam Hillifer and Cameron Murray. He was predeceased also by a son Bill McEachern of Goderich in December of 2019. He is survived by his sister Doris Gascho (late Bob) of Collingwood, Jean Woods (late George) of Mount Forest, and was predeceased by a sister Marion (Dave) Fielding of Toronto, brothers Donald and James (Phyllis) McEachern of Stoney Creek and Robert McEachern (Isabell) of Kitchener.

Murray was special uncle to his many nieces and nephews and their families.

Due to the many restrictions placed upon us by the Covid health regulations, there will be no public visitation at this time and a family funeral service will be conducted at the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, ON N4L 1B9 followed by a service of committal and interment at Harriston Cemetery where Murray will be interred with his beloved wife Kay.

If so desired and as your expression of sympathy, donations to Grace United Church Memorial Fund (cheques only please) or online to the Heart and Stroke Foundation at www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca would be appreciated.

(JOSEPH) AARON KLINSKY

Aaron, son of Dennis Klinsky and the late Rose Klinsky, died of cancer at age 37 on January 2, 2021. Motivated by his desire to develop expertise in a range of mediums and skills he spent over a decade in New York and London in the design-build industry and developed a mastery in skills and materials including wood, steel, plaster, cast bronze and gilding, and found inspiration in the interfaces between them. In 2015 he established JAK Atelier (see jakatelier.com) which operated between New York and his Blue Mountain studio.

He lived with courage and uncompromising integrity, and was enormously beloved as a son, brother, friend, nephew and uncle. An exceptional cook, he continually brought us together around food, projects and his encompassing vision of community. He leaves a great emptiness which shall not be filled, even as we take him with us into the rest of our lives.

For anyone wishing to formally remember Aaron we are encouraging them to donate blood to the Red Cross, or donate to "My Friends House" women's shelter or the "Out of the Cold" program – both of Collingwood.



MARY WINIFRED QUINTON NEWMAN

ALCOCK passed away peacefully in her 101st year in Collingwood.

Beloved wife of the late Peter Alcock for 66 years (died 2009) and dear mother of Janet Howden, Susan Ronson (Jim), Bill Alcock (Victoria) and Tim Alcock (Cindy).

Loved grandmother of Chris (Jen), Eric, and Sarah Howden (Antranik Tchalekian), Ken (Alison), Karen and Alison Ronson, Claire (Rob Dickie), Robyn (Craig Bishop) and Nicholas (Sherry) Alcock, and William Alcock Golding. Great grandmother to Alice Howden, Violet Tchalekian, Owen and Nathan Ronson and Hudson Dickie.

Mary was born in the small village of Melton Constable in Norfolk, England. She moved to South Africa after WWII with her husband and family, and after 9 years there settled in Canada in 1957. After living in Thornhill Ontario, Mary and Peter retired to Thornbury, Ontario. Mary spent her final years in Chartwell Retirement Residence, where she felt safe and cared for.

Mary enjoyed playing tennis in her younger years, and loved watching tennis on TV in her later years. She enjoyed gardening, reading and visiting with family and friends.

Thanks to all the care given to her at Chartwell in Collingwood over the past 10 years, and to Campbell House Hospice. Cremation has taken place. Due to COVID, a celebration of life will take place at a later date.

Donations in Mary's memory may be made to Hospice Georgian Triangle - Campbell House, or to a charity of your choice. Friends may visit Mary's online Book of Memories at www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com



JAMES DELBERT 'DEL' LANKTREE

Delbert passed away peacefully with his daughter by his side at the Meaford Long Term Care Centre on Sunday, January 24, 2021, just two days shy of his 72nd birthday. Born in Collingwood, on January 26, 1949, Delbert was a son of the late Russell and Reta (nee Fisher) Lanktree.

Del was a very devoted and proud father to Lisa and her husband Mark Cronin of Heathcote, Kyle Lanktree of London and Grace Lanktree of Markdale. Del's grandchildren were the light of his life; they always found ways to get into trouble together. He is the deeply missed Papa of Rhett and Tahlia of Heathcote and Kiara and Gabe of Markdale. He was a dear brother to Reg and his wife Mae, Orv and his wife Lois, and was predeceased by his brother Bruce, all of Thornbury. He will be remembered fondly by Bruce's wife Frances, and by his many nieces, nephews and their families.

