



The Blue Mountains celebrated Canada Day's 150 with numerous events including a Canada Day Eve Party hosted by the Blue Mountains Library and their partners on Friday evening followed by fireworks. Saturday morning the pancake breakfast at the Legion sold out, the Beaver Crawlers were racing against the clock and the parade leaving Clarksburg at 11am almost filled the village to capacity. The rain stayed away long enough for Gord's Air Show. Music and entertainers throughout the Town celebrated this special weekend. The committee would like to thank all those who took part. It was a great united effort and special thanks to Shawn Everitt for being the Town contact and managing all the logistics.

photos by Debbie Crosskill & Robert Burcher



Town Unveils Canada 150 Mosaic Mural

Approximately five to fifteen communities per province and territory across Canada created sections of an overall mural that will connect Canada through art. Each participating city or town created a section of the mural made up of 400-750 individual tiles that symbolizes their community.

Each of these sections will stand alone as a mural for that particular community. Then, each of these sections of the mural will become one of the many storybook pages within the overall mural to form the ultimate visual time capsule and create a legacy for a proud nation.

Throughout the Country, this equates to a total of 80,000 tiles that will comprise an overall image of train cars connecting Canadians from far and wide!

The Blue Mountains mural can be viewed in the park by the Town Hall on Hwy. 26. Over 400 of the tiles were painted by residents at workshops held in May. Partners on the project include The Town, Thornbury BIA and Beaver Valley Outreach. www.canada150mosaic.com



COMMUNITY EVENTS

To be included in this listing post your event on www.visitbluemountains.ca

DETAILS SUBJECT TO CHANGE- CONFIRM WITH ORGANIZERS

L.E. SHORE LIBRARY GALLERY

2nd Annual Summer Invitational - July

Seven established local artists were approached to represent a cross-section of styles and mediums. Participating artists Derek Scott, Ofra Svorai, Mary McTaggart, Dianne Cruttenden, Bonnie Dorgelo, Karen Cameron, and Umberto De Boni. Opening Reception: Sat, July 8, 2-4 p.m

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ROCK UNION CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

Sunday, July 9, 2:00pm

Sideroad 12 & 13, Conc 6, Ravenna Annual church service with speaker Beth (Gould) Nolson; special music by quartet "The Shoretones" with accompanist Ann-Marie MacDairmid; picnic to follow at the home of James and Joan McKinlay. All are welcome. jmckinlay@bmts.com 519-599-6236

Hey Kids! Come and visit the free MAKER FUN FACTORY, "created by God--built for a purpose", at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Thornbury, on July 17 - 21, from 9am to Noon each day. All kids ages 4 - 11 are welcome! To pre-register, phone 519-599-6645, or by email, stpaulsthornbury@gmail.com.

THE NORTH FACE ENDURANCE CHALLENGE

Saturday, July 15 - Sunday July 16

Blue Mountain Village

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BOOK LAUNCH

Saturday, July 15, 3pm - 5pm

L.E. Shore Library Gallery

Local author, Norman Paterson, will introduce his new novel, *The Case of Mary-Rose*, a drama featuring Leonard Stevenson, leading character of *Finding Mildred*. Set partly in this area, most of the action of the book takes place in Central America, where Leonard comes to the aid of the lovely but impetuous Mary-Rose, and winds up face-to-face with some unscrupulous characters and corrupt politicians.

COUNTRY CROSSROADS

Saturday, July 22 - Sunday, July 23

Blue Mountain Village

Dig out your cowboy hat and boots and get ready for some of Canada's hottest country bands featuring country recording artist Marshall Dane, Rebecca Rain...

4th Annual..UGANDAN PAPER

BEAD JEWELLERY SALE

Sunday July 23 11am-4pm

at Holy Crow Beads "Safari-Style"...lots of fun, make a paper bead safety pin bracelet, enjoy the country side south of Duncan with the abundance of African animals... painted. New designs, come and support these enterprising designers from northern Uganda Follow the signs south of Thornbury or Ravenna. 519-599-5697. 355380 The Blue Mountains Euphrasia Townline, holycrowbeads.com

Craigleith Heritage Depot

Wednesday July 12 at 7:00 pm

Celebrate with filmmakers Tom Strnad and Tracey Johnston, owners of Mountain Goat Film Company. Their documentary film, *SNOW PEOPLE*, was awarded 1st Place for Best Places in History Tourism Film at the Finisterra Arrabida Film Art and Tourism Festival in Portugal. Tracey and Tom had the honour of representing Canada and The Blue Mountains region. This unique festival celebrates the best of tourism based filmmaking and 56 countries were competing in front of an international jury of 20 members which awarded prizes for the best of the best.

Hear about the excitement of presenting at the festival, see the award and celebrate with Mountain Goat Film Company, and learn of their new projects which put The Blue Mountains on the International stage.

The Craigleith Heritage Depot is launching a Film Club to tap into the deep interest our community has in film. Learn about this new club and find out how to join. Tom Strnad and Tracey Johnston will be your guides. Refreshments will be available. For info 519-599-3681



Take the Reins on Cancer

The little event that could! With only 5 weeks to plan and execute, we're happy to announce that Take the Reins on Cancer was a huge success! It truly takes a village to make something like this happen. Take the Reins on Cancer, brought to you by Sunbridge Equestrian, was a grass roots effort to raise money and awareness for Wheels of Hope in Grey-Bruce Counties. Wheels of Hope provides much needed transportation for patients and families needing assistance with transportation to and from related medical appointments. All funds stay right here too. Our goal was to raise \$4,000 and we're proud to announce we raised \$6,500!! There are so many people to thank, from all our volunteers, and all the amazing donations to the silent auction & raffles, to our attendees, to our amazing food & beverage folks and to Mother Nature - she sure cooperated. A very special thank you to our hosts, The Farmers Pantry. The venue was the perfect place to have a ton of fun in the early summer sun. Farmers Pantry opens for the season on Canada Day, so be sure to visit! This event was such a success that our thoughts are already focused on Take the Reins 2018. For those who were part of such a special day, we thank you.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Daily - Monday-Friday

Coffee Klatch - 10am to noon
Marsh Street Centre, Clarksburg

Mondays

Bridge 1pm. St. Georges Anglican Church,
\$2.00 includes refreshments

Tuesdays

Toastmasters 7pm. Marsh Street Centre

Wednesdays

Taoist Tai Chi Arts™ Beaver Valley Com. Centre. Beginner Classes 9am-11am;
Continuing Classes 10-noon; 519-377-0652
Events For Life Coffee Nook 9:30-10:30am
Come and enjoy coffee and muffins at Grace United Church www.eventsfor.life

Wednesday and Thursday

Bid Euchre 1:00 pm Beaver Valley Community Centre, \$2.00 - 519-599-2209



Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary Golf Tournament

Steven Schofield, T-C Rotary President with the Winning Mixed Team

The big winners of this year's Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary golf tournament were Events for Life, receiving a cheque for \$5000 and Home Horizon/Barbara Weider House, receiving \$2500 (the first instalment of a 4 year pledge of \$10,000).

The golf participant winners were:

Overall Winners - Men's Team: David Glass, Gord Davies, John Johnson and Tom VanNatter

Top Mixed: Rob Dors, Cheryl Dors, Cathy Coburn and Rob Coburn

Top Womens: Marilyn Douglas, Kathy Houghton, Shirley Hines and Heather Dickson

Women closest to the pin: Shuna Kindness

Women longest drive: Cathy Butler

Mens closest to the pin: John Johnson

Mens longest drive: Scott Eagles

The weather was perfect and many thanks to the golf staff, cooking staff and serving staff at The Club at Lora Bay for a job well done. The Thornbury Clarksburg Rotary Club truly appreciates everything that the Lora Bay staff do for us to make our event the success that it is each year. We would also like to thank the many businesses who sponsored holes or donated prize table gifts.



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In Memory

*Those we love,
don't go away,
they walk beside us
every day, unseen,
unheard, but
always there, still
missed, still loved, still very dear!*



MARJORY ELINORE READY

Born in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan on December 31, 1921, a daughter of the late Clarence and Pamela (nee Baxter) Maimann, Marjory passed away at the Meaford Long Term Care Centre on Wednesday May 31, 2017 at the age of 95. Marjory was predeceased by her beloved husband Clark Ready in February 2015 and is remembered as a loved mother by her daughter Elinore Ready of Etobicoke and son Donald Ready and his wife Moira of Kimberley. She was predeceased by a son Murray Ready of Grey Highlands in June 2015 and will be fondly remembered by her grandchildren Michael, Laura, Erica, Sara, Claire and Paul and by her great-grandson Clark.

KATHARINA MARZ

Born in Hungary on May 27, 1924, a daughter of the late Johann and Katharina (née Ruppert) Marz, Katharina passed away at Errinrunc Nursing Home in Thornbury on Monday June 5, 2017 at the age of 93. Following her marriage to George Marz they resided in Germany for some time before immigrating to Canada in 1954 with their son John settling in the Delhi area before moving to Toronto. Later Katharina moved to Wasaga Beach and then retired in Thornbury where she was a resident at Errinrunc Residence. She is survived by her son John of Craighleith and by the family of her sister who predeceased her in Germany.

RONALD DOUGLAS HINDLE

Born in Duncan on July 1, 1927, a son of the late Ruthven and Grace (nee McKeown) Hindle, Ron passed away at the Meaford Hospital on June 12, 2017 in his 90th year. He was a dear brother of Dorine and her husband Ralph McGuire of Duncan and Dennis Hindle (late Shirley) of Westhill. Ron will be fondly remembered by nieces and nephews Janice McGuire and her partner Gail Green, Glen McGuire and his wife Alison and their sons Ian and Mason, Corey Cameron and her sons Jordan and Evan, and Craig Hindle and his wife Krista and their daughters Zoë and Ryenn. Ron

enjoyed a lengthy teaching career starting in a one room school at Cape Chin in 1946 and concluding at Beaver Valley Community School in 1980. He enjoyed the outdoors – fishing, hiking and gardening. Ron was a founding member of the Bruce Trail in this area. He was an avid historian and co-edited several local history books and in 2010 he published his own book, "The Story of Duncan".

New BVO Program: Money Smarts for Seniors

Are you a senior or caregiver looking for information on everyday finances, housing options, community support, government funding or other money matters? Money Smarts for Seniors is a financial information program being developed by Beaver Valley Outreach to go along with its existing Answers 4Seniors and New Territory for Seniors programs.

As a first step, BVO would like to learn more about the financial information needs of seniors and caregivers in The Blue Mountains. A survey has been developed to find out what the community thinks should be included in the Money Smarts for Seniors program. BVO wants to hear from everyone - seniors, caregivers (formal and informal), service providers, medical and business professionals, and others.

