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Changes to the Staffing at Thornbury TD

Wendy retired at the beginning of June after 40 years. Holly retired at the end of the month after standing next to Lisa for 38 years. Lisa retired on the 12th with 38 years of service. Their smiling faces and support throughout the years have provided solutions to banking inquires, a friendly ear for those stressed by life changing events and shared happy news as well. These matriarchs, although they wouldn't like me to call them that, have helped to train their replacements and you can be assured that the services at the bank will continue to meet the needs of our community. Join us in wishing these ladies a long and happy retirement.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the 17th Annual Canada Day Parade. Despite the very warm weather, your efforts made it a truly special day. This year's parade featured numerous decorated floats, cars, walkers and the fleet from the Town's Fire Department. The community appreciates your contribution to making the event such a success.

James Hindle Named 2026 Senior of the Year

The Town is pleased to announce that James Hindle has been selected as the recipient of the 2026 Province of Ontario Senior of the Year Award for the Town of The Blue Mountains.

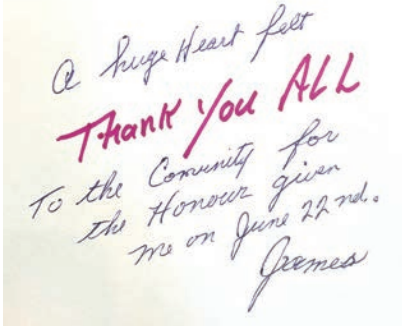
Established in 1994, the Senior of the Year Award honours one outstanding local senior in each municipality in Ontario. The nominee must be over the age of 65 and have enriched the social, cultural or civic life of the community.

James received the award from Mayor Matrosovs and Council at the June 22 Council Meeting. "James Hindle is a true institution in Clarksburg and beyond, and his dedication to this community over the years has left a lasting impact on residents and visitors alike," said Mayor Andrea Matrosovs. "James is not only a trusted local business owner, but a generous resident who is always ready to lend a helping hand. His kindness, knowledge and commitment to others make him an incredibly deserving recipient of this year's Ontario Senior of the Year Award."

Mayor Matrosovs continued: "For more than five decades, James has been at the heart of Clarksburg through Hindle's Clarksburg Hardware, a beloved family-owned business that has served as far more than a hardware store. Since opening in 1971, Hindle's has become a community gathering place. Locals know that he has every hard-to-find part imaginable, along with the expert advice and friendly conversation that you simply cannot find anywhere else."

His nominator wrote how James consistently goes above and beyond in service to the community: "James Hindle has been a cornerstone for many residents and visitors to Clarksburg, Thornbury and its surrounding area for decades. He freely shares his knowledge, love of and history of the area with locals, visitors, customers and even the just curious that enter his hardware store, whether it be to buy or only browse. He has helped me and countless others on numerous occasions, in every type of weather… to clear dangerous snow and ice, provided sump pumps, and helped to clean during times of excessive rainfall. He shows up in the Canada Day Parade every year, all with friendly grace, temperament, smile and a snicker."

Mayor Matrosovs added: "There's a popular saying around here that goes 'If it's not at Hindle's, you don't need it.' Well, it's a good thing you can find James there, because he's exactly what we need in The Blue Mountains."



Best Wishes to Rosemary Gosselin who celebrated her 90th birthday

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Deputy Fire Chief Allan Schriver, (right) was sworn in at the Council Meeting on June 22. He joined the department as Division Chief at Fire Hall 1 in Thornbury. Since then, the department has greatly appreciated the depth of experience and leadership he has brought to the fire service.

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Celebrating a Legacy:
John Bittorf Retires after 40 Years with Grey Sauble Conservation

John began his career with GSCA as a tree planter and later joined GSCA as a Water Resources Technician. Through years of dedication, expertise, and leadership, he progressed to the role of Water Resources Coordinator, helping shape and strengthen the organization along the way.

During his career, John played a pivotal role in rebuilding and expanding GSCA's water monitoring network and flood forecasting system. His work has been instrumental in enhancing the organization's ability to monitor watershed conditions, provide flood forecasting services, and support the municipalities and communities GSCA serves.

John was known for his resourcefulness and ability to develop innovative solutions, often with limited resources. His steady, thoughtful approach helped build the systems, partnerships, and relationships that continue to support GSCA's work today. While never one to seek the spotlight, John generously shared his knowledge with conservation authority staff across the province, partners, community groups, and the public, helping to foster a greater understanding of watershed management and conservation issues. He was also a strong supporter of environmental education initiatives for children across the watershed that inspired countless young people to develop an appreciation for the environment and encouraged the next generation of environmental stewards.

GSCA is naming the Benthic Identification Laboratory, in John's honour.

Paul Harris Award

Established in 1957, the recognition is named in honor of Paul Harris, who founded Rotary in Chicago in 1905. The program was created to show appreciation and encourage substantial financial support for the Foundation's charitable and educational programs, which promote world peace and understanding.

The recognition can be awarded to both Rotarians and non-Rotarians who exemplify the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self". Often, a local Rotary club will present a "Community Paul Harris Fellow" to honor a local professional or volunteer who has made an outstanding contribution to the community.

Congratulations to **Robert Burcher** for receiving this honour from the Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary Club. www.tcrotary.ca

Calling Tree Enthusiasts & Nature Lovers!

Join the Tree Trust TBM Seed Collectors Network and contribute to growing the local tree canopy. Our club hosts 4 workshops per year to teach members how to collect tree seeds and propagate the next generation of trees. Keep your seedlings for your own property or plant them into the Tree Trust nursery to be sized up and donated back to the community. This is an easy, low commitment way to give back to our community. It is great for families and adults alike! Our next workshops include a walk-through of the Collingwood Arboretum and a seed collection trek in early fall. Contact seednetwork@treetrust.ca to receive workshop details and to join the club. Funding for this project is provided by Community Foundation Grey Bruce.

Celebrating Marjorie:
A Volunteer Legacy Over 30 Years in the Making

Some volunteers leave a mark. Marjorie left a legacy. As Marjorie prepares to move on to a new chapter in her life, the Blue Mountains Public Library (BMPL) takes this moment to celebrate one of its most treasured community members, a volunteer whose history with this library stretches back further than the library itself.

Marjorie's story with BMPL begins before we were BMPL. She and her sister, both nurses living in Meaford at the time, first rolled up their sleeves to help pack books into boxes for the move into the newly built L.E. Shore Library. That spirit of quiet, dedicated service never left her.

