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Blue Mountains: Thornbury, Clarksburg, Craigleith, Heathcote, Ravenna

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Seniors Matters Today

Ontario's municipal elections hold great interest for many residents. It's a chance for voters to participate in choosing leaders for their local government whether it is choosing new ones or supporting existing municipal councillors and mayors.

Starting on September 1, Election Staff will be available at the Town of The Blue Mountains, Town Hall during normal office hours, (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)They can help voters to: confirm that they are on the Voters' List, amend the listing or be added to the Voters' List .

For the 2026 election, registered voters (on the Voters' List) will be able to vote by internet or telephone for Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors, and School Board Trustee

The whole process is described on the Town website www.thebluemountains.ca For more information phone the Town Clerk's office: 519-599-3131 ext. 232

The Blue Mountains Seniors Network brings its **9th Annual Senior's Fair** to the Beaver Valley Community Centre, on Wednesday, September 16th from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. 49 exhibitors will provide information about the wide range of resources for seniors in the town. Information presentations such as Preventing Fraud & Scams and New Services Pharmacists offer, as well as some demonstrations will be offered. A complimentary light lunch will be served. Shuttle service is also available for anyone needing transportation to the Fair (for more information or to arrange a pickup, please call BVO at 519 599 2577, ext. 126.)

What Did I sign up for??? This fall, the elder law lawyer from the Grey Bruce Community Clinic, will offer a 3 part series, on the responsibilities of being named in a Power of Attorney form for Personal Care, or a Power of Attorney for Property, and for agreeing to be the Executor of a Will. These will take place at L. E. Shore Library on Thursday September 24th, (POA.personal care); Thursday, October 8th (POA Property): Thursday, October 22nd (Executor) . These Lunch & Learn sessions will be held in the Gallery of L. E. Shore Library. To register or for more information, phone 519 599 2577, ext. 126, at BVOs Answers4Seniors or e mail seniors@bvo.ca

Need to renew your Passport or apply for one? On Friday, October 16th, from 10 a.m. to 12:30, the staff from M.P. Terry Dowdall's office will be running a **Passport Clinic** in The Gallery of L. E. Shore Library. For more information and to register for the Clinic, call 519 599 2577, ext. 126 at BVO Answers4Seniors or e mail seniors@bvo.ca

The **Connecting Families Initiative** is a Canadian government program offering discounted Internet services and low-cost digital devices to eligible low-income families and seniors. Many internet companies are part of this program. If you receive a letter offering the program, you can explore it from the contacts listed in the letter or go to Connecting Families Initiative on your tablet or computer. Help is available from the L. E. Shore Library tech staff to check out this option.

Engage In Our Upcoming Municipal Election – Make Your Vote Count!

As we enter September, TBM election campaign activity is picking up. A significant number of candidates are running. This is extremely positive, as we need a qualified Council to deal with the challenges facing TBM. It also means that voters will need to carefully evaluate the available options. To help ensure residents are fully informed of the slate of candidates, and provide a forum for candidates to present themselves and their platforms, a series of "Meet the Candidate" sessions will be held. The sessions are presented by the Blue Mountain Ratepayers' Association and Climate Action Now Network (TBM). It mirrors the event format used in our last municipal election, which resulted in very strong attendance, and generated productive discussions on the key election issues.

Sessions will be held each Tuesday from 5pm to 7pm between Labour Day and the start of the early voting period on Oct 16. And there have also been a couple of Thursday events scheduled, running from 7pm to 9pm, to accommodate the number of candidates who have declared for this election. The sessions will be at the L.E. Shore Memorial Library in Thornbury. The candidate will have three minutes at the start of the hour to outline their platform, followed by a moderated Q & A with questions from the audience.

Given venue capacity limitations, attendees are requested to preregister. On the Blue Mountains Public Library website, there is a Meet the Candidate sessions schedule. You can register for each of the sessions that you would like to attend.

thebluemountainslibrary.ca

We hope that you will join us. *Subject to change*

Tuesday, Sept 8	5pm - 6pm	Bob Welling	Deputy Mayor
Tuesday, Sept 15	5pm - 6pm	Paul Reale	Mayor
Tuesday, Sept 15	6pm - 7pm	Sean Kelly	Councillor
Thursday, Sept 17	7pm - 8pm	Shawn McKinlay	Councillor
Thursday, Sept 17	8pm - 9pm	June Porter	Councillor
Tuesday, Sept 22	5pm - 6pm	Gail Ardiel	Deputy Mayor
Tuesday, Sept 22	6pm - 7pm	Meghan Loney	Councillor
Thursday, Sept 24	7pm - 8pm	George McLeod	Councillor
Thursday, Sept 24	8pm - 9pm	Alex Maxwell	Councillor
Tuesday, Sept 29	5pm - 6pm	Sean McMurray	Councillor
Tuesday, Sept 29	7pm - 8pm	Brayden J DeWitt	Councillor
Thursday, Oct 1	7pm - 8pm	Paula Hope	Councillor
Thursday, Oct 1	8pm - 9pm	Marni Moreau	Mayor
Tuesday, Oct 13	5pm - 6pm	Rachel Gilliland	Deputy Mayor
Tuesday, Oct 13	6pm - 7pm	Peter Bordignon	Mayor

VOTE OCT 26
ONLINE OR BY PHONE

INDOOR WALKING

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

DROP-IN BRIDGE

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

BID EUCHRE

Wednesday & Thursday, 12:50-3:30pm
$1 per day, Small Hall
Beaver Valley Community Centre
Lessons Bev 705-507-0563

St. James' Fairmount Anglican Church

196759 Grey Rd 7, Meaford
corner of Grey Rd 7 & Grey Rd 40
1st & 3rd Sunday 9am
Holy Eucharist BCP
2nd & 4th Sunday 9am
Morning Prayer BCP
5th Sunday 4pm Evensong BCP
Rector Jeff Kischak
519-770-7979
stjamesfairmount.ca

Waste Collection

- If you are placing your bins out the night before collection day, they must be placed at the curb after 7:00 p.m.
- All garbage, organics and recycling must be on the curbside by 7:00 a.m. on your collection day.

Landfill and Recycling Depot Hours:
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Sat
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Wed, Fri, Sun: Closed
788090 Grey Road 13,
Phone: (519) 599-3131 ext. 490
The Landfill & Recycling Depot will be closed on all statutory holidays and Remembrance Day.

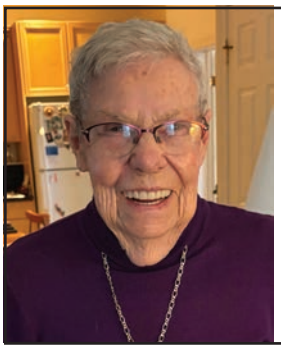
For 2026, household battery collection will occur between August 31 and October 1.

TAI CHI FOR YOUR HEALTH

Canadian Tai Chi Academy

Beginner and Continuing Tai Chi Classes start Wed. Oct 7th, 6pm-8:30pm

Beaver Valley Community School (in the gym)
For information call
519-599-2780
or email
munden@bmts.com



Please join us as we celebrate Betty Osborne's 90th Birthday! We will be hosting a "Come and Go" at The Marsh Street Centre in beautiful downtown Clarksburg. This event is on Sunday, September 27th from 1:30 to 3:30pm. (Best wishes only) We look forward to seeing you there and helping us celebrate Mom!

Letter to the Editor:

What a joy it was to receive the July 2nd 2026 issue of The Review with a front page picture of the three beautiful ladies from the Thornbury TD Canada Trust branch. What a career these ladies have had with Wendy at 40 years and Holly and Lisa at 38 years! This is truly an outstanding tenure and I would like to commend them all and wish them well in their retirement with a special shout out to Hollie and Lisa on the front line. I have always enjoyed their vibrant personalities and easy demeanour while helping me with my banking needs. Thanks for everything.

Colin Thompson

Free Sewing Classes

offered Tuesdays beginning September 22nd for 12 weeks from 3-5pm at
First Baptist Church, Thornbury.
For more information please call
Maryann at 519 599 2680 or Pat at 519 538 0020.