Money Smarts for Seniors is working with the support of community partners such as The Blue Mountains Public Library, Grey-Bruce Seniors Safety Network and Elder Abuse Ontario. The project is also receiving funding support from New Horizons for Seniors and Service Canada's Citizen Services and Program Delivery Branch.

For a copy of the survey or to volunteer in this initiative, please contact BVO Answers for Seniors Coordinator Pamela McDermid at 519-599-2577, ext 29 or email seniors@bvo.ca. Visit www.bvo.ca to access the survey online.

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Year End for Thornbury Guiding Units

On Wed. June 7th the Thornbury Guiding units and their girl's families gathered at the Community Center. The theme this year was Canada's 150th Birthday. All the girls advancing to the next level received "birthday hats" signed by the girls in the unit they were leaving. Starting with 15 Sparks, the girls walked a balloon path to the stage to receive their final badge, Advancement certificate and Friendship pin. 5 Brownies advanced to Guides, receiving a flower, certificate and pin. Emily Jack received a gift for selling 12 cases of cookies. Two Guides, Summer McDonald and Sophie Reid were presented with their Completion Pin, Certificate and a "goodie" bag of items, each with a purpose as they move to Pathfinders.

Additionally, 2 Guides, Summer McDonald and Cheyenne Dickie, were recognized for selling 18 and 26 cases of cookies, respectively! Also, Sophie Reid was presented with the Lady Baden Powell Award. This is the highest award in the Guide Program and takes two or more years to complete. It is designed to be an extra challenge, providing an opportunity to learn more about Girl Guides while gaining a deeper understanding of what Guiding stands for. The award is worn on the Pathfinder uniform with pride!

The current Guiders were introduced and presented with a rose in appreciation of their work and, after our unit closings, everyone was invited to share a Canada Day birthday cake.

This was the final meeting for this year, but registration is already open for the coming year, which will begin Sept 20th. All those registered by the end of August will be eligible to attend the Canada wide Guiding "Birthday Bash" coming up Sept. 30th

The units are in need of volunteers to assist as Guiders. No experience is necessary; just a desire to volunteer. To register a girl or Guider, go online to www.girlguides.ca or call 519-599-3968.

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GBHS Board Approves Staff Recommendations Re. Surgery Program at Meaford Hospital

Board members reviewed feedback from hundreds of individuals and organizations, including staff, physicians, members of the public, municipalities, and Indigenous leaders before making their decisions on which hospitals would continue offering elective day surgery.

Currently, the elective surgery program runs at GBHS hospitals in Markdale, Meaford, Owen Sound and Southampton. The government-approved plan for the new Markdale hospital does not include surgery. Of the total number of elective day surgeries done at GBHS, 4 percent is done in Markdale, 5 percent in Meaford, 88 percent in Owen Sound, and 2.5 percent in Southampton.

The Board of Directors endorsed the following actions:

- Maintain the operating room at Meaford hospital and integrate it fully into the GBHS surgical program, ensuring consistent corporate oversight and management.
- Discontinue elective day surgery at Southampton Hospital and Markdale Hospital over the course of the next 12 months.
- Upgrade infrastructure and equipment in the Medical Device Reprocessing Department and the Surgery Department at Owen Sound Regional Hospital.
- Engage internal and external stakeholders in the development of a sustainability plan for GBHS, which will include, among other things, defining the roles of each hospital and strategies to strengthen the resilience of each, and leveraging opportunities to enhance the strength of the five foundations supporting the six hospitals.
- Continue to identify and

implement internal efficiency/cost savings initiatives that maintain quality of patient care with minimal staffing disruption.

• Continue to advocate, in conjunction with stakeholders and community partners, for sustainable changes to the Provincial funding model that reflect the rural realities of Grey Bruce and the unique challenges of the GBHS operating model.

"All six of our hospitals are critical to the health and wellbeing of residents and visitors, and contribute to the economic vitality of the communities they serve," said Lance Thurston, President and CEO of GBHS. "With this suite of initiatives now moving forward, we can focus on building the resiliency of our health care system across Grey Bruce."

Volunteer Drivers Needed in Meaford/Thornbury area To Give their Neighbours a Lift

Volunteers at Home and Community Support Services of Grey Bruce often provide hours of support to their neighbours. When asked why they do it, a common response is "I may need this help someday" or "I have met so many interesting people".

"Several Volunteer Drivers have retired in the Meaford and Thornbury area recently," said Team Leader, Cindy Zettler. "If people have a couple of hours each month or week, you will find rewarding work with us" she added. Drivers help get clients to appointments, to shopping, and they help people get to and from our Day Program. Volunteer drivers are reimbursed to help with vehicle expenses.

"Our agency has been providing rides to residents of Grey Bruce for almost 25 years", commented Andy Underwood, Executive Director for Home and Community Support Services of Grey Bruce.

Home and Community Support Services of Grey Bruce is a non profit, charitable organization with the Mission "We are a team of caring staff & volunteers who provide community based services to support independence and enhance the quality of daily life for seniors & their families."

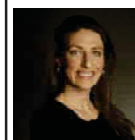
Movin' GB Transportation, Meals on Wheels, Day Away, Overnight Relief, Dining Club, and Volunteer Visiting services are provided from several offices of Home and Community Support Services. In addition, Housekeeping services are provided by paid staff. For more information about becoming a Volunteer Driver, or other volunteer opportunities or services call 519-372-2091 ext. 2821 or email Cindy Zettler at czettler@homecommunitysupport.com

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Town Continues With Record Breaking Growth

A message from Greg Miller, Chief Building Official for Town of The Blue Mountains.

I am pleased to report that the Building Services team has had the busiest first six months in the Town's history for permits and inspections. The first 6 months we have:

- Issued permits valued at \$81.3 million in construction value which is up \$28m or 52% over this time last year. The previous record was in 2006 at \$72.1m
- Issued 320 permits versus 236 this time last year; an increase of 84 permits or 36%
- Issued 145 new dwellings which is up from 80 issued this time last year; an increase of 81% (with another 18 ready to be issued). We issued 196 dwellings for all of 2016.
- Conducted 1,354 requested building inspections versus 855; an increase of 500 or 58%
- Over the past 12 months there have been 229 accumulated dwelling starts valued at \$136.7m which is up 160% the past two years
- Our volume continues to increase at an unprecedented rate with 360 applications received versus 249 this time last year; a 45% increase – and they continue to pour in
- Zoning Requests or "RFI's" are up 95% at 150 versus 77 this time last year
- We have responded to 1,845 property inquiries received via email, telephone and the front counter - up substantially from 915 inquires during the same time last year; a 102% increase.

These numbers do not include any Building Code Act enforcement such as issuing Orders, site meetings or complaint follow ups.

We continue to operate at a high performing level and have been ahead of the curve in Ontario by implementing our electronic permit service in 2016 and our electronic mobile inspections 9 years ago – no other municipality in Ontario has achieved this to my knowledge.

I would like to thank the Building Services team for continuing to perform at a high level and for their dedication to excellent customer service.

Greg Miller, BSSO, CBCO, C.E.T.
Chief Building Official
Town of The Blue Mountains
Planning & Development Services
Department

Town Honors Robert B. Waind as Senior of the Year

The Town of The Blue Mountains Council honoured Robert B. Waind as the Town of The Blue Mountains, Senior of the Year for 2017 at the council meeting held Monday June 19th. This award is part of a Provincial program that gives each municipality in Ontario the opportunity to honour one outstanding local senior, who after the age of 65 has enriched the social, cultural or civic life of his or her community.

Bob moved to the Swiss Meadows area of The Blue Mountains with his wife, Georgina, in 1981. He has been a very active presence in our community and his commitment and time investment in the issues important to him, earned him this recognition.

Bob has always been very passionate about preserving the heritage of the Town. As a former Council member, he developed the Heritage Cemeteries Program which encouraged residents to adopt a cemetery to ensure that these heritage properties were maintained. He took on the maintenance of Banks Cemetery, something he has continued to this day.

He has also been an enthusiastic ambassador for the Town, spending over 30 years on the board of the Georgian Triangle Tourism Association (GTTA). Mr. Waind first joined the GTTA in an official capacity, but was asked to continue on as a "member-at-large". He believes that the region must work together if the Town and its neighbours were to become a true four season destination.

Bob is also Chair of the Nottawasaga Watershed Improvement Project (NWIP), an arms-length committee that was established with members from the public at large. This committee has been able to secure over \$400,000 in federal and provincial funds over the past 7 years which were used for stream bank fencing, stream relocation, tree planting, and more. Because of his NWIP experience, Bob was asked to join the board of the Beaver River Watershed Alliance, helping them draft a constitution and by-laws. He sat on the board until they were up and running.

When the F2 Tornado hit the Town in 2009, Bob was there for the Town again. As one of the Town



appointees to the Grey County Tornado Disaster Relief Fund, set up by the Province to manage restoration fund disbursements, the committee spent 2 years processing funding applications.

This committee helped get people back to work, back to business and most importantly, back to their homes.

Bob has contributed to this Town as a tourism advocate, a board expert, a historical preservationist and a protector of the environment. Council wants to thank him for his countless contributions to the Town of The Blue Mountains.

How walkable is our community?

Take a walk and decide if we have a walkable community

Everyone benefits from walking. The benefits include: improved fitness, cleaner air, reduced risks of certain health problems and a greater sense of community. But walking needs to be safe and easy. Take a walk by yourself, with your

family, or with a group of friends or colleagues and use this checklist to decide if your neighbourhood is a friendly place to walk. Please complete a Walkability Checklist to voice your opinion. The Town wants to hear from you.

Getting started:

First, you'll need to pick a place to walk, like the route to school, a friend's house, a bit of an adventure or just somewhere fun to go. The second step involves the checklist. Read over the checklist before you go, and as you walk, note the locations of issues you want to highlight. At the end of your walk, give each question a rating. Then add up the numbers to see how you rated your walk overall. After you've rated your walk and identified any problem areas, the next step is to submit your checklist to the Town and staff can figure out how best to improve the score.

You can pick up your Walkability Checklist at any of the following locations. Town Hall; Beaver Valley Community Centre; L.E. Shore Library; Craigeith Heritage Depot; or Thornbury Harbour Office www.thebluemountains.ca/activetransportation.cfm

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Grey County - Blue Mountains Relationship

A Special Educational Meeting of Town Council was held at the Beaver Valley Community Centre on Thursday, June 29th to inform Council and the public on the issue of how much of our taxes we send to Grey County and to advise the Town as to its range of options as it considers its relationship with Grey County. This was an opportunity for all members of our community to learn about this important issue as the Town's Special Committee continues to work with Grey County on a solution.