Over more than three decades, Marjorie brought consistent joy, warmth, and hard work to everything she took on. As a long-time resident of Thornbury, her commitment extended well beyond the library's walls: she assisted with local history film projects and interviews, and made meaningful donations to the local history museum at CHD, contributions that will be felt by our community for generations.

Seniors Matters Today

The Cost of Long Term Care -- Ontario's Ministry of Long-Term Care has advised residents and their families of an adjustment to co-payment rates for long-term care (LTC) homes across Ontario. Co-payment refers to the amount that the resident pays; the rest of the cost for each resident is paid by the provincial government.

Effective July 1, 2026, an inflationary increase of 2.1% will be applied to co-payment rates for both basic and preferred accommodation.

The daily co-payment rate for basic accommodation will increase:

To $70.00 per day ($2,129.17 per month)

This reflects an increase of $1.44 per day.

Residents in semi-private or private accommodation pay a premium in addition to the basic rate. These premiums will also increase by 2.1%, effective July 1, 2026.

Residents who are eligible for reduced co-payment rates must reapply for the 2026–2027 cycle, beginning July 1, 2026, to be considered for this support or to continue receiving it.

It is not too late to renew your **Canadian Dental Care Plan** (CDCP) coverage. It has to be renewed every year. If you did not renew your dental coverage, you will be able to apply for new coverage for the benefit year 2026-27. There will be an interruption in your coverage. If you have never applied, you can apply-27. Both the late renewals and the new applications need to have eligibility confirmed. You can apply through your My Service Canada Account, or through Canada.ca/dentist, by phone at 1-833-537-4342, or at a Service Canada office

The Seniors Network Blue Mountains has confirmed the date for the **Seniors Fair 2026** at the Beaver Valley Community Centre on September 16th. You can expect to be able to meet with about 50 exhibitors, each of them being involved in offering services and opportunities for seniors. Officer Helena Beck from our OPP detachment will be sharing her expert knowledge about Avoiding Scams and Fraud.

Wondering about your property assessment for tax purposes? MPAC, the province's Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, reports that the fixed evaluation date for 2026, remains January 1, 2016. Which was the end of the last assessment cycle. Your 2016 Notice reflects the assessed value and classification of your property as of January 1, 2016 and this will be used as the basis for calculating your 2026 property taxes. When there is a change in a property (such as new construction or major renovation), MPAC updates the assessment and mails a Notice. The 2026 assessment is what the property would have sold for on January 1, 2016 – in its current state and condition, including any major changes since then.

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Wool is the new Mulch!

Wool as *mulch*? Not wool from a sweater or your old toque, just raw wool straight off the sheep. It's not crazy. You can google it.

Many sheep farmers in Grey County who raise sheep for meat end up with a valuable resource that we at CANN (Climate Action Network Now) are just discovering. Once or twice a year, sheep need to be sheared and that wool can go from the sheep's back straight onto your garden. It will suppress weeds and help your garden retain moisture. Nesting birds also love it.

Farmer Grace is shearing her sheep soon so will have wool to sell. It's $5 per bag. Please bring your own paper grocery bag or kitchen waste bag to fill.

The drive to Grace's farm is through gorgeous rolling hills with breath-taking views. While you're there you can pick up a dozen eggs, frozen chicken, lamb or beef boxes. She even has 500 gr bags of frozen sea buckthorn berries that she harvests which are a real Ontario superfood.

597490 Grey Road 29, Bognor
Grace's cell 226.568.5680

Icelandic Farm Festival *by Robert Burcher*

NO VIKINGS WERE SEEN! But Icelandic sheep, an Icelandic pony, Iceland's Ambassador to Canada and an impressive crowd of Icelandic enthusiasts, visitors and members of the Icelandic Canadian Club of Toronto all showed up at Kimber Valley Farms, 236087 Beaver Valley Rd, Kimberley on June 20th to celebrate.

This extra special event was organized by the farm owners Lynn and Catherine to give visitors a chance to appreciate Icelandic culture and their beautiful flock of Icelandic sheep. The event included many hands-on fibre demonstrations using their Icelandic wool.

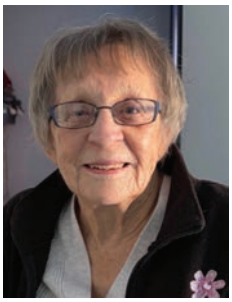
Ambassador Halldorsdottir gave an eloquent address featuring the history of Iceland and importance of the solstice in its myth and magic. She also addressed the exodus of Icelanders to Canada and their subsequent contribution to the Canadian tapestry.

Dalewood Icelandic Horses of Collingwood gave an impressive display of an Icelandic horse in action. Inside the farm arena Icelandic foods such as Vinetarta, Pönnukökur, Rullúpylsa, and Hangiköt were available as well as displays of Icelandic fleeces, wool and finished woolen products. To add a certain ambience Lindy Vopnfjörð a musician from the Icelandic community provided the live entertainment.

Kimber Valley Farms is open all year round and offers an array of fibre workshops, off-grid cabins, custom group experiences, farm tours and their seasonal Farmers & Makers Markets. Support your local small farmers and make sure to check out their website for summer events!

https://kimbervalleyfarms.ca 519 379 5071

In Memoriam



JEAN BOWSER

Jean passed away, surrounded by love, at Cambridge Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, June 10, 2026.

Born in Port Credit, on November 8, 1933, Jean Ann Bowser (nee Welstead), of Meaford, was in her 93rd year.

Beloved wife of the late Roy Bowser. Loving mother of Kathy Traplin of Owen Sound, Gwenda Eagles (Doug) of Cambridge, and Lawrence Bowser of Edmonton. Cherished grandma of Andrew (Natalie), Joel, Charity (Chad), Kristen (Jeremy), Ashley (Brad), Brock (Melanie) and Victoria (Ryan). Beloved GG of Gracelyn, Auryn, Vera, Laurel, Keaton, Parker, Fletcher, Daxton, Beckam, Maverick, Elliott, Oliver, Layla and Kallie. Dear sister of Jaqueline Loucks of Meaford, Ron Welstead of Meaford, and Norm Welstead of Toronto.

Jean will also be missed by her nieces, nephews, and friends. Predeceased by her parents Jack and Ruth Welstead, sister Gail Poechman, son-in-law Michael Traplin, and by her brother-in-law Murray Loucks.