This is a message to the selfish coward who stole my handbag in July from outside my Elma Street residence. If you should have in your ivory tower a dictionary, look up the word work. I have been working since age 12 and am a generous caring person for people and animals. I am not a millionaire but an elderly widow and pensioner! The aggravation and extra time you have caused me is unacceptable. God is watching you. Lynette Morley

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Branch 281
Beaver Valley

Poppy Trust Fund Branch Status Report - Jan 1, 2025 to Dec 31, 2025

Balance in Branch Poppy Trust Funds as of January 1, 2025		$25,237.40
Income from Campaign and all other sources	$18,855.33	
Sub Total		$44,093.73
Campaign Expenses and Youth Education Program	$2,371.54	
Donations from Fund	$20,053.70	
Total Expenses & Donations	$22,425.24	
Closing Balance as of December 31, 2025		$21,058.03

Lawn Signs available, in advance of poppy campaign $20.

Get yours at the Legion, Wed or Fri 3-7pm

PLEASE NOTE: CHEQUES FOR THE POPPY CAMPAIGN MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO:

'THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH #281'

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THE MAPLE PREVAILS

A tariff, a tariff, my kingdom for a tariff!
Thus the strident cry rises over the clamour of economic warfare,
A modern day Vimy on which human life is mocked by ambitions kingly.
Our battle today draws the flexions of dignity to the Soul of the Maple,
The banner unfurls to winds of windy words, sovereign, glorious and free.
What is our flagpole, except it be one? Its footing is history,
its height our pride,
It cannot decline, invites truth and honour, rises from the hamlet of every heart.
Thus shall prevail this Maple, this sinew common to the Nation's pulse of muscle,
It is our genesis, our journey, our providence, our podium,
our legacy, our laurel.
In the grounds of battle we find furrows of contempt.
It cannot prevail.
Furrows of greed. It cannot prevail.
Furrows of toxin. It cannot prevail.
Furrows of tariff. It cannot prevail.
For the Maple enters the body,
the mind, and the soul framed into one, indivisible,
Our Nation unfurls her flag "A Mari Usque Mare",
from Sea to Sea, and all to see!

Jeremy Wentworth-Stanley jeremy@officeinthebarn.com

Blue Mountains Curling Centre

Interest in Curling Continues to Grow in The Blue Mountains

The Blue Mountains Curling Centre ("BMCC") is expecting a very busy curling season this year during its' 9th year of operation at the Beaver Valley Arena.

To accommodate the increasing demand, we are once again going back to 2 days a week, adding Tuesdays to our Friday format. The season is split into 3 Sessions of 5 weeks each: Fall, Winter, and Spring. We will be starting our season Friday October 30th with a practice and learn to curl format on opening day!!

Returning members have first priority. New members can join the waiting list and will be notified when spots are available.

Our annual **Golf/Pickleball Tournament**, to kick the year off, will be at the Duntroon GC on Thursday October 1st. Those interested to join us please contact David Martin at dmartin@torontomu.ca!!

With the help of our great community and Town we expect to build on what we have started and "hopefully once again" have our own facility!!

For further information please contact lloyd.luckock@icloud.ca or visit www.bluemountainscurling.ca

Lloyd Luckock, President-BMCC

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UPDATES TO PRIVATE DRINKING WATER TESTING DROP-OFF SCHEDULE

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise residents of changes to the sample pick-up schedule for the Grey Bruce Public Health Unit's voluntary well water testing program.

Beginning in September, samples will be picked up weekly from Ravenna Hall at 10:00 a.m. each Thursday. The first day of the new pick-up schedule will be Thursday, September 3. Samples must be dropped off within 24 hours of the pick-up time. Ravenna Hall will be open for sample bottle pick-up or drop-off on Wednesdays from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Water testing is free and part of a complimentary program offered by Public Health Ontario for residents on wells and other private systems. For more information regarding private drinking water testing, please visit the Public Health Grey Bruce website.

If you are connected to the Municipal Drinking Water supply and would like to have your drinking water tested, please contact the Water & Wastewater Division to arrange to have a sample collected.

PROVIDING FEDERAL SUPPORT IN SIMCOE–GREY

TERRY DOWDALL MP
SIMCOE–GREY
Terry.Dowdall@parl.gc.ca

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Angus Office: 705-435-1809

Contact one of my offices for assistance with:
- Congratulatory Certificates
- Canada Revenue Agency
- Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada
- Service Canada
  - Employment Insurance
  - Passports
  - Pensions
- Veterans Affairs

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Would Your Family Know What to Do?

Five essential steps to protect your family and your estate

Many people believe estate planning is finished once they have signed a Will. A Will is essential, but it is only one part of a complete plan. Good estate planning makes your wishes clear, protects you during incapacity, reduces unnecessary taxes and makes a difficult time easier for your family.

Every estate plan should address five essential areas.

1. Wills and Powers of Attorney Your Will explains how your estate should be distributed and names your executor. Powers of Attorney name the people who can make financial and personal-care decisions if you cannot. These documents should be current, legally valid and reviewed whenever your circumstances change.

2. Beneficiary Designations Beneficiary designations on RRSPs, RRIFs, TFSAs, pensions and insurance policies can determine who receives those assets. They should be regularly reviewed and coordinated with your Will. Trusts may also help manage an inheritance for minor children, vulnerable beneficiaries or family members requiring continuing support.

3. Record Keeping and Organization Your executor and family should know where to find your Will, Powers of Attorney, account information, insurance policies, property records, passwords and professional contacts. One clear, up-to-date record can save your family hours of frustration and uncertainty.

4. Tax Minimization Taxes can significantly reduce an inheritance, particularly when RRSPs or RRIFs, cottages, investments, business interests or HoldCos are involved. Planning ahead may provide opportunities to reduce, defer or fund the tax bill more effectively.

5. Preserving Family Harmony Disagreements often arise when family members are surprised, instructions are unclear or someone believes a distribution is unfair. This is especially important with blended families, cottages, family businesses or sentimental possessions. Thoughtful communication can manage expectations and help prevent misunderstandings.

An estate plan should be reviewed after major life changes and whenever your assets, relationships or wishes change. A well-organized plan gives you control today - and gives your family clarity when they need it most.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE?

Estate Planning Workshop

5 Essential Steps to Protect Your Family and Your Estate

Wednesday, September 16, 2026 | 3:30-5:00 p.m.

The Lodge at Lora Bay - Boardroom | 107 East Ridge Dr., Thornbury

COMPLIMENTARY | RSVP REQUIRED | LIMITED SEATING

Last year's workshop was oversubscribed - early registration is recommended. Attendees will receive a free copy of the book Estate Planning Made Easy and a Legacy Ledger to organize important information for your family.

Reserve your seat: Elliot.Sinukoff@ig.ca

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The Next Chapter of Living Well – Balmoral Vita – Signature Residences

What if your next home was designed for the life you want to keep living?

For many active adults in South Georgian Bay, planning for the future presents an uncomfortable choice: remain in a home that may eventually become difficult to maintain, or move into traditional retirement living long before it feels necessary.

Balmoral Vita – Signature Residences is being designed to offer another option.

Envisioned as the final phase of Balmoral Village in Collingwood, Balmoral Vita combines spacious, customizable condominium residences with maintenance-free living and thoughtfully integrated health, wellness, concierge and support services.

The philosophy is simple: independent living first, with support available as life evolves.

Residents can continue enjoying the lifestyle that brought so many people to this region in the first place: skiing, golf, trails, arts and culture, friendships, community and four-season recreation. At the same time, future-ready features at Balmoral Vita, including access to on-site Personal Support Workers and optional AI-enabled wellness monitoring, can provide additional peace of mind for residents and their families.