The meeting consisted of a presentation by John Matheson and Michael Fenn of StrategyCorp, followed by questions from Council and the public. StrategyCorp is a firm of Toronto consultants who bill themselves as "Canada's trusted public affairs, communications and management consulting advisors".

StrategyCorp's presentation was titled "Improving fairness in allocating the cost of municipal services, A review of the options" and focused on two broad approaches to the issue that the Blue Mountains pays more than it should to the County. Two possible solutions were considered: 1) Change the Structure of Grey County or 2) Work with Grey County to ensure the Blue Mountains gets a "fair" deal.

It was clear from the presentation and the discussion that followed that there was no simple, easy solution to this issue, and that any resolution will take a lot of negotiation and the co-operation of the rest of Grey County.

Upper tiers have always existed with these goals in mind...

Create governance units of sufficient size to leverage capabilities

Pooling:

- Resources
- Capacity
- Consolidated delivery of provincial services

Matters of shared regional interest

- Major roadways, other infrastructure, human services, often regional planning
- Although there are legal processes for restructuring, implementing

A look at the numbers:

To calculate the taxes on a property, you take the value set by MPAC for the property multiplied by the mill rate. There are two parts to the levy that need to be considered. The mill rate is one but the second is the total assessed value of property in the municipality set by MPAC. That assessment is divided by the Town's budget which determines the mill rate.

Value of a typical home for 2017 from www.aboutmyproperty.ca

The assessed value of a typical residential home in

The Blue Mountains is \$403,000. and waterfront \$857,000.

Grey Highlands is \$229,000. and waterfront \$476,000.

Meaford is \$245,000 and waterfront \$492,000.

Owen Sound is \$204,000. and waterfront \$303,000.

The following chart presented at the Educational Meeting shows the permanent population of the Blue Mountains being comparable to Grey Highlands and Meaford, however the number of households in the Blue Mountains is higher. Grey Highlands and Meaford show approx 2 persons per household with Blue Mountains having approx 1, using the permanent resident figure. From the Town's Citizens Satisfaction Survey 60% of part-time residents envisioned becoming full-time residents at some point with 28% believing this would happen in the next five years. A 2012 Blue Mountains staff report suggests that the total population of The Blue Mountains is closer to 21,000. Those that own property and may not live here also contribute to the tax levy. Therefore \$14,135,410 divided by 21,000 residents = \$673 per capita. (Information from the 2016 census)

Town	Municipal County Levy	% Of total	Households	% Of total	Per Household	Permanent Population	% Of total	Per Capita
Blue Mountains	\$14,135,419	26%	6,477	13%	\$2,182.40	7,025	7%	\$2,012.16
Grey Highlands	\$6,393,994	12%	5,299	11%	\$1,206.64	9,804	10%	\$652.18
Meaford	\$6,220,217	11%	5,590	11%	\$1,112.74	10,991	11%	\$565.94
Owen Sound	\$7,810,487	14%	9,607	20%	\$812.99	21,688	23%	\$360.13
Grey County	\$54,340,235		47,560		\$1,142.56	93,830		\$579.13

these processes proves difficult due to the impact of political obstacles

- The process is challenging for the province,
- And is typically unpopular at the local level
- The provincial signals are pretty clear: "Sure you can restructure...if you can agree on it."

Grey County Council has 18 members who represent the county's nine local municipalities (two from each). County Council is led by a Warden who is elected each year by council. County Council makes decisions and oversees a number of projects and services delivered by county staff.

County Services

- 911 Civic Addressing
- Affordable Housing
- Agricultural Support
- Child Care and Development
- County Forest Management
- County Trails Management
- Construction and Maintenance of

Roads, Bridges and Structures

- Economic Development
- Emergency Management
- Grey Roots Museum and Archives
- Homelessness Prevention
- Information Technology
- Land Use Planning and Policies
- Long-Term Care Homes
- Ontario Early Years
- Ontario Works
- Paramedic Services
- Provincial Offences Administration (Court)
- Tourism Development and Promotion

A few options to debate going forward could include

- More service for the same price
- Less service for a smaller price (municipality)
- Less service for a smaller price (county-wide)
- Service migration from County to lower tier in exchange for a lower county rate (as a result of removal of a county-wide service)

Crop Walk

Grey County Soil & Crop are hosting a "Crop Walk" on Friday, July 14, at 10:00 A.M. in the Holstein area. Meet at the Egremont Optimist Community Hall in Holstein (392137 Grey Rd 109). This Crop Walk will provide an excellent opportunity to walk a variety of crop fields which will include peas for export to India, new hybrid rye, corn, beans, cereals and forages. This is a great opportunity to obtain current crop updates.

Tour will include fields at Lewis Land and Stock, and the Solar Farm

Pizza lunch will be served at the Egremont Optimist Community Hall in Holstein at noon, where a Q and A session will also take place.

Cost for the lunch will be \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members.

Refreshments will be served at the start of the day, break and lunch.

Thanks to our Sponsors: Sprucedale Agromart, and North Wellington Co-op. Everyone is invited to participate! For info and to register please email info@greyagservices.ca or call 519-986-3756. We look forward to seeing you on the Crop Walk!!!!!!

Citizens Hold Community Roundtable Discussion to Brainstorm Communications Issues



**"I want to be heard.
I want to know I've been heard.
And I want to find ways of being heard."**

This plea from Kimberly Edwards, a young mother, was echoed by many concerned residents at a lively grassroots Roundtable June 20th at the Marsh Street Centre, Clarksburg.

Sponsored by the Citizens' Communication Committee (CCC), the open forum, a seminal event in our area, drew around 80 diverse stakeholders and voters.

(The CCC, an offshoot of Citizens' Corner, is tasked with addressing communications issues with the Town. A delegation from the five-member committee have met three times to date with Town staff to assess current communications efforts, and will present suggestions from the open forum to the Town.)

The evening was facilitated by Andres Paara, a local Real Estate Broker and member of the CCC, who set a non-combative tone, along with a panel of five community representatives: Kimberly Edwards of Free Spirit Gardens, representing young working families; John Milne, a media consultant and former board member of The Blue Mountains Public Library; Peter Bordignon, president of the Blue Mountains Ratepayers' Association (BMRA); Linda Wykes, editor and publisher of The Blue Mountains Review, and Rosemary Gosselin, retired journalist and psychotherapist, and member of the CCC. (Alar Soever, founder of Citizens' Corner and editor of Citizens' Pages, was unable to attend the meeting, as was panelist June Porter.)

In his opening remarks, Andres said, "This is a chance for us all to brainstorm our ideas about how we can improve communication with Town Council and Staff", and cautioned against getting into what one wag has called "Gripes of Wrath".

If you want to really explore issues in depth, come to the Citizens' Corner at the Corner Café & Grill every Monday from four to seven."

He reminded the audience that the Mayor, when he ran for election, recommended an open mic for comments from the public at the close of Council Meetings, and cited

one Councillors' scolding, published in a local paper, about "the public is not to be trusted."

He welcomed Councillors Michael Seguin, Joe Halos, John McGee, Deputy Mayor Gail Ardiel and "the Town's Unofficial Mayor, James Hindle."

Peter Bordignon emphasized the need to know the facts, and "focus on causes, not cases," while media expert John Milne outlined the rudiments of good communication, getting a laugh when he said, "omitting adverbs and adjectives helps the process."

Kimberly Edwards, former Chair of the now-defunct Sustainability Committee, told the audience "we were supposed to be a liaison between the Town and the public." (The committee was formed to foster goals laid out in "The Blue Mountains Sustainable Path", a pricey 2010 publication detailing aspirations and goals set with extensive community collaboration.) Kim pointed out that to appeal to her cohort, technology and terminology requires more zing.

Rosemary Gosselin added, "There is so much more to care about here in this ancient and beautiful landscape than simply development. "An old war-horse activist", she commended the community for its warmth and caring, and "capacity to mobilize when we're blindsided by decisions that affect our lives". She also advocated for an all-inclusive Communications Workshop at Town Hall.

Linda Wykes of Riverside Graphics, recalled "40 years ago helping my father put together the local paper - The Valley Courier." The Blue Mountains Review which she publishes monthly, recently sent out their 30th edition to 3000 households in The Blue Mountains and partners with the crowd-funded Citizens' Pages. The bluemountainsreview.ca site has also been upgraded to post news items as they happen and welcomes community input. She encouraged people to use VISITBLUE.ca as a community hub which links to websites for local businesses, organizations, volunteering, events and local news. (continued on next page)

Welcome to the Citizens' Pages

This is the eighth monthly issue of the Citizen's Pages, a citizen funded insert into the Blue Mountains Review. This insert allows for an extra four pages of news about what is going on in our Town.

If you like reading us, please follow the link below and make a donation to keep us going.
<https://www.gofundme.com/Citizens-Page-in-the-Blue-Mts-Review>

Donations can also be made to the Citizens' Pages care of The Blue Mountains Review and be dropped off at Riverside Graphics in Clarksburg.

We can't do it without your support! We have managed to raise enough to survive for our first eight issues, but we are surviving month to month.

All of the funds we receive go towards printing and distribution. All content and editing is provided by citizen volunteers.

Alar Soever, Editor

Citizens' Pages in the Blue Mountains Review

Citizens Hold Community Roundtable Discussion to Brainstorm Communications Issues (continued)

CITIZENS' REMARKS AND SUGGESTIONS

For a large cross-section of stakeholders, the chief complaint was the failure of Town officials to reply to, or even acknowledge letters.

"This 'policy' of not responding to constituents' letters leaves a huge gap to be filled with conjecture", attested one panelist, "and leaves the sender feeling futile.

"Nothing fuels anger like feeling helpless and unheard, especially after spending time and thought into writing a letter about an issue affecting your life."

Others noted "The buck stops at the top. The Mayor sets the example."

Some creative solutions were voiced. "What if each query was assigned a number", offered Celine Szoges, echoed by Lynne Marriott. "If you haven't heard back, ask to have your request traced. Quality management would be key..."

While letters were the main target, Council members protested vociferously that they were "very approachable" and "happy to return phone calls and talk with constituents." But they didn't explain why letters weren't replied to.

Casey Thomson, who serves on the Town's Economic Development Committee and owns The Cheese Gallery, agreed. "I can call any of the Councillors and get their ear."

Paula Hope, Chair of the BMRA Communications Committee and resident of Lora Bay recalled, "When the developer was going to take away our recreation centre, we fought to retain it, and we got it back. I found the Councillors totally approachable."

Part-time resident Karen Feyer recommended instituting the Ward system here: "In Toronto, I have my own Ward representative. We have a good relationship and I know I have her ear."