Del spent most of his career behind the wheel of a big rig driving through the States and later working various jobs in the Thornbury area, he was truly a 'Jack of all trades'. He loved his very early morning coffee at Tim's to catch up on all of the local gossip before heading out on his daily ventures. In his leisure time, Del loved cheering on his grandkids at hockey, going fishing, and hunting with his son Kyle. His sense of humour was noticed by everyone he came into contact with; he especially loved to joke around with the amazing nurses and staff at the Meaford Long Term Care Centre.

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions a celebration of Del's life will take place later when family and friends are able to gather safely. As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Meaford Nursing Home Auxiliary, would be appreciated and may be made through Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, ON N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca



ANNE ROSE LENKO

Anne Lenko passed away on January 30, 2021 at the Meaford Long Term Care Centre in her 93rd year. Anne was predeceased by her husband Harry Lenko and is survived by her daughters: Sandy Lenko, Colleen Lenko Wittlin and her son-in-law Jack Wittlin.

The Lord bless her and keep her, look upon her with favour and give her peace. A private interment will take place at St. Volodymyr Cemetery in Oakville.

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PAUL T. REEVE-NEWSON

July 1929 - Thornbury, Ont. - Dec. 2020 - Brantford, Ont.

After a 3 month rapid decline, dad passed away in Brant Hospital.

The first 1/2 of his working life began as an embalmer in Brantford and also ended there as funeral director even though our family lived in Hamilton, But it was in T.O. that our family life began: with his wife Elsie Yetman they brought into the world Rosanne, Michael, Susan, and Thomas. From them and their spouses issued forth 9 grandchildren and now 2 great granddaughters. And, although economic necessity may have been the impetus, engineering students from India and Hong Kong became part of the family, enriching our lives and making our home the United Nations of the neighbourhood, Three in particular, Philip, Pramod, and Roch stayed in touch all of Mom and Dad's life.

The 2nd half of his working life was as a chef. This interest and skill actually began early on: whilst his dad was out delivering a baby, Dad roasted a duck and cooked potatoes and vegetable. He was all of 7 years old-pity that Master Chef Junior didn't exist at that time. He really was an excellent cook and baker; he had to have prepared and served several hundred meals in the industry as well as for family and friends. Even in his late 80's he prepared and delivered baked goods to the Stedman hospice for a period of 3 years.

With his 2nd wife, Irene Bernacki, there were many years of towing a camper, and along with rescue dog Ozzie, fishing, hunting, picking berries, making new friends along the way, as well as visiting friends and extended family.

Dad had an adventurous spirit-parachute diving and distilling alcohol having been notable hobbies. It was, however his passion for music that would result in his ,as a barbershop tenor, gaining his proverbial 15 minutes of fame. Along with the other members of the Scarborough Dukes-(the first Canadian chorus to ever win the International Barbershop Competition) they would perform to 2 sold-out shows at Roy Thompson Hall.

Dad was predeceased by his parents, 2 sisters, and step-daughter. He is survived by half-brothers Peter, John, and Rendle. As per his request, there is neither a funeral nor post-Covid gathering. His ashes are to be interred alongside those of his best friend throughout childhood and all their natural lives-Major Wes Taylor. May he now rest in peace.

JEAN 'CLARE' JACKSON

Clare Jackson passed away peacefully at Errinrunc Nursing Home in Thornbury on Thursday, January 28, 2021 in her 82nd year. She was born and raised in St. Mary's Parish in Jamaica in a close knit community. Clare was predeceased by her husband Ralph Bickerton in 2009. She is survived by her sister Peggy Jackson of Toronto and was predeceased by her sister Totlyn Jackson, the first 'Lady of Jamaican Jazz'.

Clare received several scholarships for academic achievements and attended Buxton College in Kingston, Jamaica. She travelled to England and then came to Canada where she met her husband Ralph. She owned and operated a successful business in Collingwood called Closets and Things. She offered job training placement for local citizens.