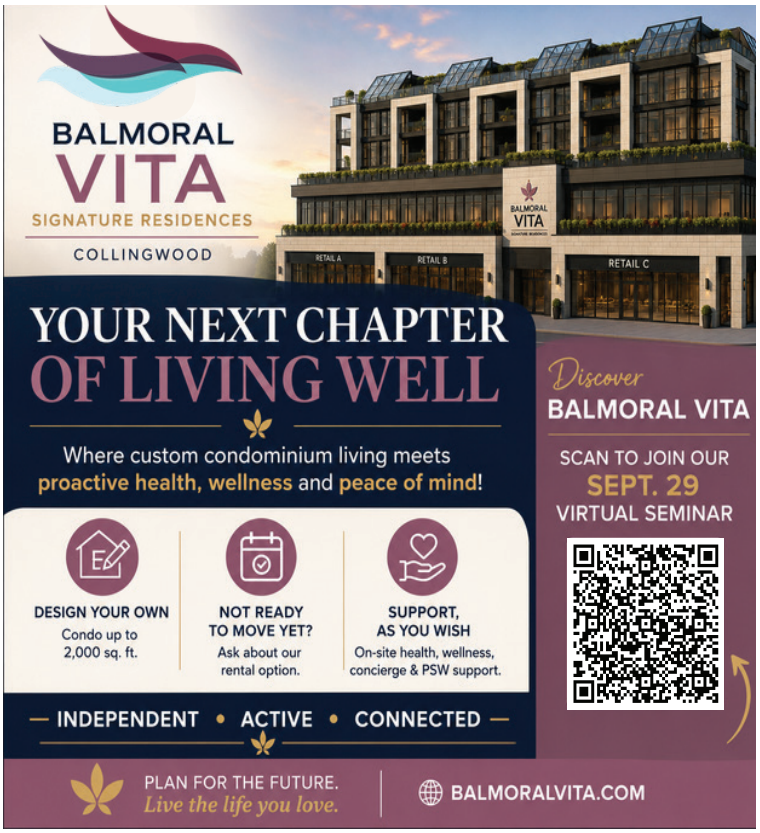
It is not about planning to grow old. It is about planning to live well.

Balmoral Vita is also introducing a Trusted Transition approach to help prospective residents navigate the practical realities of moving from a longtime home into their next chapter, including market conditions, right-sizing and planning ahead.

This September, the community is invited to learn more about the Balmoral Vita vision and what it could mean for the future of living well in South Georgian Bay.

Plan for the future. Live the life you love.

Learn more and register for our Free Webinar at balmoralvita.com



In Memoriam

MARY 'EILEEN' WEBER

Eileen Passed away peacefully at Meaford Hospital on Monday, August 17, 2026 at the age of 87.

Born in Flesherton on November 4, 1938, a daughter of the late Fred and Lillian (nee Smart) Ellis.

Eileen was predeceased by her beloved husband Marvin 'Leith' Weber.

She was the much-loved mother of Randy Weber (Tracy) and Terry Weber (Raul Selberg), and very proud grandma of Zeke Weber, Elizabeth Pansino, and great grandma of Kathlyn and Octavia.

Eileen will be remembered fondly by her sisters: Fern Gervais (late Marcel), Dianne Shilvock (Ray), Glenda Carson (Ron), Nancy Akitt (Robert), Dale Akins (Bob), Wanda Davidson (late Bev), and predeceased by brother Earl Ellis. She was a wonderful aunt to many nieces, nephews and their families.

Eileen was raised in Kimberley and had a very close bond with her six sisters and one brother. She married Leith Weber on September 30, 1961 and they lived in Thornbury. She loved to bake and won many awards at the Beaver Valley Fall Fair for her pie-baking skills, and was also a beautiful seamstress and quilter.

Eileen truly enjoyed her job with Canada Post in Clarksburg and took great pride in her work. She always took the time to chat and interact with members of the community. She will be remembered for her kindness and her friendly smile.

A funeral service was held at Grace United Church in Thornbury, on Friday, August 21, 2026 where family and friends gathered to celebrate Eileen's life. Private inurnment in columbarium at Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to Brightshores 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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HELEN RUSSELL (NEE LEPPARD)

April 11, 1962-July 22, 2026

Helen passed away peacefully at Campbell House after a courageous battle with cancer. Helen was born in Twickenham, Middlesex, England. She was the youngest of John and Betty Leppard's (nee Hapgood) five children.

With a background in business administration, food services, and human resource management – Helen and her family emigrated from London, England in 2004 purchasing the Ravenna General Store, in The Blue Mountains.

After leaving Ravenna, she dedicated her career to providing food services to various organizations in Southern Georgian Bay, including BVO and Collingwood Collegiate Institute. She completed her career at Campbell House, the Collingwood Hospice.

Helen was the proud mother of Daniel, and grandmother of Rhodes. She had a large and diverse family and wide circle of friends and colleagues. Having fun with family and friends was the foundation of her life. Helen will always be in our hearts and remembered for her extraordinary cooking, her carefree approach to life, a very dry wit, and an embrace that made us all melt.

A celebration of Life for Helen will be held in the future. Memorial donations may be made to the Hospice Georgian Triangle Foundation. To sign Helen's Book of Memories, please visit

www. Chattersonfuneralhome.com

Most of the Economy is Private

The mountain at the centre of this town has had three different kinds of owners.

For nearly sixty years, it belonged to a local family. Jozo Weider bought the hill in 1941, and his family ran it for generations. Later, it was eventually fully owned by Intrawest, a public company whose shares anyone could buy. Since 2017, it has been owned by Alterra, a private firm backed by the owners of Aspen and Squaw Valley.

Same mountain. Same chairlifts. But three entirely different answers to a simple question: who gets to own it? For much of its history, ownership was at least somewhat accessible. You could buy shares in Intrawest or, more realistically, marry into the Weider family. Today, the owner is private, and there is no stock ticker to buy.

And that mountain is far from unique. Look around. The builders, landscapers, restaurants, and many of the businesses you may have interacted with this week are privately owned. In fact, only a small percentage of companies ever go public. And increasingly, successful businesses stay private much longer than they used to, sometimes indefinitely. Which means a portfolio of stocks and bonds, however well built, owns only the slice of the economy that happens to trade publicly.

Large institutional investors recognized this long ago. Pension funds and endowments, including CPP Investments which help fund the future pensions of Canadians, have invested outside public markets for decades. Private companies, infrastructure, and real assets have long been a standard part of how some of the country's largest portfolios are built.

What's changed is access. Until recently, individual investors had no practical way to participate in that part of the economy. Today, that is beginning to shift. Global investment firms now offer private-market strategies designed for individual investors. These investments work differently from stocks and bonds: they use different structures, offer less liquidity, and are not appropriate for every investor — or for every dollar. That is exactly why this topic deserves more than a passing mention.

That's why on September 17 at 2:00 p.m., I'm holding an online session with two guests from KKR, including their Head of Canada, Global Wealth Solutions. We'll cover how private markets work, where they fit alongside traditional investments, and what an individual investor should understand before considering them.

To register, email me at fraser.willson@cibc.com. No cost, no obligation — just a better understanding of a part of the economy most portfolios don't include.

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The Master Gardener's Corner

Things to do in and for your garden each month, adapted from the Ontario Master Gardener Calendar for Southern Georgian Bay by John Hethrington, Past President, Master Gardeners of Ontario.

The VERY HOT SUMMER IS OVER!
It's FALL, and cooler weather is finally here!
Thankfully, we continue to have lots of rain.

- Feed your plants again by pulling back the 6 to 8 inches of mulch you carefully placed around your perennials this spring. Find some well-rotted manure and dig it in around the plants. Then put back the mulch for the winter.
- Start cutting your lawn higher, i.e. longer, and leave the cuttings on the lawn as fertilizer.
- Spot treat dandelions and other noxious weeds with a weed control spray or dig them out. Make sure you get all the roots. Repair any damage with topsoil and re-seed.
- Fertilize your lawn with a "Fall" fertilizer, one with the lower number of the 3. It's for Nitrogen (the last number) and higher numbers for the other two ingredients, phosphorus and potash.
- Find the pictures you took last spring of your spring flowering bulbs. Check for any gaps where there were none, so you will know where to plant more bulbs this fall.
- Last spring, in Holland, I was introduced to **"lasagna"** bulb planting. This is planting bulbs in layers in the same hole for a series of blooming seasons. First, you dig a little bone meal at the bottom of the hole, say 10" to 12" deep, maybe 14". Add a little soil. Then place the late blooming bulbs on the soil. Then add a second layer of soil and place the early blooming bulbs in the new soil. Repeat with a third level of very early blooming bulbs, like crocus, and finally fill the hole. You will get a much longer, 3-stage spring bulb flowering season, but unfortunately, no lasagna!
- Look for a range of spring flowering bulbs online, at local nurseries, even in grocery stores, that bloom at different times, from April to June, so your spring garden will last for 3 months.
- As the nights cool, move houseplants back inside. First, treat them thoroughly with a good insecticide spray, so no unwanted bugs come inside with them.
- Weed and water garden beds as needed. To test moisture levels, dig a little hole at least 12" to 14" deep and to see how much moisture there is at each level. Water slowly with a dribbler on the end of your hose, so the water slowly penetrates at least 8" to 10" deep.
- Add additional mulch to flower beds as needed, to continue to suppress weed growth and retain moisture.
- Turn your compost pile regularly and check the moisture level carefully.
  Not too wet… not too dry… just right!, as Goldilocks would say.