Debbie Crosskill, long-time resident, artist and on the Beaver River Water Initiative Management Team, expressed a wish for more courteous dialogue: "It matters to me how we talk with each other."

Paul Wilson, author, journalist and chair of VOCAL (Voices of Community for Accountable Leadership) observed: "We seem to be very thin-skinned in this town...too quick to take offence. We should be able to disagree vigorously but civilly, and then go to a local pub and have a drink together!" "And we need a really good community paper to provide unbiased coverage and reflect the community back to itself." He cited the Meaford Independent as a good example, praising editor Stephen Vance's thorough analysis of library issues as "influencing a positive outcome in which the Meaford Library Board quickly got back on track."

Meaford was mentioned more than once. The Meaford

Council videotapes its sessions, and when a local resident brought this to John McGee's attention, he promoted it in Council. "We're looking to the Fall to videotape our sessions here too. Maybe that will help with communication."

Ron Hartlen mentioned an experience with the communication gap. Some years ago, in responding to a staff-initiated routine survey about water, Ron added an enquiry as to which INDIVIDUAL staffer was ultimately responsible for water quality. No reply was forthcoming at that time. It was suggested from the Forum Floor that perhaps Councillors in attendance might speak to the issue. Deputy Mayor Ardiel and Councillor Halos informed the attendees that, to paraphrase "WE ARE ALL responsible, because it's the LAW". So Ron got an answer...but not to the very specific PRACTICAL question asked some years ago..."

There was a bid from the floor to add a phrase to the Code of Conduct about responding to mail from constituents. Apparently Meaford has a protocol for this. Deputy Mayor Ardiel responded that the Code of Conduct is a Provincial matter and "You'll have to ask the Premier."

Mike D'Abramo led the call for Town Hall meetings, seconded by Rosemary Mesley who recently moved from Clearview Township where she participated in Town Hall meetings and found them very effective. Clearview also has a Ward system.

When several community members complained about the difficulty in navigating TOBM procedures, Town Hall regular Paul Mitchell urged fellow citizens to attend Council meetings. "That's where you'll learn the ropes about how things work in this Town. It's the best way I know of to educate ourselves."

Peter Bordignon offered to task the BMRA with asking the Mayor, Council and Staff for a clear policy on communications, and to follow up with other ideas from the public.

A fellow-panelist said she appreciated his response, as the Citizens' Communication Committee is committed to this work, and "a collaboration with BMRA would be useful in moving forward with the evening's consensus."

CONCLUSION

In closing, Andres Paara asked for a show of hands in response to three questions:

- Should we continue with our objective to improve communication and collaboration with the Town?
- Should we hold another open forum like this to address the next relevant questions, and to continue to build on this initiative?
- Would you like us to go to the Town and present the results from this evening?

The room was a sea of hands.

The open forum was a model of healthy community dialogue, warmed by applause for each speaker. The event ended with a time for networking, the Marsh Street Community Centre buzzing with conversation and connection.

Staff Suspect Water Leaking into New Cell at Landfill Causing Huge Cost Overrun

A Special Meeting of Council was held on June 26th to receive [Staff Report CSPW.17.077, "Request for Leachate Budget Increase"](#) and for Council to approve increasing the 2017 landfill operation Budget for leachate management by \$180,750 from \$236,250 to a total of \$417,000.

The \$180,750 increase includes, \$87,500 for the leachate haulage contract with Region of Huronia Environmental Services, \$81,250 for the 2017 landfill operation Budget for leachate treatment and \$12,000 for odour treatment and manifest fees.

The new landfill cell completed October 2015 uses a liner and leachate collection system. Collected leachate (rain water and moisture from incoming waste) is removed from the cell by tanker truck and hauled for treatment at the Craighleith Waste Water Treatment Plant.

The anticipated annual production of leachate, as identified during the site design process, was 7,000 cubic metres per year, however in 2016, a total of 25,000 cubic metres was hauled. As a result, the budget for leachate haulage and treatment was increased for 2017 to 17,500 cubic metres. This volume has already been trucked and treated as of the end of May, 2017.

Town Staff is investigating the source of the additional leachate. Rainfall this year has been above the historical average for January to May, but not enough to account for the increase in leachate.

The focus is being placed on the open end of the cell where the lined cell will be expanded. A change in the liner design during construction may be permitting groundwater to infiltrate at the southern boundary of the cell.

Staff will be meeting with the design engineer and contract administrator June 27, 2017 to understand how and why the field modification was made and to develop a plan to correct as necessary the installed works this fall.

The original design concept involved the liner flap positioned on top of a berm. This elevated position would block groundwater flow. The flow from the adjacent waste mound would be naturally attenuated. During construction a design change was made that possibly permits groundwater to enter the lined portion of the cell.

Staff will provide a detailed report to Council once further information is available.

Looking ahead to 2018 an estimated budget increase, based on an additional 12,500 cubic metres of leachate haulage and treatment, of \$180,750 will represent a 1.24% increase over the 2017 taxation levy. During the budgeting process Staff will be looking at ways to reduce this impact to the tax rate.

What is Citizens' Corner and what happens there.

Citizens' Corner is an informal discussion group that meets every Monday (except on Holiday Weekends) from 4 to 7 pm at the Corner Café.

Since its inception in November 2016 it has grown to a group of about 20 regular attendees, with several more people who drop in from time to time. There is no membership fee and no paperwork to fill out. All citizens of the Town of Blue Mountains are welcome to drop by for some socializing and friendly discussion on the issues facing the Town.

The Citizens' Corner has become the go to place for groups who want to have their concerns heard. We have had the Woodland Park residents, the West Harbour residents, the Cameron Street residents and the Mill Pond residents all present information about their issues.

The evening starts off at 4 pm or shortly after with some socializing, getting to know each other, as well as general discussion about a wide variety of topics.

At 5 pm we start a formal agenda, which covers the topics on the agenda which has been sent out the mailing list. The Agenda is also post on the Citizens' Pages page on the Blue Mountains Review website.

Usually discussion of the agenda items is finished by 6 pm, after which some people stay around for more socializing and discussion.

Citizens at the

THE CORNER

CAFÉ & GRILL

Come out and meet people who are interested in what is going on in the Town, and what is before Council. All citizens are invited to drop in at the Community Room at Corner Café on most Monday nights between 4 and 7 (except for holiday weekends) for some socializing and friendly discussion on the issues facing the Town and what is on the Council Agenda.

Come, meet new friends, listen, and have your say.

Rules: Be polite, respect other people's opinions, and if you don't agree with them, just remember: They have the right to be wrong.

Know your businesses

This Month's Business Royal Harbour Resort

1. What did the factory produce that was located on the site of the Royal Harbour Resort?
2. Does the Royal Harbour Resort have local fitness memberships? Yes or No.
3. Does the Royal Harbour Resort offer accommodation to non-members? Yes or No.



Special Educational Meeting of Town Council On the Town/County Relationship

A Special Educational Meeting of Town Council being held at the Large Hall, Beaver Valley Community Centre, 58 Alfred Street West, Thornbury, ON on Thursday, June 29, 2017 at 6:00 PM.

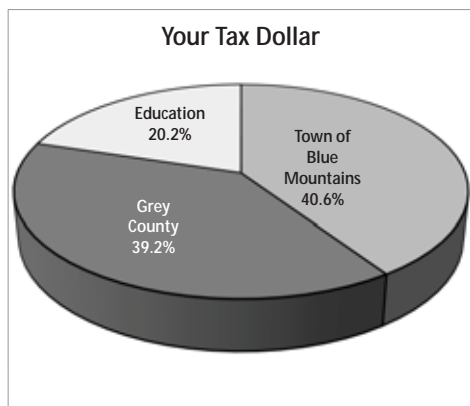
The topic of discussion will be the financial burdens facing our Town, particularly with respect to the County levy.

Under the current arrangements, the Town is required to pay a disproportionate share of the costs of Grey County.

Today, even though we are less than 7% of the permanent population of Grey County, the current formula requires us to pay 26% of the costs of operating the County.

This is an increase from 20% at the time of amalgamation of the TBM, Last year we sent \$13.8 million of our tax dollars to Grey County, far more than the next largest contributor, Owen Sound at \$7.7 million.

Of your tax dollar 40.6% goes to the Town (Tier 2 government), 39.2% goes to the County (Tier 1 government) and 20.2% goes to the Province of Ontario for Education.



Although we pay 26% of the County expenditures we only have two votes on the 18 person County Council, so very little say on how this money is spent.

The TBM Council has raised this matter at County Council, and at our request, County Council recently created a committee to study this situation. To prepare for this process, Council is holding a special educational session to gain better insight into the issues, and to solicit advice on the options available to the TBM.

This will be a workshop session, for which the Town has engaged a firm with expertise in local government and finance.

This is an opportunity for all members of our community to learn about this important issue, and we encourage you to attend this special meeting where there will be an opportunity for public participation.

Changes at Library Herald a New Era of Openness and Consultation

Recent changes at the Town of Blue Mountains Library including the appointment of new Library Board Members and the firing of the CEO, and the appointment of an interim CEO, seem to be bringing refreshing change to this cherished institution.

Cindy Weir has been appointed of Interim CEO. Cindy holds a Master of Library Science, and has a long and successful career in the public library field. She has earned special recognition among her peers across the province, particularly in the areas of Children's Rights in the Public Library and has been very active in the Ontario Library Association (OLA). She is a former member of the OLA Board and was president of the Ontario Public Library Association. She has been a highly successful CEO in Sault Ste. Marie, Owen Sound and Orangeville.

Cindy grew up in the South Georgian Bay area and has always had family in the area, including her great-grandfather who had a farm on the eighth line near Victoria Corners. Cindy now lives with her husband in Owen Sound.

The Board has embarked on the search for a new CEO which is a critically important task that may take some time.

On June 7th, the Blue Mountains Library Board adopted the following single Strategic Plan goal: "The Blue Mountains Library Board, together with our CEO, Staff and Community Members, will work collaboratively to strengthen, build and maintain positive, respectful relationships and communications."

The Library is now in the process of consulting with all of its stakeholders (staff, patrons, advisory groups, etc.) to collect suggestions on how we can action and achieve this goal together. You are invited to participate by sharing your suggestions on or before July 6th:

(a) Use the library website: libraryinfo@thebluemountains.ca

(b) Write us a note and drop it in to L.E. Shore Memorial Library, or the Craigleith Heritage Depot.