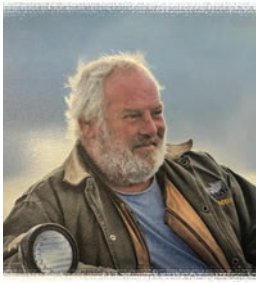
Jean was a dedicated and hardworking woman. She was a 10th-line Ladies Association member and successfully operated two farms around Redwing for several years on her own.

An active member of the Georgian Bay Fruit Growers Association, she happily raised her family on an apple orchard.

Later, Jean worked at Bendix in Collingwood making seatbelts, where she was a proud member of the Canadian Auto Workers Union. After retiring in Collingwood, she moved to Meaford in 2020, recently relocating to a retirement community in Cambridge.

In keeping with Jean's wishes, cremation is taking place and a celebration of life will be held at a later date. Arrangements are entrusted to Brian E. Wood Funeral Home, Owen Sound, 519-376-7492. As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations to Heart & Stroke Foundation, Canadian National Institute for the Blind Foundation, or Crohn's and Colitis Canada would be appreciated. Online condolences can be sent to Jean's family by visiting her memorial at www.woodfuneralhome.ca.

ERIC WILLIAM REEKIE



It is with great sadness that we share the news of Eric's sudden and peaceful passing on Sunday, June 7, 2026 at his home in Clarksburg at the age of 68.

Born in Meaford on August 20, 1957, he was the youngest son of the late Harvey and Ruth Reekie.

Proud father of Derek (Margriet), Dana, Rebecca and Alicia (Brady Record), and the dear grandfather of Hanna, Charlotte, Dehlia, Jackson, Lennon, Kessel and Annie. Eric will be missed by his beloved wife and soulmate, Morag Stafford.

He was the much-loved brother of Dr. Kathleen White-Williams, Harold (Linda) Reekie and Harvie (Jill) Reekie.

Eric was predeceased by his mother; Edna Veldora 'Ruth' Parks, his father; Harvey Alexander Reekie and his brother Douglas (Linda) Reekie.

He is survived by his step-mother Katherine Reekie.

Eric is lovingly remembered by his many nieces, nephews, cousins and their families.

He will be sorely missed by his naptime buddy Sheldon.

Eric's big loves were his family, farming and the time spent at the Rock Lake Hunt Camp. His happy place was definitely on the seat of a tractor. He loved spending time outdoors tinkering around with old machinery. Eric spent over 40 years at Blue Mountain Resort as an equipment operator and groomer.

A Celebration of Eric's Life will be held on Sunday, June 14th, 2026 from 1 until 4 p.m. at the Beaver Valley Community Centre. Tributes will be shared at 2 o'clock.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Beaver Valley Agricultural Society (Cheques Only please) or R&R Rescue & Resort 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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MARY ELIZABETH MILNE

Mary Milne passed away peacefully at the Meaford Hospital on Thursday, June 11, 2026 at the age of 86. Born in Heathcote on March 4, 1940, she was the 3rd child of the late Wesley Albert and Villa Marion (nee Atkins) Reid.

Mary was predeceased by her beloved husband Willard John "Bill' Milne in 2004. She was the proud mother of Tammy (Larry) Short, Trevor (Kelly) Milne and Troy (Lauren) Milne. She was the kind and loving grandmother of Lauren, Camren, Brayden, Erin, and Shannen, William and Ryan, Abby, Emilia and Charlie.

Mary will be dearly missed by her siblings; Dorothy (late Bill) Elford, Bob (late Marg) Reid, Jean (La Vern) Grummett, Rosemarie Wickens (Harry Stevens), Elaine Reid, sister-in-law Eileen (late Sam) Dinsmore, and will be remembered fondly by many nieces, nephews and their families.

Mary attended Heathcote Public School and Thornbury High School before beginning her teaching career in a one-room schoolhouse at Parrot's Corners. A lifelong contributor to her family and community, Mary was always ready to lend a hand on the family farm, helping with milking, haying, and chores. She loved participating in community events and was awarded the Grey County Junior Farmers provincial scholarship with a trip to the British Isles in 1966, and was crowned Ontario Dairy Princess in 1967, proudly representing her community at the CNE, and Royal Winter Fair.

Mary enjoyed staying active, playing sports such as baseball, tennis, and skiing, and skating weekly at the Beaver Valley Community Center. She and her husband Bill shared a passion for skiing and proudly served together as Ski Patrol members at local resorts.

On August 12, 1967, Mary and Bill Milne married and began their family. She loved being a mother and did a wonderful job balancing family life with her teaching career at Beaver Valley Community School and her many volunteer roles with the Beaver Valley Athletic Association and community.

Mary had a special passion for music, with a beautiful singing voice and was an active member of the Sweet Adelines choir. As a music teacher, she had a remarkable ability to bring out the best in others and help them shine.

Creative and patient, Mary found great joy in sewing and embroidery, and gardening, faithfully tending to her many plants and crafting thoughtful, handmade gifts for family and friends.

Mary cherished time spent supporting her children and grandchildren and spent many hours at arenas and ball fields cheering them on and tracking stats. She was never shy at teaching them a good lesson in cards or scrabble, and loved helping them where possible, particularly Saturday mornings working the Orangeville Farmers' Market alongside Brayden and his girlfriend, Christina.

Mary had a kind and generous heart and a beautiful smile. She will be enjoying a large bowl of Chocolate Ice Cream with Bill followed by a piece of her Apple Crisp.

Family and friends will gather at a later date to celebrate Mary's life at a private event.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Beaver Valley Outreach or the 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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IN LOVING MEMORY OF JOHN SEAGRAM

John Seagram passed away peacefully on February 4, 2026, at the age of 90.

Born in Toronto on January 3, 1936, John was educated at Trinity College School in Port Hope, Trinity College at the University of Toronto, and the University of Western Ontario, where he earned his MBA. He earned his Chartered Financial Analyst designation and served his entire career at one independent firm, retiring as Chair of Martin, Lucas and Seagram. He also served as Chair of the CFA Society of Toronto.

A lifelong sports enthusiast, John played hockey in his youth and remained a devoted fan throughout his life. He proudly travelled to Moscow as part of the Canadian contingent during the historic 1972 Summit Series and witnessed Canada's memorable Game 7 victory. He also maintained a keen interest in thoroughbred racing and took pride in his family's long-standing involvement in the sport.

John's deepest connection was to Georgian Bay. After discovering the area as a Camp Hurontario counsellor, he spent decades contributing to the communities and landscapes he loved. He served as President of the Sans Souci Copperhead Association, as a Ward Councillor for the Township of the Archipelago, and played an important role in conservation initiatives, including the Georgian Bay Biosphere project. An early member and Past President of Georgian Peaks Ski Club, he was a widely travelled, graceful, and enthusiastic skier.