Blue Mountain Legacy Fund

The Blue Mountain Legacy Fund is a registered charitable public foundation with an endowed fund held with Community Foundation Grey Bruce. Donations are invested with the earnings going towards community projects.

www.bluemountainlegacyfund.ca

Pollinator Movement Growing In TBM!

Over 40 locations across TBM are displaying a pollinator patch sign this summer!

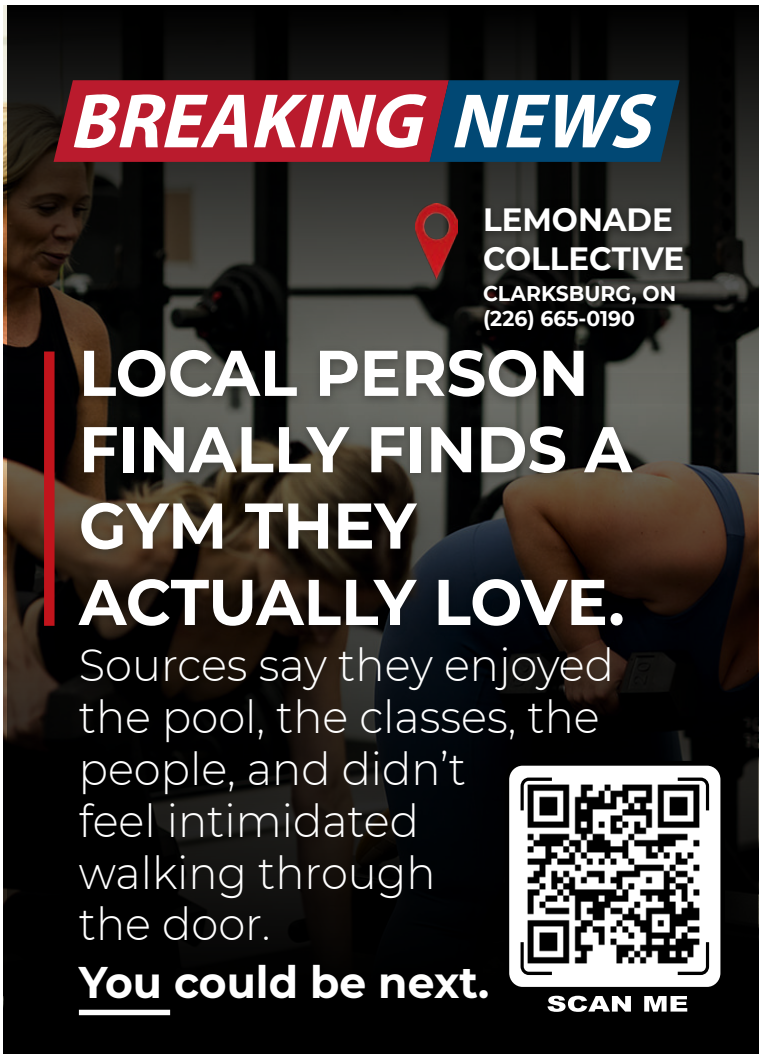
Pollinate The Blue Mountains (PTBM) initiated the 'Pollinator Patch' program in early June by hosting an adoption event in which 30 families took a tray of 12 pollinator plants home to their gardens. These were provided free courtesy of a grant from TBM and donations from 4RBees and 13Forty Landscaping. At the event hosted by the library, participants learned about the value of growing native pollinator friendly plants, as well as suggestions for planting and care. Delicious treats were donated by Goldsmiths Farm Market!

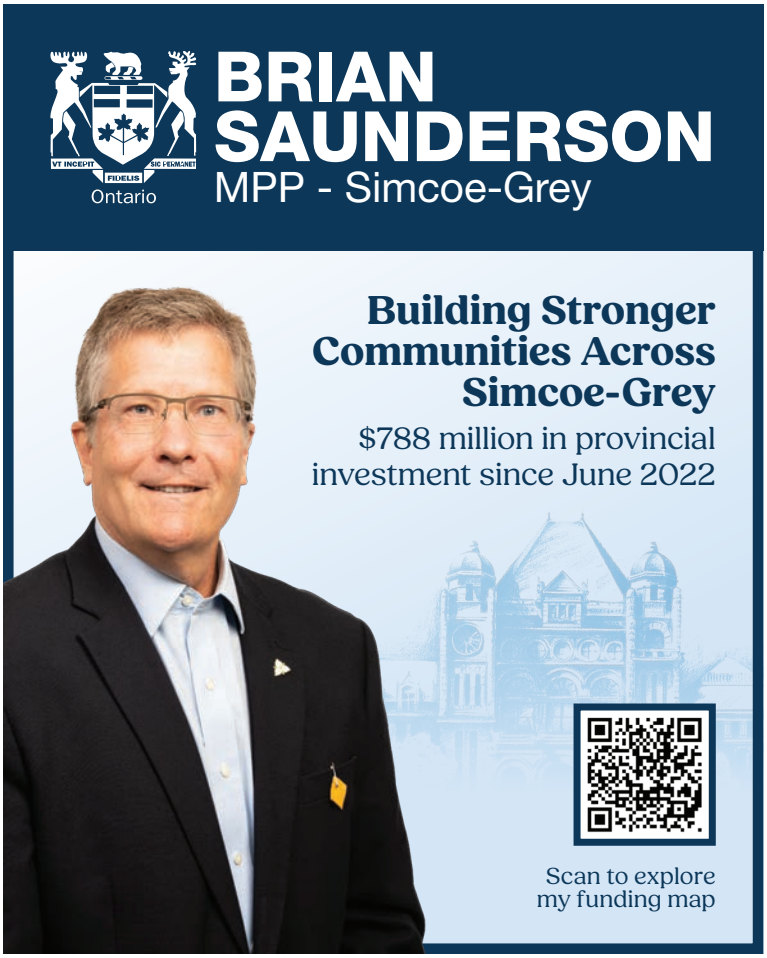
Plants have been growing all summer in household gardens and now signs are available to put in their front yards to show they are 'Growing Native' and helping support eco-friendly gardening. Proud participants are reporting they love watching butterflies, bees and other insects visiting the plants and creating a very dynamic garden experience. Best of all, the plants come back year after year to show their beautiful colours!

A 'Pollinator Patch' is defined as having at least 12 native plants suitable for this region. Some species PTBM recommends include: Purple Coneflower, Black Eyed Susan, Wild Columbine, Great Blue Lobelia, native Hyssops and Asters, as well as many others. A complete list can be found on our website. Gardeners are encouraged to expand their patch over time by adding more plants, shrubs and trees, as well as adopting eco-responsible practices.

There are a number of existing plantings and residences with pollinator gardens that are included in our Pollinator Patch mapping program. A rough location of each garden is posted on a map of TBM to show how far patches are spreading. This map will be posted on the PTBM website to show how our community is embracing this initiative.

If you have a sizable perennial pollinator patch or even planters with pollinator friendly plants and want to receive a sign for your front yard and/or be on our map, please e-mail us and we will work through the process with you. PTBM is producing a seasonal newsletter to share more information directly to interested gardeners. Again, e-mail to ask to be put on the electronic mailing list:





Benefit Concert to Free Canadian Prisoner

The Amnesty International group in Thornbury has a friend in prison in China. He is a Canadian citizen from the Burlington area but was taken prisoner when he was visiting family in Uzbekistan in 2006. His wife and 4 sons live here in Canada. He has never seen his youngest son.

Huseyin Celil is a Uyghur - a minority in Western China. He was an Imam in a small mosque in the early 1990s and because he spoke out for the rights of his people, he was arrested in 1994. He spent time in prison and was treated badly. Due to the persecution he faced when released, Huseyin fled into Uzbekistan and married a woman there. They travelled to Iran and Turkey where they received UN Refugee status. The young couple came to Canada in 2001 and became citizens in 2005. Huseyin was extradited to China while he was in Uzbekistan visiting relatives. He was sentenced to death but that was reduced to a life sentence.

The group in Thornbury has been writing letters to Huseyin and Chinese officials for 20 years. We are part of a network that supports the Celil family in Canada and we write regularly to Canadian parliamentarians as well. These actions require finances and awareness. The group has decided to have a community fundraiser to continue our work. We are grateful to have Brian Miessner and Melinda Camplin perform as a guitar and violin duo in a concert on Sunday afternoon, October 25 at the L. E. Shore library in Thornbury from 2-4pm.