Clare enjoyed music, gardening and prized her cook book collection. Sincere thanks and words of appreciation are extended to Clare's dear friends Ralph Fisher of Clarksburg, Carolyn and Sylvia Wilson of Collingwood, and to the staff at Errinrunc Nursing Home.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to a charity of your choice 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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BETTY (Nee BARBER) WOOTTON

Betty Wootton passed away peacefully at Errinrunc Nursing Home in Thornbury, on Thursday, January 28, 2021 in her 101st year.

She was born and raised in Oxford, England and followed her husband, Eric, to Canada in 1947. They settled in Hamilton, Ontario and raised seven children in the house Eric built on Adair Avenue South.

Eric predeceased her, as did three of her sons, Stewart, Russell and Edward 'Ted'. She will be sadly missed by her sons Brian and Alan, and daughters, Barbara and Carol. She also leaves four granddaughters, Katrina, Diana, Ashley and Brianna and two grandsons, Joshua and Austin, as well as seven great-grandchildren, who were the light of her life.

Betty will be fondly remembered by many old friends and neighbours in east end Hamilton. She always had a kind word for everyone and always sided with the underdog. She was tireless and generously gave of her time and energy. Betty danced to the music until the end.

Cremation has taken place and a private family celebration of Betty's life will take place when possible.

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Hockey Hub -

COVID-19 Mass Immunization Hub in Grey Bruce

The Grey Bruce Health Unit has developed the Hockey Hub, *which will only be implemented when large quantities of vaccine become available.*

The Hockey Hub uses local hockey arenas to deliver thousands of COVID-19 vaccines per day in local communities, based on a standard size hockey rink. The plan is scalable in that it can be expanded or contracted depending on the amount of vaccine available and the number of clients to be vaccinated.

The Hockey Hub, can administer 4500 vaccines in a 10-hour shift of 5 nurses (or whoever is administering the vaccine). Traditional large volume clinics administer about 1000 vaccines a day, employing 20 nurses. Conventional smaller vaccine clinics administer 400 vaccines a day, in a shift of 8 nurses. The efficiency of the Hockey Hub model is based on utilizing a non-clinical staff for any task that is non-clinical, preserving the clinical capacity to support the healthcare system.

The difference in the Hockey Hub model is the streamlined flow-through process. Once registered, the client remains in an individual pod for documentation, administering vaccine and recovery. The person administering the vaccine moves from pod to pod. The typical set-up in a standard rink would have 150 pods with one nurse assigned 30 pods each.

Activating all 3 Hockey Hubs in Grey and Bruce, given sufficient supply of vaccine, it would take about 21 days to vaccinate 140,000 people or 75 percent of Grey Bruce's population.

The Hockey Hub provides several efficiencies. Clinically trained personnel are focused on administering the vaccine requiring only 5 clinically trained personnel to administer 450 vaccines per hour. There is a reduced risk of injury/fainting as clients are immunized and recover in the same location instead of risking fainting while walking to a recovery area. The one-touch surface means decreased surface cleaning to minimize the risk of transmission.

The Hockey Hub costs about \$6000 per thousand vaccines; about \$1.7 million total for 140,000 population. Large volume clinics cost \$26,000 per thousand or \$7.2 million for 140,000 population.

The Hub model capitalizes on the optimal readiness and collaboration among the Grey Bruce Health Unit, Grey and Bruce municipalities, police services in Grey Bruce, and community partners. Bruce Power has provided resources and logistics for three recovery centres (field hospitals) in three locations; Bayshore Owen Sound, P&H Hanover, and Davidson Centre Kincardine. These sites are currently being converted to mass immunization hubs including adding an ultra-low temperature vaccine freezer and accessories. Lower-tier municipalities have provided the arenas, and Grey and Bruce Counties have funded and supported part of the project. Chapman's has donated two ultra-low temperature vaccine freezers.

"Almost everyone in Canada is near a hockey arena. That makes the Hockey Hub an ideal solution for large scale immunization, not just locally but across Canada." Says Grey Bruce Medical Officer of Health Dr. Ian Arra.

DOUGLAS GEORGE SHERIDAN

Doug Sheridan of Clarksburg was taken far too soon, January 30, 2021 at the age of 56, as a result of a tragic accident.

Doug was born February 14, 1964, in Meaford Ontario and was raised by his parents, Aubrey Sheridan and the late Lois (Carscadden) on the family farm in Loree.