Known for his wry, sweet, and steady nature, and strong sense of duty, John met the challenges of progressive hearing loss and blindness with remarkable equanimity. He was a quiet leader, a devoted father, a loyal brother and a very good friend. His memory will be cherished.

The family warmly invites friends, neighbours, colleagues, and all who knew John to a Celebration of Life at 12pm on Sunday July 12th, 2026, at Georgian Peaks Main Lodge, 104 Wensley Drive, Clarksburg, ON, N0H 1J0

Those wishing to attend are encouraged to arrive prior to the start of the service.

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Robert (Bob) Steven Anderson

A Gathering of Family and Friends in honour of Bob will take place on Saturday July 18, at Maple Home Farms, 827297 Grey Road 40, Clarksburg from 2 until 5 pm with reflections at 3 pm.

The Missing Pieces

Good investments are only one piece of a successful retirement·

Many retirees believe they're on the right track. Their investments are doing well, their taxes are filed every year, their Will has been reviewed and updated, and they feel confident they're well prepared for retirement.

But what if important pieces of your retirement plan have never been looked at together?

Not long ago, I met with a retired couple who felt exactly the same way. Their portfolio had grown over the years, but after asking a few questions, we uncovered several planning opportunities that, if left unaddressed, could have resulted in higher taxes throughout retirement, unnecessary stress for a surviving spouse or partner, and missed opportunities to preserve more of their estate for their family.

None of those issues had anything to do with investment performance.

The missing pieces weren't in their investments—they were in the decisions surrounding them.

The missing pieces might include a tax-efficient withdrawal strategy. They might involve making sure your spouse or partner knows where everything is. Or they might simply mean ensuring your retirement, tax and estate plans are all working toward the same goal.

Ask yourself:

- Am I paying more tax than necessary?
- Am I withdrawing money from the right accounts at the right time?
- If something happened to me tomorrow, would my spouse or partner know where to start?
- Have I done everything possible to simplify things and reduce taxes for my family?

A successful retirement isn't built on investments alone. It's built by making sure nothing important has been overlooked. Wondering if there could be missing pieces in your retirement, tax or estate plan?

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NFL Flag Football Summer League

The Thornbury NFL Flag League continues to roll along, delivering exciting action each week as local athletes develop their skills and compete in a fun, non contact environment. With the season approaching the halfway point, the standings remain tight.

In the U11 Division, the teams have tied two out of three times, in high scoring, touchdown filled games. In the U15 Division, the 49ers sit at the top of the league with an undefeated record. Close behind are the Dolphins, also undefeated, with 5 points. The Rams and the Seahawks are still in the playoff hunt as they look to improve on a slow start. Beyond the standings, all teams have seen memorable touchdowns, interceptions, and plays as athletes gain experience.

Week 3 Standings:

	Points	Wins	Ties	Losses
Bills Away	5	1	2	0
Bills Home	2	0	2	1
49ers	7	2	1	0
Dolphins	5	1	2	0
Rams	4	1	1	1
Seahawks	0	0	0	3

Beyond this season, registration is now open for our new NFL Flag League coming to Meaford in August. This Sunday morning program will give athletes another opportunity to stay active and develop their football skills through the summer and fall. This program will run at Georgian Bay Community School.

New to Flag Football and want to try it out. Mixed Movements is offering a Trial Day on Saturday, July 11th, for youth to learn more about flag football from certified NFL Flag coaches. Coaches will cover the fundamentals, and prepare athletes for the upcoming NFL Flag season in Meaford.

For more information, please visit
https://www.mixedmovements.com/nfl-flag

Major League Soccers "MLS GO" Program is Coming to Thornbury

Mixed Movements is excited to introduce MLS GO, a co-ed recreational soccer league for athletes ages 6–14 in Thornbury.

MLS GO is Major League Soccer's recreational youth soccer program, designed for athletes of all skill levels. Whether players are new to soccer or looking to continue developing their game, the program provides a positive environment focused on skill development, teamwork, confidence, movement, and fun.

As part of our growing lineup of youth sport programs, MLS GO offers another opportunity for families to stay active, build friendships, and enjoy being part of a supportive community.

Thornbury already has a strong soccer community, and we are proud to add another recreational option for families throughout South Georgian Bay.

League Details

Location: Tomahawk Recreation Complex
Season Dates: Saturdays, August 8 – October 3, 2026

Schedule

- Ages 6–10: 9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
- Ages 11–14: 10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Registration Includes

- Official MLS GO jersey, shorts, and socks
- Weekly skill development and small-sided gameplay
- Season-end tournament during the final two weeks of the program
- A welcoming environment for athletes of all skill levels

We look forward to welcoming athletes and families to the field this season.

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Registration Open for the 2026 Season
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Why is July 1st a Holiday?

by Alice Otrysko

It is a celebration of the country's confederation. In easy terms, it's the day Canada became a country.

July 1 is the anniversary of the Constitution Act of 1867 which united three separate colonies into a single, self- governing dominion within the British Empire. Dominion Day was renamed Canada Day in 1982. (I remember that day as I was teaching and the entire school cheered).

The original Dominion of Canada included Ontario, Nova Scotia, Quebec and New Brunswick. Canada's ten provinces joined the confederation in seven distinct waves from the nation's birth in 1867 to 1949. Manitoba joined in 1870, British Columbia in 1871, Prince Edward Island in 1873, Alberta and Saskatchewan in 1905, Newfoundland in 1949 together with Labrador.

The actual celebrations were organized by the federal government between 1958 – 1982. They took place on Parliament Hill in Ottawa.

My family chose Canada to settle in after they survived World War II. Canada was encouraging and welcomed displaced immigrants because they were not allowed to go back to their native country.

The first of the family moved to Toronto in 1953 and eventually the entire family, grandparents, two of my uncles and their family and two of my aunts and my own parents with children came here and lived in Toronto until their passing. All the children with the exception of 2 girl cousins and one male cousin are still alive. All the aunts and uncles have passed.

After 1983 in addition to the festivities on Parliament Hill, a new format of celebrations and local activities began to take place. Fireworks have been a part of the holiday since its earliest days, with the first Dominion Day on July 1, 1868, featuring evening fireworks at Rideau Hall in Ottawa. The modern synchronized, nationwide fireworks tradition officially expanded in 1981 when the government began hosting them simultaneously across 15 major Canadian cities

The Queen and Prince Philip came here to participate in 1967, 1972 and 2010 Canada Day celebrations on Parliament Hill.