Register for this unique concert at Eventbrite https://tinyurl.com/3abwdkr8 and invite your friends. Donations will be accepted at the door by cash or cheque. Tax receipts for $20 or more on request. For information contact norine.baron@gmail.com

AN UPDATE FROM HUNDRED ACRE WOOD

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We've secured nearly 50 acres on the Niagara Escarpment, where children can continue to learn as they always have here: outdoors, in every season, with the land as their classroom. Less than 1% will be built on. The rest will remain open and wild.

With our current lease ending in September 2027, our next chapter is already underway: building the school that will make this our permanent home, and, in time, help address our waitlist of more than 200 families seeking childcare.

Hundred Acre Wood has committed the first $700,000 toward the $1.4-million project. We're inviting our community to help us build the other half.

If you believe, as we do, that childhood belongs outside, we'd be grateful to have you be part of what comes next.

HUNDRED ACRE WOOD

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by Alice Otrysko

September, the end of the summer holidays and all students and their teachers go back to school after the Labour Day weekend.

Some dread it (mostly the teachers) but many children especially those in Elementary school, look forward to being back with their friends and look forward to a structured day. There is also the learning part but recess takes precedence. Socializing is a big part of learning and growing up. Making friends and having friends is a human need if not a necessity.

However, the essence of school is building knowledge, fostering social skills and preparing for future career opportunities.

Good schooling boosts brain power, teaches problem solving skills and logical thinking. School builds discipline and personal responsibility. Important in life is having relationships with others, learning how to get along and solve personal conflicts.

Children in school, away from their parents feel more independent and sure of themselves. These are crucial in order to be able to understand the world and handle problems.

School is a necessary step in opening the doors to a career later in life.

High School is usually when a child begins to understand what their careers may look like and what skills they may have and need to expand.

I went to school in three countries: Africa, England and Canada.

In Africa the kindergarten and even grade one did not teach us English. The school was in the Polish settlement so English was not necessary. I learned it in England.

We lived in a hostel in England, and the hostel had kindergarten and primary grades but teaching was done in Polish. However, they also held English classes so by the time I advanced to the further grades, I spoke perfect English.

Coming to Canada was a shock in many ways but most challenging was a school where I had no friends and no one spoke Polish. My English was pretty good but some of the kids made fun of my British accent. (I did lose that accent pretty quickly through watching t.v. and day to day interaction with my peers.)

Because we were Catholic, I attended a Catholic School through High School. When I decided to become a teacher, I finished Teachers' College, University and completed my Masters Degree on a part time basis. My son was little when I graduated from U of T.

I didn't stop there. I continued courses in Art, Design, Race Relations, Guidance, Religion and Family Life Studies. The latter qualified me to become a consultant with the Catholic Board in Toronto. It provided me with opportunities to speak to an audience of parents and others in Toronto but also other places such as Ottawa and even New York city.

In the final years of my teaching career I was a Principal.

I then retired.

I often think of the little girl in Africa who was born to parents forced by the war to never return to their native land. It didn't have any adverse effects on but made me stronger and more determined.

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Summer Camp With Teenagers *by Dorris Heffron*

My only gripe about my childhood is that I never got to go to camp. It was an adventurous childhood, moving to different communities when my Dad lost jobs because of a drinking problem that took years for him to overcome, after his clothing store went broke when I was 6 years old. When I was 12, we settled in Woodbridge and the required $9 was saved for me to go to Girl Guide Camp for a week. But the money disappeared. My Dad looked so guilty and sad, I pretended I didn't mind. He was a good, kind man who died of cancer, aged 50.

Now, in my old age, I live on a country property in Beaver Valley where I can swim, play tennis, hike, and used to ski. I have a daughter, Apple, a Superior Court Judge in Toronto, with three sons. My other daughter, Rain, an economist, with four daughters, is CEO of The Confederation of British Industries. They all like to come, with friends, to my place which I called Little Creek Wolf Range. Now I call it Camp Little Creek.

It started, really, last summer when my granddaughters in England, had all become teenagers and asked if they could come a week ahead of their parents, and bring along a friend. The deal was they would look after me, now that I'm their 80 year old Grammy. They would do the cooking and clearing up. Then Hamish, my 16 year old grandson who hadn't landed a summer job, asked if he could come for a week. He stayed for all five weeks, including the week they spent at a lodge in Muskoka.

I designed the house we built at Little Creek 26 years ago, with some extra bedrooms and pull out couches in the rec room, so we could accommodate family and friends. When things got noisy and my feet got tangled in clothes on the floor, as I made my way through the rec room to the laundry room, past un-made beds, I had to remind myself, admittedly a neat-freak, that this is what I designed the house for.

For the most part, the teenagers did the cooking and clearing up. They take a couple of hours longer than I do to make supper. So I was hungry enough to appreciate the teenage fare of tortillas, burritos, pizza and spaghetti sauce with chopped carrots in it. We invaded Foodland like weekend tourists, when we all went for truckloads of food and canned drinks. Jumping off the Thornbury pier was always part of the frequent trips to town for these pretty girls in bikinis, who are slim and athletic like their parents.

This year, the request for bringing friends started early and kept being added to. If one granddaughter could bring a friend, then each of the four could. 16 year old Autumn came a week ahead of the others, with three friends. But their luggage lagged two days behind them. I loaned the girls nightgowns from my younger days and my one piece bathing suits. These slinky nightgowns and old bathing suits never looked so good on me.

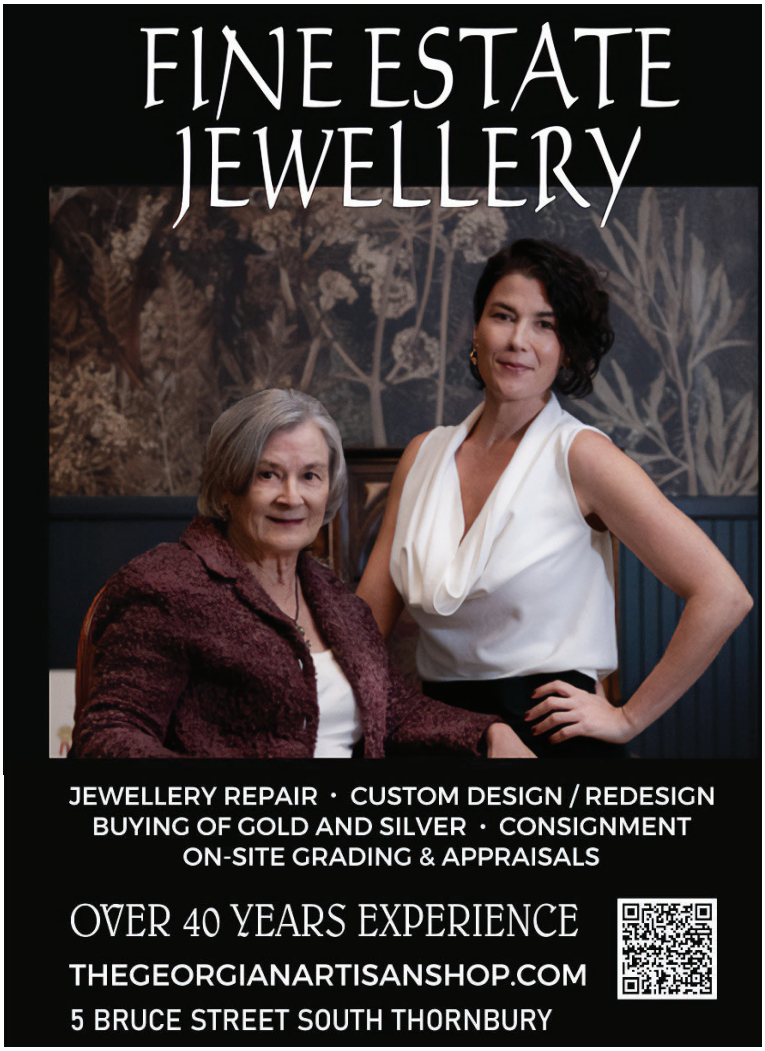
The parents also wanted to have friends who drove up from Washington for a few days. Thus for one of the 5 weeks of this year's Camp Little Creek, we had 12 residents. My wobbly antique dining table crashed under the weight of elbows and fists in a raucous card game. The American guest fixed it with a new brace next day.