(c) Attend and participate in person at one of the following Community Meetings:

Monday, June 26 at 6:00pm at L.E. Shore Memorial Library
Thursday, June 29 at 2:00pm at Craigleith Heritage Depot
Sunday, July 2 at 1:00pm at Craigleith Heritage Depot
Sunday, July 2 at 2:00pm at L. E. Shore Memorial Library
Tuesday, July 4 at 10:00am at L.E. Shore Memorial Library
Wednesday, July 5 at 6:00pm at Craigleith Heritage Depot

Answers to Know Your Businesses The Royal Harbour Resort

1. Skate Blades
2. Yes. You can buy fitness memberships to use the facilities at the Royal Harbour Resort. No need to drive to Collingwood.
3. Yes. You can do a nightly rental at the Royal Harbour Resort.



Phragmites in the Grey Sauble Watershed



On Thursday August 10 and Friday August 11 from 10 am to 2 pm, the Beaver River Watershed Initiative in partnership with Grey Sauble Conservation Authority will be hosting a Phragmites cutting event at Peasemars Conservation Area, Hwy 26 near Thornbury.

If you live along the sandy shores of Southern Georgian Bay or Lake Huron, you have probably heard of Phragmites. Phragmites australis (pronounced frag-my-tees), also known as European Common Reed is one of Ontario's worst invasive species. This tall perennial grass can reach heights of 5 meters and form stands as dense as 200 stems per square meter. The large red seed head, thick green stems and leaves are prominent features to help identify Phragmites.

Phragmites stands develop and expand quickly through seed dispersal, underground roots and horizontal runners. Dispersal to new locations occurs through water, air or animal movement, as well as human actions and equipment including hiking, boats and ATVs. Phragmites can now be found throughout the Grey Sauble Watershed along road side ditches, river banks and shorelines. Once established in a location it is extremely difficult to control due to its extensive root systems and proximity to water. Phragmites infestations can result in loss of wildlife habitat and biodiversity.

Trimmers available for community groups!

The Beaver River Watershed Initiative has generously provided two long reach hedge trimmers to enable volunteer groups to manage Phragmites. The units are housed at Grey Sauble Conservation Authority and are available for a maximum of three days at a time per group, free of charge. Grey Sauble Conservation staff will work with these groups to provide safety training and preparation leading up to cutting events. Since there are no herbicides approved for over water use, cutting Phragmites annually using these trimmers is one of the most effective methods for control. The optimal time to cut Phragmites is between late July and early August as the plant is putting all its energy into seed production. To learn more about hosting a Phragmites cutting event with your group, borrowing the trimmers or about how you can be involved in this watershed-wide effort, please visit the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority website for more information: www1.greysauble.on.ca or contact Stewardship Technician Rebecca Ferguson, 519-376-3076 ext 236 r.ferguson@greysauble.on.ca.

Seniors Information & Active Living Fair

September 13, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Beaver Valley Community Centre

Sponsored by Seniors Network – Blue Mountains

Co-Housing? What's that? For the first time, the Blue Mountains' Seniors Fair will feature presentations by several types of cohousing initiatives. They represent different approaches to consciously creating neighbourhoods that focus on seniors aging well in the community; people living independently while relying on neighbourly mutual support. The Fair offers far more, including more than 40 exhibitors eager to offer information about a broad range of services and resources (not just housing) available for seniors & caregivers. Live music and healthy snacks will be there for everyone to enjoy. FREE admission event. Need a ride? Call Beaver Valley Outreach 519 599 2577, ext. 29.

Historical Bridge in Clarksburg Under Repairs



While the Black Bridge is under rehabilitation the Bridge will be closed to both vehicle and pedestrian traffic until mid October. A detour route has been posted.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

To be included in this listing post your event on www.visitbluemountains.ca

DETAILS SUBJECT TO CHANGE- CONFIRM WITH ORGANIZERS

L.E. SHORE LIBRARY GALLERY OIL AND WATER

Show runs till August 31st

Experimental water-colours by Lise Meyers, with large scale representational oils by Ona Alisauskas. Both artists use local landscapes for inspiration, but their creative paths soon diverge.

JAZZ BY THE BAY.CA

Sunday, Aug 13, 6:00-8:00pm

Bayview Park, Thornbury
Fraser Melvin Band Rain location call 519-599-3345 Bring your lawnchair, by donation. Picnic suppers available

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

Saturday August 12th

L.E. Shore Memorial Library
Tie Dye Party from 10:30am-12:30pm. Suggested ages 5-17. Please bring a white cotton material item - t-shirt, towel, sheet, pillowcase, pants, socks
LEGO afternoon 2pm-3pm, Suggested ages 5-12 years. Free programs. All are welcome, but limited space. Register online.

FAMARAMA

Saturday, Aug 12 - Sunday, Aug 13

Blue Mountain Village
Family fun all weekend long!

INDIGENOUS LIFE FESTIVAL

Friday, Aug 18 - Sunday, Aug 20

Blue Mountain Village
Commemorating Canada's sesquicentennial and the First Nations People whose land we share, we welcome you to a celebration of Indigenous culture. Live music by LOGAN STAATS, traditional crafts, shelters and games, storytelling, educational activities, Speakers Panel and more live music.

SUMMER STREET PARTY

Friday, Aug 25, 6-9pm

Downtown Thornbury
Live Music and Dancing, Street Food, Family Activities

SHORELINE CHORUS SUMMER CONCERT

Friday, Aug 25, 7:30pm

St. George's Anglican Church
The Shoreline Chorus presents "Songs & Sonnets" under the direction of Ann-Marie MacDairmid. Selected music by Schubert, Strauss, Schumann, Shearing, Sondheim, and Simon. Tickets \$15.00 519-599-2710.

CORN ROAST

Saturday Aug 26, 5-7pm

St. George's Anglican Church

the tower brickwork restoration, come and buy a brick or two or more and help with the restoration of the church tower.

WILD WONDERS

aturday, Aug 26 - Sunday, Aug 27

Blue Mountain Village
Edutainment with an animal flair! Free-flying birds of prey, indigenous animal and reptile shows, street performers, live music, creepy crawly scavenger hunt, hiking and lots more!

CONCERT with PAT ROBITAILLE

aturday, Aug 26, 8-11pm

Marsh Street Centre. Tickets \$20
Call 519-599-7837

SUMMER SUNDOWN

aturday, Sep 2 - Monday, Sep 4

Blue Mountain Village
Bid the season farewell as the hottest summer entertainment returns for encore performances and tons of live music including LAZO reggae band, Jane's Party, FIREWORKS, ukulele lessons, magic shows, hiking, biking & scenic gondola rides.

THORNBURY JAZZWORKS

riday, Sept 8, 7:30pm

Marsh Street Centre
Featuring Dean Hollin celebrating the times and music of Cole Porter

CANADA'S ONLY GUITAR TRAIL™

aturday, Sep 9

Blue Mountain and Village
Hiking with a musical twist!
BEAVER VALLEY FALL FAIR

riday September 8

aturday, September 9

www.beavervalleyfallfair.ca

Cobble Beach Concours

d'Elegance celebrates 5 years

The Cobble Beach Golf Resort Community Kemble, is proud to announce its 5th annual Concours d'Elegance, taking place September 16th-17th.

As Canada's most prestigious classic automotive show, the Concours d'Elegance has become a renowned event in the classic automobile community while raising over \$300,000 for the Sunnybrook Foundation and the Owen Sound Regional Hospital Foundation.

www.cobblebeach.com

Thornbury Jazzworks Announces Fall Series

The Thornbury Jazzworks Fall Series starts on Friday September 8, at 7:30pm at the Marsh Street Centre with Dean Hollin bringing his Cole Porter show straight from a run at the Grand Theatre in London. Titled "Cole-Hearted", this musical biography celebrating the life, times and music of Cole Porter features one of the most important composers of classic Jazz. He will be accompanied by a jazz trio led by Steve Thomas, Musical Director of Charlottetown Festival & Drayton Festival Theatres. Tickets \$25.

Back at the L.E. Shore Library, Friday September 29, 7:30pm we welcome Bob DeAngelis, one of Canada's most accomplished instrumentalists featuring the clarinet. Tickets \$20.

On Friday October 24, 7:30pm the Chantry Island Quartet will perform the rarely heard Suite No.1 for Flute and Jazz Piano Trio by Claude Bolling. Meryl Gillmore, Principal Flute of the Georgian Bay Symphony Orchestra will be the soloist. Tickets \$20.

Friday Nov 24, 7:30pm will host the CD Release Party of the new album by Mary-Catherine Pazzano. MC, as the rising jazz vocalist is known, will have the Don Buchanan Quartet to provide the harmonies for her amazing voice. Tickets \$20.

Tickets at Thornbury Pharmasave when available.

www.thornburyjazz.com



You are invited to "Flower Power" in the Gallery at

*The L.E. Shore Memorial Library
173 Bruce Street S., Thornbury
Opening Reception Sat., Sept. 9, 2-4pm
Show at library gallery Sept 1-30*

*Judy Moore - 416-859-0773
judymooredesign.com*



100 Women (Or More) Who Care About Local Community Causes and Who Are Committed To Community Service.

How it Works

- The group meets for an hour and jointly select a local charity or not-for-profit organization.
- Every woman writes a \$100 cheque directly to the selected organization and receives a tax receipt from that organization.
- Then watch how the group's commitment turns into a \$10,000+ donation.
- These meetings are done four times a year and the total commitment from each person is 4 hours and \$400 a year.

Getting started:

A steering committee of 5 local women, Catherine Daw, RoseMary Boyd, Betty Donaher, Helen Peacock and Hania Krajewski (519-599-2570), are preparing to launch a chapter of this amazing idea and movement with a first meeting **Wednesday September 27, 2017**. We are seeking founding members. Want to learn more or sign up? www.100womensouthgeorgiantriangle.com. or e-mail to: 100wwcsqt@gmail.com

You are invited to celebrate the 90th Birthday of **ART LAPOINTE** Town Crier for The Blue Mountains at the Marsh Street Centre, Saturday, September 16th from 2:30-5:00pm

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Monthly fruit & veggie box.
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519.599.2577 x 26

Making good things happen in our community!



The National Barrel Horse Association, headquartered in Augusta, Georgia, is the largest barrel racing organization in the world. In 1992, the NBHA revolutionized the barrel racing industry by pioneering the divisional format, which allows riders of all skill levels a chance to win money and prizes in barrel racing competition. NBHA has over 23,000 members of all ages. The purpose of the National Barrel Horse Association is to provide barrel racers with an international organization that will promote the sport of barrel racing and its growth.

Blair Mackey, a local rider qualified for the NBHA youth world show in Perry, Georgia, held July 22-29, in 3 divisions. He rode his mare Tia Little Chickory and his coaches horse Rocky Strait Rockin. He also has qualified with Maddy Harbottle for the NBHA open show this October.

How walkable is our community?

Take a walk by yourself, with your family, or with a group of friends or colleagues and **use the checklist** developed by the Town to decide how walkable your neighbourhood is.