Doug married his highschool sweetheart, his equal, his best friend, his match, Barb (Yaskovitch) of Clarksburg on August 24, 1985. Doug was a true country boy and, together with his wife Barb, they started their life together on their family farm in Union. Doug and Barb have two children, Nathan Sheridan (Brittany) of Clarksburg and Whitney Carbert (Evan) of Meaford. Nathan and Whitney idolized their Dad.

Doug was an exaggeratedly proud and devoted "Papa" to Taylen and Gavin Sheridan and Cleighton and Kayley Carbert. He was the dear brother to Terry Sheridan (Cheryl) of Collingwood and Rob Sheridan (Jennifer) of Clarksburg. He was a treasured brother-in-law, uncle, great uncle, cousin and a surrogate Dad and Friend to all he met.

At a young age Doug had accomplished so much and was the best at everything he did. Doug was active in 4-H, Junior Farmers, athlete of the year, ski teams, quarterback of football, baseball, broomball, hockey, hunting, snowmobiling, motorcycling, ATVing, playing the guitar and member of the local Kinsmen Club.

Machine shop was where he found his passion. Doug went to trade school and became a machinist, working at Teledyne through the week and grooming at Blue Mountain Resort on weekends. Doug later chose to start up his own business "Mill Creek Machine & Welding", starting in their small garage, it wasn't long before a much larger shop was built. Doug's shop became the one stop shop for all the farming community. If Doug couldn't do it then it couldn't be done! Doug became a pillar of his community and the shop became a social hub for both young and old. Machining and fabricating was Doug's "thing". Doug was so proud to have his son, Nathan, join him at Mill Creek and together they operated a flourishing business. Truly a self-made entrepreneur.

Doug, also known as "Cone" to his friends loved life and was always on the go. He worked hard, he played harder, all or nothing, it was his way or the highway. He had a way of two-stepping his way into many hearts.

Doug took pride in everything he did. When he put his mind to something there was no stopping him. If you met him, you were only a stranger once. His love for music, campfires, Friday night socials and



a good caesar would bring out his infectious laugh which could be heard echoing across the Valley. If you knew him, you understood him. No challenge could defeat him, he was infallible, always a leader, as he could never follow. The king of pranks, Doug was never without a witty comment up his sleeve. If you needed him, he would be the first one there. Doug's door was always open and everyone was welcome. Doug was a valued and prominent member of the Rock Lake Hunt Camp and his presence will be deeply missed by the members and guests. He was proud of his accomplishments and always looked forward to every adventure he had there.

Family always came first to Doug, as was evidenced by the day of Doug's accident, with Doug holding on until his family arrived. Skilled, brilliant, tough yet gentle when it mattered most. Doug filled every minute of his 56 years to the fullest and left his family with a hidden oasis where many more memories will be made and where his grandchildren will always be reminded of their Papa. Doug's legacy will live on through his family and friends.

When the Covid restrictions have lifted and it is safe to gather, the family looks forward to a community celebration in memory of Doug and to share stories and memories of Doug's life and adventures.

We should all learn from Doug and let his life be an example of how to lead yours, watch the sunrise, have a laugh, never stop learning, enjoy your friends and family, and live life "full throttle".

Doug was admired by all he met and will be missed by everyone. Doug taught his family everything, except how to live without him. It's hard to sum up a man who took on the world single handedly.

As Doug was awarded many prestigious awards over the years for his talents and was very much hands on, as your expression of sympathy, donations to the Bluewater District School Board (cheques only please) to assist youth who are perusing a career and/or co-op in the skilled trades, would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca

"Have a beer for me, don't waste no tears on me."

PATRICIA ETHEL McGIRR (nee Patton)

Pat died peacefully on Friday January 1, 2021 at the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital. She is survived by her loving husband of 43 years Robert. She will be deeply missed by her daughter Natalee-Rose and her husband Matthew White. Pat was predeceased by her sister Terfina "Terry" Weppler, survived by her brother David (Christine) Patton. She will be remembered by nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends. Cremation has taken place and a celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations to the Canadian Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family.