History is not taught in schools as it used to be which is a shame. Nowadays the phone and computers have replaced learning since it's so easy to look something up and get an immediate reply.

Personally I love reading history especially my own as it relates to what my family has experienced. I feel a sense of pride when I think of the hardships and dangers they went through but survived and all of them on my mother's side came to Canada. The parents struggled but the children are reaping the rewards of that struggle and those still alive are doing well.

L.E. Shore Library Artist of The Year

5 "Featured Artists" each had four hours to complete a single painting, competing for the L.E. Shore Artist of the Year title.

Proudly hosted by the Arts & Culture Council for the L.E. Shore Gallery, the event was free to attend and included a grand finale and complimentary wine-and-mingle reception. The day couldn't have been better. The artists all did such an amazing job, the community showed up and the weather stayed beautiful!

Everyone worked so hard for 4 hours straight with a single 15 minute break, the jury was in at 1:30 and their decision was tough, the announcement was made and Susan Meingast was the first ever L.E. Shore Artist of the Year!

Thank you to all who came out, who painted, who supported and to the ACC and the staff here who kept everything moving.

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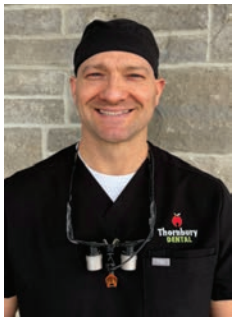

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Erosion upstream from the Slabtown Dam.
Bottom left corner is the critical point.

Farewell to the Slabtown Dam *by Robert Burcher*

Well not quite yet, but soon. The floods of the winter and spring and a major ice jam at the dam have forced the river to find an easier route. From the photo you can see the huge erosion channel that has gone south of the dam. (The Slabtown bridge shows in the top right corner.) Only 8 feet of a dirt river bank stops the river from breaking through the bank and flowing down the new channel.

This may be the last summer to witness the dam with water flowing over it. The Town authorities know the issue, as does the Conservation Authority and the Federal Ministry of Fisheries. But none of them have any money to save what is now a historic tourist attraction. The only concern is that the Slabtown bridge may be in jeopardy from the river and the new channel that it will carve.

Thornbury Beaver Valley Lions Club Duck Race

The club would like to thank Riverside Press, the Clarksburg Village Assn, Thornbury Phamasave, the Town of The Blue Mountains, Georgian Shores Hockey group, Marsh Street Centre, the Lions members and volunteers, and Foodland for all the support and services received.

And thank you to the Communty for buying the tickets. We sold out, again, this year. Your support, encouragement and donations are greatly appreciated.. !00% of the proceeds go right back into our Community, through our many projects and services.

Winners are as follows:

1st	$1000	Katherine Peat
2nd	$500	Harry Davies
3rd	$250	Eril Brown
4th	$100	Craig Brooks
5th	$50	Mary-Lynn Sheridan
Last Duck $50		Alma Thivierge

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Encouraging Pollinators on the Georgian Trail

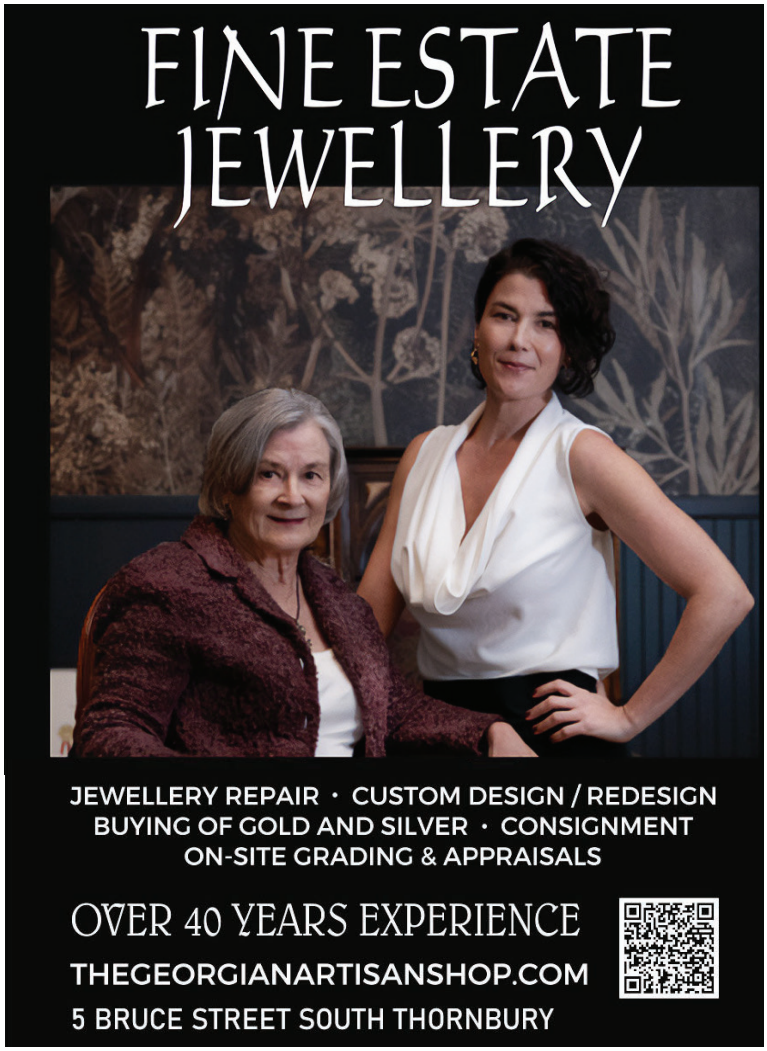
As you walk, jog, or cycle along the Georgian Trail just west of Peaks Rd. you will come across a stretch of native wildflowers within the grassy edge recently planted by Pollinate The Blue Mountains (PTBM). A 30 meter stretch at the base of Georgian Peaks has been enhanced with patches of wildflowers that offer habitat, nectar and pollen to local insects. You will find a range of meadow plants including Oxeye Daisy, Swamp Milkweed, Black Eyed Susan, Smooth Leaf Aster, and Boneset planted in recurring patches. These wildflowers add habitat for different life stages of insects and enhance resources that trees alone can't offer.

This project is part of the Canopy Coalition tree and pollinator project, funded by TD Canada Trust, Friends of the Environment Fund. Canopy Coalition members include Pollinate the Blue Mountains (PTBM), Tree Trust TBM and CANN.