Walking has so many benefits to our community! Help us make it better.

Please complete a Walkability Checklist to voice your opinion. The Town wants to hear from you.

Pick up your **Walkability Checklist** at any of the following locations or access it digitally at: www.thebluemountains.ca/activetransportation.cfm.

- Town Hall
- Beaver Valley Community Centre
- Blue Mountains Public Library
- Craigeleith Heritage Depot
- Thornbury Harbour

You can also drop off your completed checklist at Town Hall.



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DOROTHY EMMELINE RUTHVEN

Born in St. Vincent Township on February 4, 1924, a daughter of the late Andrew Russell and Mary Emma (nee Almond) Ormsby, Dorothy passed away peacefully at the Meaford Long Term Care Centre on Monday July 17, 2017 at the age of 93. Dorothy was predeceased by her beloved husband Robert Donald Ruthven in 1986 and she is lovingly remembered as Mom to her children Bev and her husband Harold Ardiel of Clarksburg, John Ruthven and his wife Denise also of Clarksburg, Kathy and her husband Jim Uram of Thornbury and Janice and her husband Norman Sandberg of Collingwood. She will be sorely missed and remembered as a devoted Gramma and More Gram to her ten grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren: Gini (Kelly) Hill of Carmel, Indiana and children Savannah, Ryland and Ava; Keith Ardiel (Sara) of Freelon and children Kalia and Kody; Michelle (Alex) Lionetti of Barrie and children Cassandra and Marissa; Melanie Ruthven-Robertson (Tim) of Thornbury and children Camryn, Aniah and Hayden; Amanda Ruthven (Ian) also of Thornbury and daughter Harper; Kevin Simons (Jennifer) of Meaford and children Jocelyn and Gabriel; Sarah Uram (James) of Bowmanville; Jaimi Uram (Jon) of London; Meghan Rowbotham (Adam) of Nottawa and children Hunter and Elliott; and Travis Sandberg of Collingwood. Dorothy was a dear sister to Marie (late Carman) Hare and Glenn Ormsby and his wife Viola of Meaford, and she was predeceased by brothers R. E. 'Ted' Ormsby (late Mary) of Meaford, Keith Ormsby (late Marion) of Sudbury, and Jack Ormsby also of Meaford and is remembered fondly by his wife Lois. She was a special aunt to her many nieces and nephews and their families.

CYBER PROTECTION

"...cybercriminals are aggressively using attacks that depend on clicks by humans rather than vulnerable software exploits—tricking victims into carrying out the attack themselves"

Websites suggested by the OPP Frauds and Victims program for better security.
www.dashlane.com;
www.bitdefender.com; www.sophos.com

DONALD JEFFREY LOUCKS

Jeff Loucks of Clarksburg passed away peacefully at Chapman House Hospice in Owen Sound on Thursday July 20, 2017 at the age of 54. Born in Toronto on February 25, 1963, he was the much loved son of Murray and Jacquie (née Welstead) Loucks. Jeff was the loving husband and friend of Barbara (née Lanktree) Loucks of Clarksburg. He will be the sadly missed 'Dad' of Krystal Dean and her husband Ernest of Bala, and Samantha Loucks of Clarksburg, and will be missed also by his furry grandbabies 'Zilla' and 'Pansy'. Jeff was the dear brother of Lynne Preet and her husband David of Innisfil. He will be remembered fondly by his many aunts, uncles and extended family and friends.

JAMES NELSON 'JIM' THATCHER

Born in Guelph on November 21, 1932, a son of the late Edgar and Mabel (nee Early) Thatcher, Jim, a long time resident of Thornbury, passed away peacefully at the Meaford Hospital on July 23, 2017 at the age of 84. Jim was predeceased by his beloved wife Joyce 'Jo' (nee Yamamoto) in 2014 and is remembered as the much loved father of Jay Thatcher of Toronto and Jill Thatcher (John Pedlar) of Sault Ste. Marie. He will be sorely missed by his grandchildren Claire and Naomi Thatcher and Sadie and Rosa Pedlar along with several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by brothers Edward and Bruce Thatcher and by sisters Marguerite Barnett and Joan Price and is survived by a brother-in-law Willard Price. Jim enjoyed a long and successful career teaching French and German in high schools in Burlington and Flesherton. He also completed graduate studies in France and taught in Germany. After retiring from teaching he was a realtor with local brokerages. Jim was an active volunteer in the Thornbury community. He was a devoted member and committee Chair at Grace United Church in Thornbury, a long-time volunteer with the L.E. Shore Memorial Library, as well as with local soccer teams and Rotary. He was an avid skier, curler, genealogist, Probus member, and dedicated participant in his coffee club. Family will receive friends at the Ferguson Funeral Home, The Valley Chapel, 20 Alice St. E. in Thornbury on Thursday September 7 from 6 until 8 p.m. Funeral services, officiated by Reverend Thérèse Samuel, will be conducted at Grace United Church, Bruce St. S. in Thornbury on Friday

September 8, 2017 at 1 p.m. with a family service of committal and interment of ashes to follow at Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery. Friends are invited to gather at the L.E. Shore Memorial Library on Bruce St. following the memorial service where family will gather following the interment to share remembrances and fellowship with all.

KATHLEEN ELIZABETH LARMONDIN

Kathleen 'Kay' Larmondin of Thornbury passed away peacefully at the Meaford Hospital in her 81st year on July 24, 2017. She was born in Tillsonburg, Ontario on May 12, 1937, a daughter of the late LeRoy and Pearl (nee Livingstone) Marshall. Kay was married to Clair Larmondin on January 18, 1964, who predeceased her on July 22, 1998. She was the treasured mother of Joan (Doug) Holloway, Elizabeth (Alan) Dackiw, Timothy Larmondin, Pamela Larmondin, Terrance Larmondin, and wonderful grandma of Julia, Ben and Rylie. Kay was the dear sister of Pauline Tompkins, Joe Marshall (Dorothy), and Rick Marshall, and was predeceased by her siblings Marie, Ken, and Paul. She will be remembered fondly by Clair's family and by her many friends in the community. Kay was a long time resident of Thornbury-Clarksburg. She loved to read, garden and was an avid quilter. She enjoyed volunteering and over the years she spent many hours at the River Rat Races, the Beaver Valley Arena, and the Chili CookOff. She was a long time volunteer for the

B.V. Athletic Association, the First Baptist Church Sewing Club and the Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary Club. Her commitment to her community earned her the Paul Harris Fellowship Award in 1998.

JEAN MARILYN LAKE (SALVATORE)

Born in Toronto on June 8, 1944, the daughter of the late Violet (née MacAlpine) and Arthur Lake, Jean passed away at her residence in Thornbury in the presence of her much loved husband Ben Salvatore on Saturday July 29, 2017 at the age of seventy three. Jean embarked on her career as a teacher and educator in Toronto. She taught Kindergarten in her early career and later courses in Outdoor Education. She was also a librarian with the schools in which she served. Upon retiring from that profession, Jean owned and operated her own book store, "Facts and Fantasy", in Mississauga and latterly in Erin, before retiring with her husband Ben to the Blue Mountains area which they both so enjoyed. Jean soon found a position serving with the Blue Mountains Library Board and was a volunteer of the Meaford Friends of the Library working diligently at the Net Shed supporting the library in that community. She also found time to volunteer for several years assisting the Thornbury First Baptist Church preparing weekly luncheons for anyone in the community who wished to attend. She and Ben were members of Grace United Church where Jean was a valued member of the choir.



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Front Row - Murray Parks, Dennis Morrison, Louise (Geddis) Kerr, Helen (Park) Drvis, Lynn (Kentner) Cornfield, Mary Jean (Reekie) Cline

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Present Earlier - Charles Binkley- Master of Entertainment

Unable to attend - Doris (McKittrick) Greenfield, Ruby Marchand, Marg (McLeod) Atkins, Barb McMullen, Lewis Adams, Jim Lynch, Karyn (Alderdice) Lougheed, Judy Bell, Linda Binkley, Walter Ernstberger, Tom Eastland

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Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains are seeking applications, in the form of a resume and covering letter, from members of the public for appointment to the Town of The Blue Mountains Public Library Board (one vacancy)

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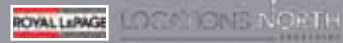
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More Turmoil at the Library Board as Vice-Chair Lloyd Brown Resigns Fifth Resignation in the last 16 months

On July 10th Lloyd Brown, Deputy Chair of the Blue Mountains Library Board resigned. He was the fifth member of the Library Board to resign in the last 16 months.



Only last month we optimistically reported that, with the new appointments to the library board, the dismissal of the Library's CEO, together with the appointment of an interim replacement, as well as a press-release stating the board's intention to engage in a public consultation process, the revitalized board seemed to have brought refreshing changes to a cherished institution.

Apparently we spoke too soon. When asked by the Citizen's Pages why he resigned Mr. Brown stated, *"I have been frustrated for some time with the operation of the Board, and had considered resigning earlier. I thought however that with the changes we had made and the consultative process we had embarked upon, we had turned a corner. It became clear to me however that the consultative process we had embarked upon was not the kind of open dialogue with stakeholders that I had hoped it would be."*

Indeed many in the community have commented that the Strategic Planning Committee Report, (pages 64-67 of the Library Board Package for July 20th) http://www.thebluemountains.ca/public_docs/events/07%2020%202017%20Library%20Board%20Package.pdf, failed to mention many of the over 200 suggestions received during the consultation, particularly the requests for a children's librarian. Indeed most of the first page of the report is focused on "what many members of the community do not understand" (See VOCAL's Open Letter response to the Board's report on page 3).

In particular, the irony of the comment that **"Many community members do not understand the role of the Library Board under the Public Libraries Act, and the**

scope of duties prescribed for individual Board Members and the Board as a whole." was not lost on those who have followed the Library Board, and recall that it was only recently that the Mayor figured out that he should sign correspondence he issued as Chair of the Library Board as the Chair and not the as the Mayor.

Lloyd Brown's shoes prove difficult to fill

At the Library Board Meeting on July 20th, the many positions held by Mr. Brown proved difficult to fill.

When Councillor Michael Martin, who was chairing the meeting in Mayor McKean's absence, called for volunteer's for the role of Vice-Chair, there were no takers. Finally Willi Wildman nominated Maurice Pepper, who reluctantly accepted the position.

Ron Gray volunteered to take up the vacancy created by Mr. Brown's resignation on the Memorandum of Understanding Committee.

Mr. Brown's place on the Strategic Planning Committee, proved harder to fill. When none of the other Board members stepped up, it was suggested that the seat remain vacant until a new Board member was appointed. After some discussion during which it was pointed out that this was an important committee whose work should continue, Ron Gray reluctantly took the position, stating he would only serve until a new Board member was appointed.