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St. George's Cares Prepares & Delivers 3,906 Dinner Packages to Seniors & School Families in 2020

by John Hethrington



At the annual Vestry meeting of St. George's, the Anglican Parish for Blue Mountains in January 2020 it was decided to find new activities and programs that would reach out and help our Blue Mountain community under the banner of St. George's Cares. Coincidentally, Jean Lewis Knight was running her catering business out of St. George's commercial kitchen in the church.

With the first COVID shutdown the middle of March, Jean thought there may be seniors who could not get

out to the store. She reached out on social media asking if anyone knew of a locked-down senior who could use some help. The names started coming in, both suggestions from others and personal requests. Jean started with her own \$250 as seed money and soon the donations floated in as well. All the donations were handled by St. George's and tax receipts were sent out wherever possible. The idea was to prepare a weekend food package which included a lunch, a dinner, a soup and a snack. Jean bought the food on Wednesdays, cooked the meals on Thursdays at St. George's and packaged and delivered the packages on Fridays. As money came in, Jean started adding a few extra things like a roll of toilet paper, a pack of playing cards, cross word puzzles, even a plant on Mother's Day -- little things to cheer people up and keep them engaged.

In the last two weeks of March, 39 packages were prepared and delivered. The total cost of the food, the packaging and other sundry items came to \$590, or \$15.13 per package. With the news of this new outreach program spreading on Facebook and by word of mouth, demand increased with 258 packages delivered in April, with the cost per package coming down to just \$4.32. Almost all of the seniors who received a package made a donation that more than covered the cost and allowed the program to expand.

In May, Jean reached out to Heather Offord at the Beaver Valley Community School to see if there were any families that could use a little help. Bob Campbell and Kearns-Paara Realty each donated \$1,000 to get this family program off the ground. The confidential requests came in with the size of each family and family packages were added to the program. A total of 350 packages were prepared and delivered in May and 332 in June, both to seniors and families. In June an application was made to the County of Grey who donated \$12,000 to ensure that the program moved forward. BVO generously donated a number of additional items to include in the packages in July when 294 packages were delivered and again in August, when another 364 packages were delivered. But this level of activity was



Boxed food, sorted by the number of family members, for the confidential St. George's Cares school family dinner program.

cutting severely into Jean's sales and catering businesses and she needed a rest.

In late August, Brian Leduc's Foodland participated in the program by preparing "Back to School" hampers which people bought and were then provided to St. George's. They included food items for kids such as 100% juice boxes, cookies, apple sauce and granola bars without peanuts which were added to the family dinner packages.



Three of the 24 member St. Georges Cares catering team. From the left Adele Denyer, Mary Sandell and Ruth McWhirter.

With the resumption of the school year the need to support school families increased, as did the demand for packages for seniors across the Blue Mountains. To be able to continue and expand the program, St. George's rector, Grayhame Bowcott, organized 24 volunteers in four catering teams of 6 to work in the kitchen; he handled the deliveries. One team came in each week to prepare the food, cook it and divide it into meals suitable for each senior or school family. The senior's meals included soup, which, by request, was not included in the family packages. Most seniors reported that the meals were very generous and would last 2, sometimes 3 days. Financial support came from the recipients and other generous Blue Mountain residents. Both Foodland and Goldsmiths participated by offering a 10% discount on all the food they supplied.

Output grew to meet the demand, with 478 packages delivered in September, 603 in October and 812 in November. The program delivered 376 packages to seniors and school families in the first 2 weeks of December. It was suspended to make way for the Christmas Community Dinners initiative organized by the Blue Mountains Covid Recovery Task Force with support from St. George's Anglican Church, BVO, Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary Club and numerous donations from sponsors and individuals. This outstanding event provided 525 Christmas dinners and raised over \$5,000 which will go to enable the St. George's Cares program to continue providing meals each week to local seniors and school families well into 2021.

At the end of nine and a half months, a total of 3,906 packages were prepared, cooked, packed and delivered as part of the St. George's Cares program, with a total expenditure of \$23,621.07 with an average cost of \$6.05 per package.

The most encouraging aspect of the St. George's Cares program is that with the generous financial support from meal recipients, individual donors, the wider community and another \$12,000 from the County of Grey, the church re-started the program in mid-January and will be able to continue supporting the community well into next summer.