The first week of Rain's holidays was also the first week of the new Prime Minister in England. I gave over my office to Rain for the early morning calls she suddenly had to attend to. The third day it was with the new Prime Minister himself, asking Rain to lead the discussion with the heads of business. Her husband, Andy and I guarded the teenagers' bedrooms, making sure this was not a morning they decided to get up early and be shouting for bathroom occupancy.

The final day of my teenagers camp turned into a celebration. Rain, who flew back home early, phoned to tell us Willow, my oldest granddaughter, had passed her A-Levels and got into the university of her choice. This had been a silent worry for the past 5 weeks. We all celebrated by dining out in Toronto with Apple and her family who come to Little Creek the following week. I won't see Rain and my granddaughters again until next summer.

But I repressed my sadness at that, as I felt the smile of my Dad, looking down upon us, saying, "Well, Widdiekid, there you are, at a summer camp of your own."

Dorris's recent novel is Bear With Me available at Jessica's Book Nook.



Candidates

www.thebluemountains.ca/town-hall/council-committees/elections

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Moreau, Marni	www.moreauformayor.com
Reale, Paul	www.paulreale.ca

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Election Dates

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Voters' List available

Friday, October 16, 2026
Voting Period begins at 10:00 a.m. (online or by phone)

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Town of The Blue Mountains Advances Critical Wastewater Infrastructure Project

The Town of The Blue Mountains is pleased to announce that Industra Construction Corp. has been awarded the construction contract for the Mill Street Sewage Pumping Station Upgrades. Industra's successful bid was valued at $17.7 million and represents a significant milestone in advancing one of the Town's most important infrastructure projects. The scope represents the final component of the work funded by the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWS) alongside the Bay-Grey Street Reconstruction and Craigleith Lift Station. In awarding the project, the scope of work is within the budgetary increase of $19 million approved by Council in December 2025.

Following a detailed review of the project scope, design requirements, procurement results and long-term servicing needs, Council concluded that completing the upgrades represents value-for-money and is the most responsible and cost-effective approach to replacing critical wastewater infrastructure, improving system reliability and supporting future growth and community needs.

The Mill Street Sewage Pumping Station is a critical component of the Town's wastewater system. The facility collects and conveys wastewater generated within the Thornbury service area to the Thornbury Wastewater Treatment Plant. The upgrade project will replace aging infrastructure, increase system capacity, improve reliability and help reduce the risk of bypass or overflow events during extreme weather conditions. The project includes the construction of expanded pumping infrastructure, replacement of key mechanical and electrical systems, building improvements, site works, and related upgrades necessary to support the long-term operation of the facility. With the construction contract now awarded, the contractor is expected to finalize the project schedule in the coming weeks, which will establish anticipated timelines for construction activities.

The Town recognizes the significant investment represented by this project and remains committed to providing transparent information about how it will be funded. Consistent with the Town's long-term financial planning approach, the project is expected to be funded through a combination of reserves, development-related revenues, external funding opportunities and long-term financing. The Town maintains significant borrowing capacity and is actively evaluating financing opportunities through Infrastructure Ontario, including the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWS). Staff will continue to report back to Council as financing opportunities are confirmed and funding strategies are finalized.

Like many municipalities across Ontario, The Blue Mountains is managing increasing infrastructure costs, aging assets, evolving regulatory requirements and changing development funding models. Recent changes to the timing of development charge collections, combined with rising construction costs and slower development activity, have placed additional pressure on municipal infrastructure financing. These challenges are not unique to The Blue Mountains and reflect broader trends affecting communities throughout the province.

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While municipalities continue to adapt to this changing financial environment, The Blue Mountains has taken a number of steps to strengthen its financial planning and oversight practices.

Over the last year, the Town has strengthened its financial management and project governance practices through updated budget, procurement and reserve policies and enhanced financial forecasting to support improved oversight of major capital projects.

The Town is also undertaking a comprehensive review of future capital priorities to ensure infrastructure investments remain aligned with available funding, regulatory requirements, asset replacement needs and long-term financial sustainability. This work will help Council continue to make informed decisions about future infrastructure investments while balancing community needs with available financial resources.

As the project moves into the construction phase, Council remains committed to delivering the project responsibly while continuing to provide transparent updates to the community as work progresses.

Mayor Andrea Matrosovs

"This project is an important investment in essential wastewater infrastructure that will serve our community for decades to come. Council has completed its review, awarded the construction contract, and confirmed the path forward. Our focus now is on delivering the project responsibly, protecting critical infrastructure, and keeping residents informed as work progresses."

CAO Adam Smith

"Municipalities across Ontario are facing increasing pressure from rising infrastructure costs, aging assets, and changing funding models. The Town is actively reviewing its capital program with a focus on alignment to strategic priorities, available funding opportunities and financial capacity of the Town. This project will be delivered within that broader approach while maintaining a strong focus on accountability and transparency."

To learn more about the project and subscribe for future updates, visit the project webpage at www.thebluemountains.ca

For more information, please contact:
Adam Smith, Chief Administrative Officer
(519) 599-3131 ext. 234

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: The Empress (Netflix)

This show made me interested in the story of the Habsburg Empire. It is an entertaining take on the marriage of the Duchess Elizabeth of Bavaria to Kaiser Franz Josef I in 1854. There is international and domestic politics as well as much family strife. The costumes and sets are wonderful.

W: The Intern (Netflix)

In this movie, an elderly man named Ben (Robert deNiro) joins a fashion start up as an intern because he is bored in his retirement . It is a feel good film and is funny in parts. Anne Hathaway is good as the outwardly tough business person with the soft heart.

B: Rebel Ridge, 2024 (Netflix)

This movie is about a black man (Aaron Pierre) having one heckuva run-in with a police department led by a racist white guy (Don Johnson) somewhere in Louisiana. There was a point where an end would have been sensible and might have salvaged the plot. But, they over-rode it and created a confusing, high octane ending instead.

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

by Anne Britton

Veteran Banner Program

The Royal Canadian Legion, Beaver Valley Branch, has arranged for the display of banners commemorating the service of our Veterans.

Who is Eligible to be Honoured on a Banner:

- Any person, living or deceased, who has served, or continues to serve Canada or its allies, in a war, conflict or peacekeeping mission. The person should have some connection to The Blue Mountains area (born, grew up, or lived here, or related to a current resident)
- Banners may have a different Veteran on each side (i.e. 2 members of your family).
- The banners will be displayed every year in Thornbury/Clarksburg from mid-October to after Remembrance Day.
- The banners will be displayed for as many years as they remain in good repair. When normal wear and tear prevents its display, sponsors will have the option to replace it.

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Are you on the Voters' List?

Commencing on September 1, during normal office hours and during the following extended hours of operation, Election Staff will be available at the Town of The Blue Mountains, Town Hall, to allow voters to confirm that they are on the Voters' List.

If you are not on the Voters' List, and are eligible to vote in The Blue Mountains, staff can add you to the Voters' List (identification is required).

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Wednesday September 9, 2026 until 7:00 pm
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For more information, contact the Town Clerk at (519) 599-3131 ext. 232 or email townclerk@thebluemountains.ca

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Public Meeting: Request for Ministers Zoning Order (MZO)

File No: P3600
Property: 796060 Grey Road 19
Legal Description: RCP 950 Part Lot 63, RP 16R2789 Part 1

PUBLIC MEETING DATE AND TIME TO BE CONFIRMED

At the Aug. 25, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Council recommended proceeding to a Public Meeting regarding this matter. At the Sept. 8, 2026 Council Meeting, Council will provide direction on the meeting date, and at that time, an updated notice will be issued providing confirmation of the Public Meeting date. Please visit the project page at **thebluemountains.ca/GR19-Rental** for more information and to subscribe for updates. Additional contact and proposal information is provided below.

Key Map

Request for Minister's Zoning Order (MZO)

The Town of The Blue Mountains has received from the owner of the property a request for support from Town Council of a Request to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for an MZO that would allow a rental housing project subject to applicant proposed site specific provisions on this property.

The property, located at 796060 Grey Road 19, is a 9.95 HA parcel located west and south of the intersection of Grey Roads 19 and 21, south of the intersection of Crosswinds Blvd and Grey Rd 19, and near the Blue Mountain Resort.

What is being proposed?