Mr. Brown was also on the hiring committee. A new member was not appointed to that committee.

COUNTDOWN TO THE NEXT ELECTION Less than 446 days

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Welcome to the Citizens' Pages

This is the eighth monthly issue of the Citizen's Pages, a citizen funded insert into the Blue Mountains Review. This insert allows for an extra four pages of news about what is going on in our Town.

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Court supports citizen's rights to speak out on issues

By Paul Wilson

On Thursday, July 27, the Toronto Star ran a front-page story that brings good news to every citizen in the province who takes an active interest in municipal affairs.

Under the headline "Ruling Protects Speech in Public Interest" (the Web version is here:

<https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2017/07/26/court-dismisses-companys-libel-lawsuit-against-teacher-over-facebook-postings.html>) the story concerned a Stouffville woman, Kate Mohammed, who was sued for libel by a company, United Soils Management Ltd., a waste soil disposal business that has a dump site in the area.

A year ago, the Stouffville council passed an amendment (opposed by the mayor) to allow the company to dispose of "acceptable fill from small quantity sources and hydro-evacuation trucks." ("Hydrovac" trucks are large tankers that use pressurized hot water and high-powered vacuuming technology to excavate sites where conventional digging machinery can't operate.)

Concerned residents responded by creating a Facebook group to protest the decision. In one of her postings, Mohammed used the words "poison" and "children." The company immediately demanded a retraction and an apology, arguing that these words suggested they were involved in criminal activity.

Mohammed complied, but a day after her retraction appeared on Facebook, the company sued her for defamation and libel, demanding a total of \$120,000 in damages.

In his July 25th decision, Justice Thomas R. Lederer dismissed the case and awarded Mohammed \$7,500 in damages. In his precedent-setting decision, he cited Ontario's relatively new anti-SLAPP suit legislation (the acronym stands for Strategic Litigation Against Public Participation), and went on to say: "Having received the apology demanded, United Soils Management went ahead and sued. What was the purpose? It had what it needed but it pressed on. This was a continuation of its desire to intimidate. . . . The proceeding is not only without substantial merit. There is no merit."

A relieved Kate Mohammed told the Star: "I just hope that Canadians realize that it's important for people to speak up on matters of public interest and that there's a law to protect them now."

This news is of particular interest for residents of the TBM, where there has been a history of SLAPP-style lawsuits. In debates on zoning issues, lawsuits have been filed by at least one developer against residents who spoke out at public meetings and wrote letters. In some cases the amounts involved were reportedly significant (in excess of \$250,000). In the cases we are aware of, the suits were later dropped or dismissed, but only after the residents had spent up to 5 years incurring legal costs to defend

themselves. Although costs were awarded, these can be difficult to collect. In at least one case, the stress of the lawsuit almost led to a family breakdown, and resulted in the respondent moving away from the community.

Over a year ago, VOCAL drew this anti-SLAPP legislation to the attention of the mayor, and then to the Town CAO, amid accusations that some Facebook postings regarding the Town of the Blue Mountains library restructuring were potentially libellous. (The immediate context was the mayor's refusal, acting as Board chair, to allow Patrick Delaney to present a deputation to the Library Board.) At the time, VOCAL was told by the CAO that the legislation did not apply.

The CAO was, strictly speaking, correct. The legislation comes into play only when libel suits are tried in court. VOCAL argued that threats of litigation go against the spirit of the anti-SLAPP law. The CAO countered that he was only interested in the letter of the law.

The new act, which came into effect in 2015, is called the Protection of Public Participation Act (PPPA) and the full text is here:

http://www.ontla.on.ca/web/bills/bills_detail.do?locale=en&Intranet=&BillID=3087

The main aims of the PPPA are:

- a. to encourage individuals to express themselves on matters of public interest;
- b. to promote broad participation in debates on matters of public interest;
- c. to discourage the use of litigation as a means of unduly limiting expression on matters of public interest; and
- d. to reduce the risk that participation by the public in debates on matters of public interest will be hampered by fear of legal action.

It goes without saying that this legislation is not a carte blanche for individuals to say in public whatever comes into their heads. Criticism of public officials (including volunteer boards) should always be fact-based and well-intended, that is, in the public interest. But it does remove the fear of libel chill, which, as we know, can happen even without a formal lawsuit. Even "fear of legal action" — and I'm assuming that this might include the frivolous or abusive application of harassment policies and codes of conduct—can discourage people from taking an active part in community affairs. The basic purpose of the PPPA is to ensure that this does not happen.

Know your businesses This Month's Business



1. On what day was the first year anniversary of the opening of the new Foodland?
2. What percentage of the store is dedicated to fresh food as opposed to dry goods?
a) 30% b) 40% c) 50% d) 60%
3. What is the daily meal deal for Wednesday?

Citizens' Pages in the Blue Mountains Review

Library news Brought to you by [VOCAL Voices of Our Community for Accountable Leadership](#)

An Open Letter to the Town of the Blue Mountains Library Board, and the Public. July 21, 2017

At the monthly Library Board meeting on Thursday July 20, 2017, the Library Board's Strategic Planning Committee (Odette Bartnicki and Willi Wildman) presented to the Board as a whole its report on a public consultation process that took place from June 15 to July 5, 2017. (The full report can be found here:

http://www.thebluemountains.ca/public_docs/events/07%2020%202017%20Library%20Board%20Package.pdf, on pp. 64-67.)

At these sessions, there was always one or more Board members present to hear comments from the public, and to ensure that the discussion stayed within its mandate: to find ways that the Library Board, the CEO, library staff and community members can "work collaboratively together to strengthen, build and maintain positive, respectful relationships and communications."

Members of VOCAL welcomed this initiative and made an effort to ensure that at least one or more of our members were present at each session. Our purpose was not to dominate the conversation, or push our agenda (which is more narrowly focussed than the committee's mandate) but rather to hear what other, non-VOCAL members of the public were saying, and to use the opportunity to have a direct conversation with board members in a collegial, informal way, something the formal structure of board meetings over the past year and a half has made virtually impossible.

Some of the sessions were very good, and made us feel cautiously optimistic that some board members, at least, were making a sincere effort to reconnect with the community, even in the face of the obvious anger and frustration of some participants, most of whom were not members of VOCAL. The well-attended June 26th meeting at the L.E. Shore Library chaired by Roewel Guzman and Maurice Pepper, was particularly lively, even fractious at times, as was the meeting on July 2, chaired by Lloyd Brown. Yet in both cases, participants came away feeling optimistic, impressed, and excited to know that the board was at last listening.

As far as I know, there were just two sessions at which the only public in attendance were members of VOCAL. Both were chaired by Ms. Bartnicki, and at both sessions, our members were very explicitly made to feel as though VOCAL was the source of the "problem" and that if we would just stop being so negative and "be supportive," all would be well.

It's not the first time VOCAL has encountered this kind of response, but it was shocking to hear it from a new board member, and for those of us present, the bubble of optimism created by the earlier sessions popped pretty quickly.

To draw an analogy, it was as if the board of directors of a company whose stock was tanking decided to blame a group of activist stock-holders for the company's failure to perform.

Which brings us to the committee's report. The report feels condescending, patronizing, and frankly, it fails to convey both the spirit and the content of what actually happened at those meetings.

There were over 200 suggestions made by a public that is passionately committed to the library, and yet the committee's

main takeaway from these sessions appears to be that the public doesn't understand how libraries work, and that if it did, all would be well.

Here is a sample of the "very important information" the committee learned from these sessions: the public doesn't access the Library Website or read the Library newsletter; they "do not understand" how boards are appointed or who owns the buildings; they "want to understand" how in-camera meetings are defined and legally justified; they "do not understand" what a library can and cannot do.

All of that may be true, but does that get us any closer to defining and fixing the problem? Is "re-educating" the public—which is essentially what the report is suggesting—really the answer? It was reminiscent of Berthold Brecht's wisecrack:

"Wouldn't it be simpler if the Government dissolved the People and elected another?" What this committee wants, apparently, is a better public to love or at least understand them, when what they should be after is a better library.

Here's one of the committee's most important "discoveries."

Many community members do not understand the role of Library Board under the Public Libraries Act, and the scope of duties prescribed for individual Board Members and the Board as a whole.

With all due respect, in the past-that-shall-not-be-mentioned, it was the library board that didn't understand its role. It's a well-documented fact that this board never received proper orientation at the beginning of its term, as its own by-laws require. In the assessment, not just of VOCAL, but of former library board members as well, this was a major factor contributing to the bad decisions that led to the current crisis. Some even felt that they were being deliberately kept in the dark.

The report leaves the impression that the Strategic Planning Committee does not really want to understand what went wrong. Comments about "the past" –and they heard plenty of those – are apparently out of bounds, or not worth mentioning. Yet those actions in the past are the main reason for the current lack of public confidence, and the Board alone can fix it. And it's worth noting that when the board does do the right thing, the public response is immediate and positive.

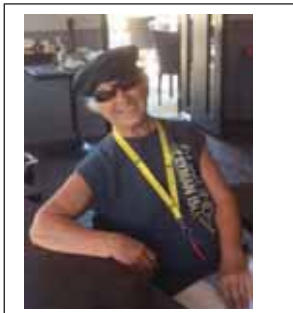
What is to be done? For a start, VOCAL believes the board should reject this report and ask the committee to write a more accurate one, or resign. The board should recognize that these consultations are only a beginning, and that there are other outstanding issues still to be addressed. For example, the optics of having the mayor as library chair are terrible, regardless of how well he may do his job, and will hinder the board's attempt to restore public confidence. The upcoming negotiations to create a Memorandum of Understanding will be crucial in creating a healthy, respectful relationship between the Town and the Library, but to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest, Council members on the board should seriously consider recusing themselves from those negotiations. The board might revisit the hiring process for a new CEO, especially in light of the fact that one of the hiring committee members, Lloyd Brown, is no longer on the Board.

These are all things the board might do to restore confidence. If they do, the public will definitely stand behind them.

Paul Wilson, Chair, VOCAL

Joan Gaudet on Volunteering

Joan Gaudet is an energetic senior citizen volunteer who works tirelessly for various organisations in our Town. She has submitted this article on volunteering to encourage parents, grand-parents and great-grandparents to get their children volunteering to help in any way they can.



Volunteering is a very content and rewarding way of life. This is my volunteer story.

I started volunteering at the age of 10, helping Mrs. Hart at the Midland YMCA with setting up and washing dishes for banquets.

Between the ages of 11 and 13, I volunteered in the summer at YMCA Camp Kitchikewana International on Beausoleil Island in Georgian Bay out of Honey Harbour. There were 200 boys in July and 200 girls in August. I looked after the dining room and dishwashing three times each day: there was no dishwasher, just three large sinks.