If you would like to request a meal, or suggest someone for this program, or to make a donation, please call St. George's, Anglican Parish for the Blue Mountains at 519-599-3047.

Tax receipts are available for donations over \$20.

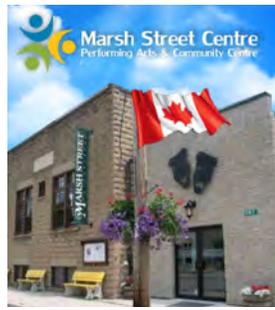
Mail to St. George's Anglican Church, Box 9, Clarksburg, ON N0H 1J0.

Some of the 3,906 St. George's Cares dinners delivered last year in Reverend Grayhame Bowcott's car.



Meet Me at the Marsh!

This is a phrase all of us at the Marsh Street Centre (downtown Clarksburg) would love to hear again! "The Marsh" has been a focal point in the Town of Blue Mountains for many generations and, thanks to the help and generosity of our wonderful community, we will be again, once the Covid 19 pandemic has run its course.



If you are new to our community or haven't been inside the Marsh Street Centre yet, you are in for a treat. The Marsh is unique and beautiful – one of only two community owned and operated "small halls" in Ontario. Housed inside an historic 1927 building, our main hall and stage are beautifully preserved, with original wooden floors, a stage and a lovely bar area that have been re-modelled to reflect the room's original warmth and character. They have even been used as an historic backdrop in the film and entertainment industry."

"The Marsh Street Centre is dedicated to the enrichment of the community's cultural life by providing space and programming suitable for a wide variety of activities and gatherings for people of all ages and backgrounds". This is our Mission Statement. When the centre is fully operational, the hall is utilized to host concerts, local events, fitness classes, art instruction and exhibits, live theatre, music education and other specialized programs. And YES, you can dance at our concerts!

In 2019, more than 5000 patrons attended events at The Marsh. Perhaps the most renowned program to take place in the hall is our children's music program, Marsh Street Rocks. Over the years, the program has inspired hundreds of children to play instruments and sing in a band. In addition, many local instructors and community groups rent our hall to run their programs, on a regular basis. When the Marsh is able to reopen and operate at capacity, we will again offer a full range of activities, including a new seniors' lunch & learn program.



We are mostly volunteer run. We normally have only one full-time and one part-time staff member (pre-Covid) who assist primarily with administrative functions. Everything else is done by our fantastic and very energetic local volunteers, including our board. Many in our community are proud to help out in different capacities.

We are a totally independent, registered charitable organization. Before the pandemic, all of our operating funds, came from money that we generated through rentals, events and fundraisers. Covid has crippled our ability to generate income and has put a huge strain on our finances. We are carefully managing funds raised from donations and a few small rentals in the fall to keep the building running (with one staff member working 8 hours/wk) until the end of May. We are hoping for more donations to help us restart some events outside and to keep us running from summer to fall.

We have been busy making improvements behind the scenes. We have a new roof! Thanks to a grant from The Trillium Foundation, the main roof was replaced during the winter of 2020. We are also working on a wonderful new program for Marsh Street Rocks which includes a new practice room. We also have a gorgeous new bar and our stage has a



new front – both of which were built and completely funded by volunteers. On top of all that, if you wander behind the Marsh Street Centre you will notice the fence is torn down and patio stones have been removed in preparation for a new back roof and patio. By the time summer comes, we



of the rest. There will be a covered pavilion for a band and a new fence that will open out to the back parking lot – so we can spread out even more for special events! We cannot wait to see your smiling faces when we are permitted to host events outside in the summer.



The Marsh Street Centre is much more than a concert hall. It's about community and a place to belong. It's about teamwork and people working together – neighbours helping neighbours. It's where families grow and lasting friendships are formed. It's where stories, laughs and big life events are shared. And most of all, "The Marsh" is the Heart of the Community.

We need your help!

We always welcome new volunteers and are actively seeking new board and committee members. If you are interested in volunteering and/or would like to help us raise funds please contact:

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are hoping that the entire back of our building will have been transformed. Yes, that's right...

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What is an Endowed Fund

Community Foundation Grey Bruce holds over 150 endowed funds. An endowment is a fund that holds its principal in perpetuity and is invested to generate income to be spent for a specific purpose; in

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