The applicant seeks to permit a rental housing development on lands currently designated Future Secondary Plan and zoned Development (D) zone by way of a proposed Minister's Zoning Order including but not limited to:

- up to 646 apartment dwellings, associated accessory uses and limited resident-serving commercial uses on the developable portion of the lands;
- building heights of 5 storeys located closer to Grey Road 19 and 6 storeys located further into the site.
- site specific parking standards of 1.2 spaces per residential unit;
- protection of wetland, hazard, and open-space portions of the site to be protected through appropriate zoning; and
- detailed matters such as building placement, landscaping, grading, servicing, parking, pedestrian circulation, and urban design would be addressed through future Site Plan Control and other required approvals.

Please note: The subject lands are proposed to be regulated by a MZO issued by the Province of Ontario under Section 47 of the Planning Act. The MZO establishes the permitted land uses and development standards for the property and prevails over the Town's Zoning By-law where there is a conflict. The Province's decision to issue an MZO is not subject to appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

Where do I find more information?

Additional information regarding this proposal is available for viewing:
www.thebluemountains.ca/GR19-Rental

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

When will a decision be made?

Decisions on MZOs are made by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Prior to a decision, Council can provide their support or non-support of the MZO by way of Council Resolution.

What happens at the Public Meeting?

A Public Meeting is not yet scheduled. A new Notice of Public Meeting will be circulated once a date has been set. The Public Meeting is your chance to hear more about the proposal and make your views about it known. Any person or agency may provide comments on this matter in writing or verbally at the Public Meeting. Comments at the Public Meeting assist the Town and Council in their decision-making process, so be sure to have your say!

How do I submit my comments?

Written Comments – You are encouraged to provide your comments or questions in writing using email or regular letter mail to the Town Clerk. Comments can also be faxed to (519) 599-7723 or emailed to townclerk@thebluemountains.ca. Any submitted comments become part of the **public record**, including names and addresses.

Want to be notified of a decision?

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

Corrina Giles, Town Clerk
Town Hall, 32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON
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Questions? Want more information? Ask a Staff Member!

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Public Meeting: Request for Ministers Zoning Order (MZO)

What is a Minister's Zoning Order (MZO)?

A Minister's Zoning Order, commonly referred to as an MZO, is a zoning order made by the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing under Section 47 of the Planning Act. An MZO can regulate the use of land, buildings, and structures and may establish zoning permissions directly, without the need for a municipal Official Plan Amendment and/or Zoning By-law Amendment. In this case, the requested MZO would establish the principle of land use, maximum density, maximum height, and related zoning standards for the subject lands. It has been submitted that the MZO is being requested to enable the timely delivery of purpose-built rental housing while still requiring subsequent technical review through processes such as Site Plan Approval and any required agency permits. A decision by the Minister to approve an MZO is not appealable to the Ontario Land Triubnal.

Application Process

The proposed MZO request is being considered as an alternative to the conventional planning approvals process, which would otherwise involve completion of a Secondary Plan, followed by applications for Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment, and Site Plan Approval. The subject lands are located within a Future Secondary Plan Area and that there is currently no approved Secondary Plan for the lands. If supported by Council and ultimately a decision made by the Ontario Minister, the MZO would establish the zoning framework for the property.

An information report summarizing the proposal, information received, and next steps will be presented at an upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting. Following that a Public Meeting to receive community feedback will be advertised and scheduled. Next, a recommendation report will be provided to Council for their consideration in order to receive a Council resolution on the project. More information can be found below on this webpage with additional information coming forward in the upcoming Planning Staff Report.

Proposed Concept Plan

Please note that the applicant has provided the concept plan shown below and they have further advised that it is for illustrative purposes only and does not represent the final site design. It demonstrates one possible development scenario, including general development potential and environmental protection areas. The requested Minister's Zoning Order establishes the zoning framework and development limits for the site. If approved, a future Site Plan Approval application would be required to determine the final site layout and detailed design in accordance with the MZO.

Upcoming Council and Committee Meetings

- Council, Public Meeting, September 1, 2026
- Council Meeting, September 8, 2026
- Committee of the Whole, September 14, 2026
- Committee of the Whole, September 15, 2026
- Council Meeting, September 28, 2026
- Council, Public Meeting, September 29, 2026*

*Note: This meeting will be cancelled if it is not required

All meetings are at the Town Hall, 32 Mill Street and Virtual.

Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings are live-streamed on the Town's website, and the meeting recording is posted to the Town website following the meeting.

For meeting times, please call (519) 599-3131 ext. 232 or check the Town website at www.thebluemountains.ca

GREY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

2026 Fall Plant Sale

From Our Gardens to Yours...

Find Your New Favourite Plant!

www.greycountymastergardeners.com

Saturday September 12
9am-noon
Meaford Rotary Harbour Pavilion
1 Don Bumstead Way, Meaford

Natives • Perennials • Grasses •Herbs

We accept cash, debit, or credit
Arrive early for best selection!

BEAVER VALLEY FALL FAIR

ROAST BEEF DINNER

Beaver Valley Community Centre

Sat. Sept. 12, 5:30pm

Adults $30; 6-12 $15; 5 & under - n/c

Call 519-599-3345 for tickets or
Tickets available at the Fair Info Booth
Friday and Saturday, Sept 11 & 12

LIVE MUSIC - CASH BAR

Legion Branch 281 Beaver Valley

100 1926 · 2026

202 Marsh Street
Clarksburg

Veterans invited for complimentary coffee/lunch
Friday September 11 from 10:00 a.m.

Come and relax at our Friday BBQ's
5:00 pm to 6:00 pm
BBQ Burger or Sausage, Salad & Dessert
Only $15.00 - Everyone Welcome

Join our Legion this year
Great people having fun & service for
our veterans & our community

GUITAR TRAIL MUSIC FESTIVAL

SEPT 11-12

HOW IT WORKS
4 STAGES | 20+ ARTISTS
2KM MUSICAL JOURNEY
Saturday 12PM - 6PM

BLUE MOUNTAIN VILLAGE · Columbia · BLUE MOUNTAIN

JOIN THE FUN

AT MOREAU PARK AND THE BEAVER VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Enter the fair to win prizes. Pick up a Fair Book at the Library or visit our website to find the class listings and entry form

Enter Crafts, Baking, Produce, Photography, Floriculture, Needlework, Hobbies, Kids' Sections and more

Are you our next Fair Ambassador? Details on our website

FRIDAY SEPT 11

- CCW Wrestling
- Beer Gardens
- New: Arm Wrestling

SATURDAY SEPT 12

- Live Music
- Stone Carver
- Inflatable Attractions
- Games/Activities
- Grey Guards
- Horse Drawn Carriage
- Circus Johnathan
- Face Painting
- Food Vendors
- Beef Dinner

BEAVERVALLEYFALLFAIR.CA

Beaver Valley Pipes and Drums
offering introductory classes, at the Fall Fair on Saturday Sept 12; piping (practice chanter) at 2:00pm and drumming at 2:30pm

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Beaver Valley Fall Fair

At BVCC

BVO SINCE 1983
BEAVER VALLEY OUTREACH

Connect with BVO.
Discover More.
Visit us!

September 11: 6 PM to 9/10 PM
September 12: 10 AM to 4 PM

bvo.ca

Making Good Things Happen in Our Community!

Participate in CANN-TBM'S annual composting challenge!

Which decomposes faster?

A COMPOSTABLE CUP?

COMPOSTABLE UTENSILS?

Instructions:
Make a hole 6 inches deep in your garden or compost area. Bury your utensil and cup in the same area on June 28th. Mark it with a flag so that you can find it again at the end of August. Dig them up on August 28th. Bring them to the Fall Fair to be displayed. Or email canntbm@gmail.com with your name and address for a pick up.

All will be revealed at the Beaver Valley Fall Fair!

The Art of Koomuatuk Curley

BRINGING STONE TO LIFE

Join acclaimed Inuk sculptor, storyteller and videographer Koomuatuk Curley for an inspiring talk exploring his artistic journey, traditional Inuit stone carving, and the cultural significance of his work in the circumpolar North.

As part of the Beaver Valley Fall Fair, Koomuatuk will also be demonstrating his stone carving on-site and exhibiting his artwork at the Beaver Valley Community Centre.

L.E. Shore Library 173 Bruce St. S. Thornbury
Registration encouraged. Drop-ins welcome.

SEPT. 12
11AM-12PM

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TREE SEED COLLECTION NETWORK

JOIN THE CLUB, HELP US GROW OUR TOWN'S TREE CANOPY!