PTBM endeavors to offer demonstration plantings that restore and enhance local native plant species that are disappearing with pressure from development and clearing of natural habitat. There are a number of gardens and canoes in visible public spaces in TBM, but this one offers an example of naturalization by means of drifts of the same species, copying what happens in nature.

Enjoy them along with the native pollinator insect species that may be visiting!

Thanks to Pollinate TBM volunteers who planted 132 wildflowers!



Helping Georgian Shores Team Europe get to Sweden & Finland in 2027

Thornbury Clarksburg Rotary Club supports Team Europe with $2000.

Team Europe is a group of 47 youth hockey players from the Georgian Shores Minor Hockey community, representing families from both Thornbury and Meaford.

In December 2027, the team plans to travel to Sweden and Finland for an international hockey and cultural exchange experience that will provide players with opportunities both on and off the ice. The primary objective of this project is to support the development of youth through sport, leadership, teamwork, and cultural learning. While abroad, players will compete against international hockey teams, experience different cultures and traditions, and build connections with youth from other countries.

The trip is designed to promote personal growth, confidence, responsibility, and global awareness while creating lifelong memories and experiences for the players involved. In addition to athletic development, the program emphasizes community involvement, sportsmanship, and representing our local communities with pride on an international stage. Sponsorship support will help make this opportunity more accessible for participating families and allow these young athletes to benefit from a meaningful educational and cultural experience.

Cost Per Player ~$5,700
Covers flights, ice time, lodging, meals, apparel & experiences
Donations appreciated - https://gseurotrip.com

Summer Church Services

Three of the churches in the Town of the Blue Mountains will come together this summer to offer shared worship services.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

This summer at St. Paul's, 165 Russell St. E., Thornbury, the invitation is wide open, and the story unfolds over three unforgettable Sundays at 10:30am, July 5 to July 19.

On **July 5**, Jesus tells a story that redefines belonging. In "Everyone Has a Seat," we discover a table where no chair is left empty and no one is overlooked. The invitation goes farther than expected, and reaches closer than we realize.

On **July 12**, we turn to the deeper hunger of the human heart. In "The Bread That Truly Satisfies," Jesus meets us in our searching and offers not just provision, but Himself, the One who truly satisfies what nothing else can. Come experience the beauty of unity and shared community during this meaningful ecumenical communion service.

On **July 19**, worship moves beyond hearing into experiencing. "From the Table to the Rainforest" is a Vacation Bible Camp experiential service where faith comes alive through sight, sound, and story; an immersive journey from the banquet table into the wild wonder of God's creation and calling.

Grace United Church

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Our services move for the next three Sundays to Grace United Church, 140 Bruce St. S., Thornbury at 10:30 am.

On **July 26,** we will have special music with a pop-up choir. If you would like to take part, come to Grace on Thursday July 23 at 4:30 pm for a short rehearsal, and then sing with the choir on Sunday. Try it - you might like it!

On **August 2**, we will peek behind the curtain at one of the most famous of Jesus's miracles.

On **August 9**, come and be refreshed in body and spirit in Grace's air-conditioned sanctuary.

St. George's

The Anglican Parish of The Blue Mountains

Our final three summer services will be held at St. George's Anglican Church,166 Russell Street East, Clarksburg at 10 am. Services will be held outdoors on the lawn, weather permitting. Come early to find a shady seat under the big tent!

On **August 16**, St. George's welcomes everyone to stay for a BBQ after the service. There will be hot dogs and hamburgers, as well as vegan-gluten free options.

On **August 23**, we will have another service on the lawn, weather permitting.

On **August 30**, our time worshipping together concludes with another ecumenical communion service, and another pop-up choir.

Accessibility: enter St. Paul's by the side entrance off the parking lot; enter Grace by the front door, where someone will be available to assist you; at St. George's, if the service is indoors due to weather, park in one of the designated handicapped spots beside the church and enter by the front door on Marsh Street.

Parking: all three churches have parking lots. If the lot is full at St. Paul's, you may park across the street at St. George's, and vice versa. If Grace's lot is full, there is plenty of parking on Bruce Street.

Everyone is warmly invited to attend these shared services, where you will find that our churches have more in common than you might expect. We all hope that you will join us!

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(*This figure uses the S&P 500 as a benchmark — it is a standard measure of what the broader stock market has returned over time.*)

That is what the TFSA was designed to make possible, and what most Canadians have not let it do.

Many people treat their TFSA like a savings account. It isn't — and in retirement, it is where the math really pays off. Withdrawals are tax-free and don't count as income, which means no bracket creep, no OAS clawback, and no tax bill waiting at the end. Every dollar you take out is still a full dollar. With an RRSP, the CRA is a silent partner in your account — every withdrawal is taxed as income, and a portion of your balance will never make it to you.

TFSA room does not disappear — it accumulates. A Canadian who has been eligible since 2009 and never contributed has $109,000 in available room today.

The right setup depends on your timeline, your other assets, and your goals. Cash, GICs, and mutual funds all have their place — but whether they are the right fit inside your TFSA is a different question, and one worth asking. The gap between what a TFSA could be doing and what it is actually doing is often larger than people expect.

If you would like to review your TFSA together — what's in it, whether it fits your goals, and whether there is a real plan behind it — that is an easy conversation to have. Give me a call or send me an email.

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On June 14, Lord Greys English Country Dancers, now in their 14 year, held a Costume Social to end the Spring Season. Take a look at the website www.lordgreysdance.weebly.com for events from the past 14 years of LGECD. The Fall series will begin on September 20, 2026 at the TBM Library.

The Maple Legacy

Once upon a time, when life was the blossom of
trust, and hope the flower of youth,
When togetherness marked the contour of our
aspirations and our spectre of respect,
It was that fragrant whisper of history to which we
lent a humble ear with joyful thanks.
For this our legacy of national toil that sought to
let thriving be the motto of our living,
Setting out a tableau of rewards for future
peoples, perfecting a practice of sacrifice,
Inviting the nation from sea-to-sea, "Ab mari
usque ad mare", to the Conference of Dignity.
Now the relay of life has passed us this noble
baton, one jewel-like set to the Maple Leaf,
Ours to cherish and honour as we raise our duty
to affirm a legacy of destiny and passion,
The track once the tread of foremothers and
fathers is ours to run with soul and truth,
Applause resounding from the stands of
humanity to greet our every stride of dignity.
Such our legacy, such our race, that we may with
purpose see the podium ever clearer,
The track framed with dignity and kindness,
resolved to unite the now and the next,
And as the laurel of victory is ours to receive, the
cheering gripping the all of our being,
A peace stills our heart and pace, a quiet reforms
the stands, a sightless hand salutes,
The laurel is our legacy.

Jeremy Wentworth-Stanley
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Grey County Moving Forward With Plans To Transfer Roads With Local Municipalities

Grey County Council is moving forward with a plan to transfer roads between the County and local municipalities. At their meeting on June 25, Council approved a proposal which will see all County-owned roads in urban areas transferred to the local municipalities. In addition, the County and local municipalities will exchange responsibility for sections of some rural roads to better align with modern traffic behaviour. The adjustments will strengthen the local and county road networks, improve how roads are maintained and managed, and simplify road jurisdiction.

Staff will bring forward a by-law this summer for Council's consideration, with the transfer taking effect of June 1, 2027.

The road transfers will include 10 years of supporting funding for local municipalities totaling approximately $42.8 million, which is a combination of transition funding, transferred development charge money and funding to offset other costs. This funding will help municipalities adjust to the additional costs of maintaining and servicing the additional roads, traffic signals, and other considerations.

The costs associated with road transfers will be included in the 2027 budget deliberations. County staff will immediately begin working with local municipal staff to ensure they have the information relating to the roads in their community, such as condition assessments, capital planning information and other records.

In February, Council received recommendations from the task force which included several roads to be transferred and a multi-year model for municipal transition funding. Council referred the initial proposal back to the task force to seek additional feedback from member municipalities, who had raised concerns relating to the funding formula, asset values, equity of transfers, and other considerations. A municipal workshop was held in May and an updated recommendation was provided to Council which included a higher level of funding for local municipalities.

An interactive map of the road transfers can be found online at www.grey.ca/road-transfers and listed below.

3.5 km of Grey Road 13 and 2.1 km of Grey Road 113 (Marsh, Bruce and Alfred St W.) to be transferred. For more information about municipal road transfers visit www.grey.ca/road-transfers.

Back - Aubrey Kruizenga, Indigo Fife, Blake Lenson, Jocelyn Petznick; Front - Nina Ouellette, Margaret Cranswick

Julia Hands, Harper Caswell, Maya Parkal, Camille McKinnon

Lady Baden Powell Recipients: Julia Hands, Maya Parkal, Camille McKinnon

Guiding "Oscar" Night

The Thornbury Spark, Ember, & Guide Units held their Advancement Ceremony Wednesday June 3rd in the form of an "Oscar" night. Participants were invited to dress up in their fanciest outfits for the event. Every girl in each unit was introduced as they entered.

Each girl was honoured with an award (earned badges) , first the Sparks, then Embers, then Guides. Next the girls that were advancing from one unit to the next received their certificates.

This year Jocelyn Petznick advanced to Embers; Aubrey Kruizenga, Indigo Fife, Blake Lenson, Nina Ouellette , and Margaret Cranswick advanced to Girl Guides ; Harper Caswell, Julia Hands, Camille McKinnon and Maya Parkal advanced to Pathfinders.

Highest "Oscar" awards were presented to three Guides who completed the requirements for their Lady Baden Powell Award. They completed this on their own time, independent from unit meetings. We are extremely proud of each of these girls.

Registration is open for any girl 5 yrs and up to register with our units. Spark/Ember meet Monday night at the Baptist Church , 6:30-8pm. Guides/Pathfinder meet Wednesday at BVCS library 6:30-8pm.

This year we had four girls advance from Guide to Pathfinder level. We urgently are searching for someone to come forward to be a Guider/mentor for them in the coming years. Meeting time and place can be adjusted to suit Guiders & girls. If you or anyone you know is interested, we'd love to hear from you! Call Shirley at 519-599-3968 for more information

SOS Screenviews:
A Non-AI take on What to Stream

Memorable: I would watch this show again by myself.
Watchable:I would watch this show again with someone else.
Bearable: I would watch this show again if someone paid me.
Here are three shows that you might find interesting this month:

M: Don't Look Up (Netflix)
This movie may be familiar as it came out in 2021. It has a great cast including Leonardo DiCaprio, Jennifer Lawrence and Meryl Streep. Two astronomers try to convince the world of the danger of an incoming comet. People ignore them but in humorous ways. Things don't end well.

W: Under the Bridge (Disney Plus)
This program is about the investigation into the murder of Reena Virk in 1997 Victoria, BC. It is based on a book by Rebecca Godfrey. This is a tragic tale of teenage alienation and violence which deserved better treatment. For some inexplicable reason, there were digressions into the author's love affair and the tragic loss of the author's brother in an accident. These side plots made it the show more tedious which is too bad because this is not a tedious story.

B: Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris (Netflix)
…eventually she goes to Paris…there is a LONG buildup to this trip! This movie is "Emily in Paris" meets "Coronation Street" and how they clash! Honestly, every trope possible was used in this movie. Even I could predict each scene and I make almost no effort. Although I think that Leslie Manville's and Jason Isaac's skills were being seriously underused, they must have had fun and I suppose that is something.

If you are interested in more recommendations, my blog address is https://sosscreenviews.blogspot.com. Enjoy your screenviews!

The Upcoming Municipal Election

by the Commonsense Collective

If there is one number that should give Town of the Blue Mountains residents pause, it is this: fewer than 30 percent of eligible voters cast a ballot in the last municipal election.

That level of disengagement should concern anyone invested in the town's future. This is not a moment for residents to tune out.

Financial pressures, infrastructure demands, sustainable development, affordable housing and environmental stewardship are not abstract talking points here; they are the issues shaping how people live, work and play in this area.

Municipal politics may not carry the spectacle of federal or provincial campaigns, but it is often local council decisions that hit close to home. That is what makes the entrance of Commonsense Collective notable. The newly formed non-profit aims to educate, engage and mobilize voters across the Town of the Blue Mountains — an ambitious goal that responds to a clear gap in local democratic participation.

Commonsense Collective cites a 29.3% turnout in the 2022 municipal election, underscoring how few eligible voters took part in choosing the municipality's direction.

Whatever the reasons for this low turnout in 2022, the result is the same: decisions that affect everyday life are being shaped without the participation of much of the community.

The three directors of Commonsense Collective — John Leckie, Mike Pickering and former councillor Bill Abbotts —and a host of community-engaged supporters —aim to remove barriers to political engagement, provide clear and objective information on local issues, and encourage a stronger sense of civic responsibility.