Over a series of 4 annual workshops learn about tree identification, seed collection, germination and seedling care.

This is a no-cost, low time commitment opportunity for adults and families alike. 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.

Next Workshop:

Seed Collection and Tree Identification

Sunday, September 13th at 11:00 a.m.

Beaver River Trail

Email seednetwork@treetrust.ca to join.

Funding for this project is provided by

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GREY BRUCE

We're here for good.

Seniors Fair 2026

SENIORS NETWORK BLUE MOUNTAINS

Wednesday, September 16
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Beaver Valley Community Centre
www.thebluemountains.ca/seniors-fair

TOWN OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

THORNBURY JAZZ WORKS

GRACE UNITED CHURCH, 140 BRUCE STREET S., THORNBURY

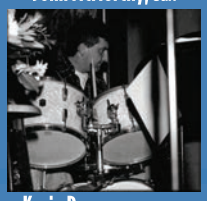
FRIDAY SEPT 18, 7:30 PM

John MacMurchy Quintet

John McMurchy, sax

with vocalist

Sheri Weldon



Kevin Dempsey, drums

Michael Herring, bass

Danny McErlain, piano

ADMISSION $30 PROCEEDS SUPPORT STUDENT MUSIC EDUCATION

Purchase tickets by email - thornburyjazz@gmail.com
Thornbury Pharmasave, 45 Arthur St. W., Thornbury
Gabriele Photography, 133 Hurontario St., Collingwood
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www.thornburyjazz.com

HERB WALK

with BAREFOOT BRIAN

September 16
10-11:30am

A guided herb walk at Clendenan Dam. Please come dressed for the weather.

BLUE MOUNTAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Registration Required.

MADE IN GREY COUNTY

Thornbury Farmers' Market

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS

Sundays May 17 - October 11
10 am - 2pm • 30 Mill Street
Between Town Hall and BVO

HERITAGE CRAFTS FOR KIDS

September 19
1-2:30PM

Step back in time this fall at the Craigleith Heritage Depot as we explore traditional crafts and create toys and treasures inspired by generations past.

We'll kick off the series with an Easy-Sew Rag Doll Workshop. Rag dolls are among the oldest handmade toys, traditionally crafted from fabric scraps, worn clothing, or felt and stuffed with soft materials.

REGISTER ONLINE

Craigleith Heritage Depot
113 Lakeshore Road East
The Blue Mountains ON L9Y 0N1
www.thebluemountainslibrary.ca
519-599-3681 ex. 6

Maintenance and Mastery

Learn how to care for your garden tools

with James Hindle

September 21 | 1-3p

BLUE MOUNTAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY
GREY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

Register now

INTRO TO ENGLISH SMOCKING

You will learn the basics of traditional smocking techniques used to create delicate gathers and decorative patterns.

FRI SEPT 25 | 1PM

Registration Required

BLUE MOUNTAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY

ESTD 2023

OPEN FIELDS FARM TOUR

THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

TOUR 4 LOCAL **FARMS** | ENTERTAINMENT & **VENDORS**

SEPT. 26, 2026
10AM - 3PM

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Grey County · Town of The Blue Mountains · Explore Blue

Georgian Hills Vineyard & Ardiel Cider House,
496350 Grey County Rd 2, Clarksburg
Farmer's Pantry, 788030 Grey County Rd 13, Clarksburg
Oaklane Orchards, 496445 Grey County Rd 2, Clarksburg
Valley Ridge Family Farm, 615852 3 Line, Ravenna

KIMBERLEY FOREST

JOIN US FOR A GUIDED HIKE!

CHOOSE THE HIKE THAT IS RIGHT FOR YOU

HERBAL HIKE- SARAH TACOMA (BLOEM BOTANICALS)
A DISCOVERY OF SEEDS AND PLANTS OF THE VALLEY
OR
NATURALIST HIKE- BOB BOWLES
LEARN ABOUT OUR FOREST'S FLORA & FAUNA, AND THEIR ECOSYSTEMS

SAT SEPT 26

1:30PM - 3:30 PM

Start/End Point: Kimberley Forest
Upper Parking Lot
155175 7th Line near 4A, GreyHighlands

Registration begins at 1:00pm

Recommended Donation for the Hike $20/Adult
RSVP by Sept 17 to info@kimberleyforest.ca

@KIMBERLEY.FOREST WWW.KIMBERLEYFOREST.CA

TBM Repair Café

140 Bruce St. S. Thornbury

Saturday, Sept 26
9am-Noon
Bring broken items for free repair and enjoy a snack.
Go Green for a better Blue!
www.repaircafethebluemountains.ca

FILM FINALE
TOWNS OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

OCTOBER 7
7 - 9pm

28 COMMUNITIES. ONE SHARED HISTORY.

Experience the complete REEL History series on the big screen, culminating in the premiere of the final chapter: Episode 9: Amalgamation.

Celebrate the people, places, and stories that shaped the Town of The Blue Mountains, followed by a live Q&A.

Entry is by donation. All proceeds from the evening will directly support the Museum's Reconciliation Garden project, being developed in collaboration with the Wendat / Wyandot / Wendake Nations.

Craigleith Heritage Depot · Blue Mountains Public Library · Mountain Goat Film Festival

Hosted at L.E. Shore Library, 173 Bruce St St, Thornbury

Thornbury Turkey Trot

Saturday, October 10th, 2026
Beaver Valley Community Centre

This Thanksgiving, feathers are going to fly again!

Welcome: 8:45am
Kids' 1 km Fun Run: 9:00am
Half Marathon, 10km & 5km Run/Walk: 9:30am

Race Kit Pick Up
Friday, October 9th, 3 to 8pm
& Race Morning, 7 to 8am

Early Turkey Pricing!
15% Family Discount!

Registration includes:
Race swag, chip timing, medal, random prizes, post race food & LOTS of fun!

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CANADIAN TUX and Beaver Bucks

Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary Club

- CASINO GAMES
- POKER
- BLACKJACK
- HUMAN SLOT MACHINE
- 50/50 DRAW
- RAFFLE PRIZES

SMALL TOWN FUN; BIG TIME DENIM!

7:00PM - 10:00PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 2026

MARSH STREET CENTRE CLARKSBURG

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Local Author Wins International Book Award for One Million Times I Love You

Local author Karen (Renn) James has been recognized on the international stage as the winner of the 2026 International Book Award in the Children's Picture Book: Softcover Nonfiction category for her book One Million Times I Love You. The book was also named one of six finalists in the Mind/Body/Spirit category.

Presented by the American Book Fest, the International Book Awards are among the world's largest book award programs, receiving thousands of entries from authors and publishers across the globe. Winners and finalists are selected from works published by major publishing houses, independent presses, and self-published authors.

One Million Times I Love You began as a story for James's daughter following her daughter's diagnosis of childhood-onset schizophrenia. Inspired by her daughter's repeated question, "Do you love me?" the book celebrates the limitless nature of unconditional love through playful rhyme and colourful bird illustrations. Its message resonates with children, families, educators, and caregivers alike.

"This book is about the question we all ask at one time or another - am I loved? My hope is that it helps every reader know they are loved for being exactly who they are," said James. "To see it recognized internationally is unexpected and absolutely incredible."

For more information about One Million Times I Love You or to learn more about Karen (Renn) James and her work, visit her website rennjames.com

Think That Party Invite Is Real?

Fake E-Vite Scams are the New Phishing Trap

Fake e-vite phishing scams are on the rise, and they take advantage of something simple: social trust. You're far more likely to click an invitation from someone you recognize than a generic "account alert" or "delivery notice." When you click the "open invitation" link, it immediately asks you to sign in or create an account with your personal information. That's the step where scammers steal your private data.

What To Do If You Clicked a Fake E-Vite

If you entered any information into a suspicious invitation page:

- Immediately change your email password
- Change any other account that reused that password
- Enable two-factor authentication
- Check for unknown login activity
- Warn contacts if your email may have been compromised

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UPCOMING

FALL EVENTS

FEATURING

GUITAR TRAIL

September 11-12

New this year! Friday Sunset Sessions

STOMP THE MOUNTAIN

September 19

BARK N' BLUE

October 3

APPLE HARVEST FESTIVAL WEEKEND

October 9-12

FALLICIOUS

October 13 - November 8

bluemountainvillage.ca/events

FREE & PAID CONVENIENCE PARKING AVAILABLE