In an era when many people feel overwhelmed by noise, spin and polarization, there is a clear need for credible local information that helps residents understand not only who is running, but also what is at stake.

Information is available at www.commonsensecollective.ca. According to the organization, the site will provide non-partisan information on local issues, current candidates and ways for residents to become more involved.

If Commonsense Collective can encourage more residents to pay attention, ask better questions and vote, that would be a meaningful start. In a town undergoing significant change, local democracy cannot remain a spectator sport.

Candidates as of July 1st

FOR MAYOR

Bordignon, Peter
www.peterformayor.ca

Moreau, Marni
ww.moreauformayor.com

FOR DEPUTY MAYOR

Gail Ardiel

FOR COUNCILLOR

DeWitt, Brayden
www.braydendewitt.ca

Gilliland, Rachel
www.rachelgilliland.ca

Hope, Paula
www.hopeforcouncil.ca

McKinlay, Shawn

McLeod, George

Porter, June

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- Landscaping
- Odd Jobs
- Handyman
- Heavy Lifting

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2026
CANDIDATE CONNECTIONS

A series of casual get-togethers with your candidates in the upcoming Municipal Election.

Hosted by Community Matters and the Blue Mountain Ratepayers Association, these informal gatherings will enable you to put faces to names, talk a little political shop, and have informal conversations with the people hoping to serve on the next Council.

Candidates have been invited to attend on all four dates.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase, with proceeds going to The Marsh Street Centre.

WHEN: 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.
July 6th & 20th
August 10th & 24th

WHERE: The Patio at The Marsh Street Centre
187 Marsh Street, Clarksburg

Come on out & make your vote count!

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Notice of Public Meeting:
RAILWAY STREET ROAD ALLOWANCE

Public Meeting Details: July 14, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

Hybrid Format (In-Person AND Virtual/Online)

Town Hall (32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0)

What is being proposed?

The purpose of the application is to rezone the former Railway Street Road allowance from

Residential One (R1-1) and Open Space (OS) Zones to Residential One Exception 154 with Holding Symbol 51 (R1-1 154-h51).

The subject road allowance was recently closed by the Town and approved for transfer to Blue Birch Properties Inc. The railway street property is intended to be used to provide access to the residential lots approved through a previous Ontario Land Tribunal decision.

The effect of the proposed amendment is to establish zoning consistent with the adjacent Blue Birch lands and permit residential access. No additional development is proposed through this Zoning By law Amendment application.

Where do I find more information?

To view the complete Notice of Public Meeting, learn more about the project, or subscribe for updates visit **www.thebluemountains.ca/BlueBirch** or scan the QR code.

Alternatively, visit the Planning Services Division located at Town Hall during regular office hours, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Water Safety Tips while enjoying everything The Blue Mountains has to offer.

The Blue Mountains Fire Department would like to remind residence and visitors that our unique terrain creates specific open-water hazards, particularly along the Beaver River, and the shores of Georgian Bay. Because these waters can be unpredictably cold and fast-moving, the Blue Mountains Fire Department advise residents and visitors to practice the following safety measures:

1. Respect Currents and Changing Water Levels

- Check Water Levels: Monitor local flow rates before canoeing or kayaking on the Beaver River, especially after heavy summer rainfalls.
- Avoid High Flows: Stay out of the water if currents look muddy, fast, or debris-filled, as these conditions can hide dangerous underwater hazards.
- Paddle with Partners: Never navigate local river routes alone and always m ap out your entry and exit points before leaving the shore.
- The Winds: In the Blue Mountains the wind can change quickly, an “offshore” wind can blow an inflatable or paddleboard, Kayak or canoe, out onto Georgian Bay several thousand feet before you realize what’s happening. Rescue is expensive and usually involves the Coast Guard, OPP and Fire Dept.

2. Prepare for Cold-Water Hazards

- Dress for Water Temperatures: Recognize that Georgian Bay remains dangerously cold well into the summer, which can trigger sudden thermal shock.
- Wear Certified Life Jackets: Wear a Transport Canada-approved PFD securely before stepping into any watercraft, as cold water instantly reduces a person’s ability to react and safety don the PFD once in the water.

3. Navigate Rocky Shorelines Safely

- Wear Protective Footwear: Use sturdy water shoes to maintain traction on slippery river rocks and protect against sharp stones.
- Watch for Drop-offs: Stay cautious when wading along the beaches, where flat shorelines can drop off suddenly into deep, freezing currents.

4. Use the Free what3words App

- Download the what3words App: Download the app before heading out on the water. The app can help emergency services quickly find your location, whether you are on the water or on land. Simply open the app and tap the “Locate Me” icon to see your current three-word location at the top of the screen. If you need emergency assistance, provide those three words to the emergency call taker so responders can locate you faster and get help on the way.

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2026 Municipal and School Board Election Information

The Town of The Blue Mountains 2026 Municipal and School Board election is October 26, 2026. Eligible electors are encouraged to confirm they are on the Voters' List to ensure they can vote for Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors, and School Board Trustees. Electors can check, update, add or remove their information from the Voters' List by visiting RegisterToVoteON.ca, a tool developed and maintained by Elections Ontario.

The final day to use RegisterToVoteON.ca is August 12, 2026. After this date, beginning September 1, individuals can still register or update their information in person at the Town of The Blue Mountains Town Hall at 32 Mill Street, Thornbury, with appropriate identification.

The Voting Period in The Blue Mountains will run from October 16 to 26, 2026. During the Voting Period, voters in the Town of The Blue Mountains will once again be able to cast their vote from the comfort of their home - or anywhere they can access the internet or telephone - 24 hours a day. During the Voting Period, Electors can also attend the Election Help Centre to:

- Ask questions about the election
- Register or update your voter information
- Receive voting assistance
- Vote independently

The Election Help Centre is located at the Town Hall, 32 Mill Street, Thornbury, with the hours provided below:

- Friday, October 16: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Saturday, October 17: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
- Monday, October 19: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, October 20: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, October 21: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Thursday, October 22: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Friday, October 23: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Saturday, October 24: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
- Monday, October 26: 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

For more information, please contact the Election Team at (519) 599-3131 ext. 232 or email the Town Clerk.

For all other information regarding the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election in The Town of The Blue Mountains, please visit the Town's election webpage.

JELLYFISH LANTERN WORKSHOP

July 10 | 1-2pm

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Saturday, July 18, 2026 at 7:30 pm
Georgian Shores United Church
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