The benefit of volunteering at Camp Kitchikewana was that Mr. Smith (Smitty) allowed me to join in the camp programs. I was able to earn my sailing, kayaking, and canoe certificates as well as all my swimming certificates including lifesaving. These certificates have served me well.

Some years later, I got a chance to put my swimming certificates to good use when Irma Pauls, Principal of the Lingarden School for Physically and Mentally challenged people, got me involved in teaching swimming at the West Park pool. I also volunteered for the parent relief program, and at the pre-vocational centre, teaching challenged individuals to ride buses, shop, and garden etc.

In 1977, when on a Trentway Tours bus tour of the Pocono's with my family, our tour director got laryngitis and couldn't work. The driver asked if anyone wanted to work, so I raised my hand and volunteered to work the entire tour. Afterwards, I was hired by Trentway Tours and worked for that company for 25 years in all different areas of the company.

Over the years I have also volunteered at homeless shelters, food banks, women's shelters and between 1980 and 1990 I volunteered with Medical Ministry International every year and went on missions to countries such as Mexico, Jamaica, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and Honduras.

Since moving to Thornbury in 2006, I have volunteered at many community organisations and events including at the Library looking after plants, the Marsh Street Centre, Beaver Valley Outreach, and the Thornbury Beaver Valley Lions Club. I also help Linda at Riverside Graphics with the

many events she is involved with by putting up posters and delivering pamphlets.

Volunteering is extremely rewarding. It gets you involved in the community and with interesting people from many walks of life. You can get to see the world and it teaches you a lot. You become a better person and some of the people you meet become your life-long friends. Without volunteers the community we live in would be a far poorer place.

I encourage all parents, grandparents and great-grandparents, to encourage your young ones to explore life through volunteering. Better yet, set an example and volunteer yourself, and bring your young ones with you. What could be better than volunteering with your children and grandchildren. Volunteering can be a very rewarding experience.

The world as I see it.

Mrs. Joan Gaudet, Thornbury, Ontario

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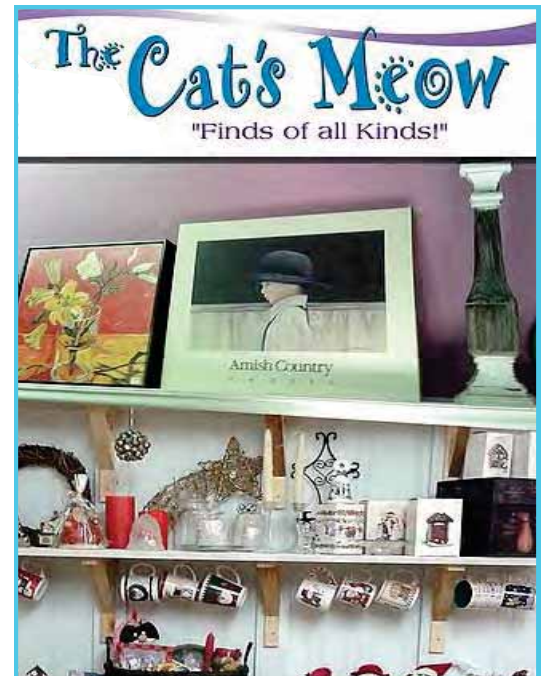
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Community of Clarksburg, Master Plan Class Environmental Assessment

The Town of The Blue Mountains has initiated a Master Plan Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to investigate opportunities to improve the water and wastewater services to all properties in the Clarksburg Service Area.

The study will assess the quality of drinking water and the effectiveness of wastewater treatment in the community, analyze the current well and septic system inventories, and identify a long-term solution to the provision of water and wastewater servicing.

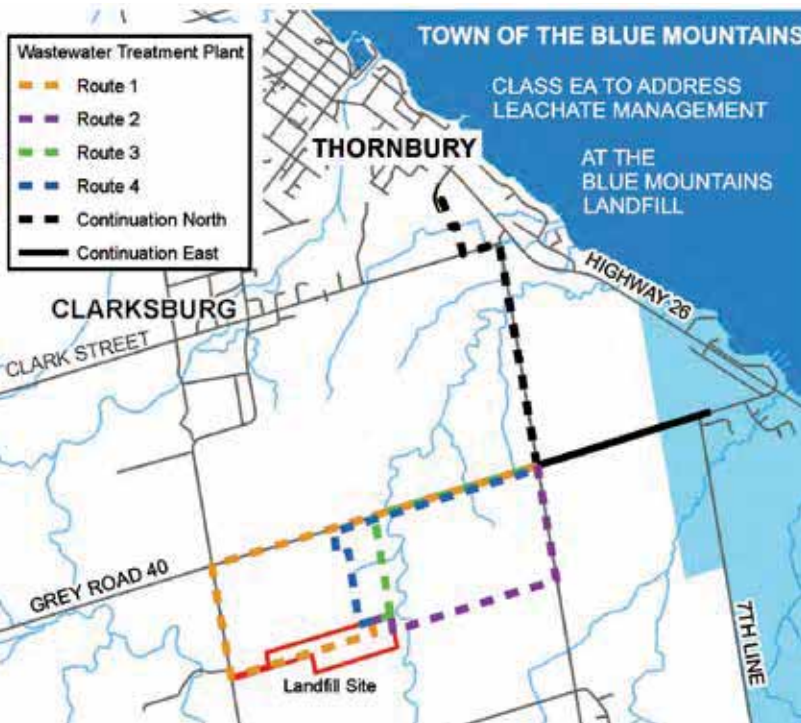
Public and agency consultation is a key element of the process, and input will be sought throughout the study to identify options to address the study findings. Based on this input, alternative strategies will be evaluated to identify optimal community, environmental and economic opportunities. Public Information Centres are planned for the evening of **Thursday September 14th (5pm-8pm)**, and the morning of **Saturday September 16th, 2017 (10am-12noon)** at the Town of The Blue Mountains Council Chambers, 32 Mill Street.

Leachate Management Environmental

Assessment Update - *Managing the Liquid from Landfilled Garbage*

1.5 - 2 Million Dollar Construction Costs for Forcemain line

Comment deadline Tuesday, September 4



Leachate is a liquid substance that is generated in landfills. Leachate is a combination of rain water and liquids from the landfilled garbage. This liquid requires on-going treatment. Currently the Town is trucking this material to the Town's wastewater treatment plant. The Town is conducting a study to find the most sustainable and practical method of managing leachate generated at the Disposal Site.

Untreated leachate is a hazard to the environment if it is allowed to

enter a body of water. Municipal wastewater treatment plants are often not capable of processing the high organic and nitrogen loads in the leachate. It is often sufficient to treat the leachate to the extent that it can be passed off to the next municipal wastewater treatment plant for further processing. If this is not possible, then it is necessary to treat the leachate up to a quality meeting the requirements for direct discharge. In this case, the

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Town Receives Government Funding under the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (CWWF)

These projects will continue to ensure the reliability of the Town's water and wastewater systems, while keeping the Town's waterways clean. The funding for the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund is 50% Federal, 25% Provincial, and 25% Municipal. The Town will receive \$1,003,307 in Federal Funding and \$501,654 in Provincial Funding for the following projects.

Project	Budget	Federal Funding	Provincial Funding	Town Share
Clarksburg Concept Design for Water and Wastewater	\$600,000	\$300,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Thornbury West Stormwater Master Plan	\$300,000	\$150,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
Wastewater Plan UV Replacements	\$435,000	\$217,500	\$108,750	\$108,750
Plant Roof Replacements	\$360,000	\$180,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000
Elgin Street & Moore Crescent Sewage Pump Stations Renovations	\$360,000	\$155,807	\$ 77,904	\$126,289
Total	\$2,055,000	\$1,003,307	\$501,654	\$550,039

The projects must be 60% complete by March 31, 2018, and the balance can go beyond the end date if approved by both the Federal and Provincial Governments.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

To be included in this listing post your event on www.visitbluemountains.ca

DETAILS SUBJECT TO CHANGE- CONFIRM WITH ORGANIZERS

SUMMER SUNDOWN

Saturday, Sept 2 - Monday, Sept 4

Blue Mountain Village
 Bid the season farewell as the hottest summer entertainment returns for encore performances and tons of live music including LAZO reggae band, Jane's Party, fireworks, ukulele lessons, magic shows, hiking, biking & scenic gondola rides.

BIGGEST FASHION SALE EVER!

Saturday, Sept 2, 10am-5pm

Sunday, Sept 3, 10am-4pm

Beaver Valley Community Centre
 Furbelows, Gaia Boutique and Evolution him & her are all joining forces to bring you the best deals on the hottest clothes around. Mens and ladies clothing, cash/ debit/credit accepted, items starting at \$10!

Sunday, September 3, 5:30pm

FUNDRAISING DINNER

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at Maiolos Restaurant

15 Harbour Street, Thornbury

BBQ CHICKEN DINNER and

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www.gofundme.com/rockysrodneys-cancer-fund

BEAVER VALLEY FALL FAIR

Friday Sept 8, 6-9pm

Saturday, Sept 9, 10-4pm

Roast Beef Dinner 5:30pm

Tickets Adults \$15; 5-11 \$7; under 5 free. Call 519-599-2642
www.beavervalleyfallfair.ca

THORNBURY JAZZWORKS

Friday, Sept 8, 7:30pm

Marsh Street Centre
 Featuring Dean Hollin celebrating the times and music of Cole Porter. He will be accompanied by a jazz trio led by Steve Thomas. Tickets \$25.00 Info 519 599 2893
www.thornburyjazzworks.com

CANADA'S ONLY GUITAR TRAIL™

Saturday, Sept 9

Blue Mountain and Village
 Hiking with a musical twist! and featuring Kim Mitchell at 4:30pm

FLOWER POWER by Judy Moore

Show runs till September 28th

Meet the Artist Sat. Sept 9, 2pm - 4pm

L.E. Shore Library Gallery
 Judy Moore began her artistic career as a potter, creating functional pieces and large, sculptural installations. In recent years, Judy has concentrated on silversmithing, textiles, collage, and painting in watercolour, acrylic and oil.

100TH BIRTHDAY

Saturday, Sept 16, 2:30-5:00pm

Marsh Street Centre, Clarksburg
You are invited to celebrate the 100th Birthday of Art Lapointe. Presentations 3:30. Hosts Thornbury Beaver Valley Lions Club

TOWN HALL MEETING

re: Daycare in The Blue Mountains

Wednesday, Sept 20, 7:00-9:00pm

Marsh Street Centre

OPERA AT THE MARSH

Sunday, Sept 24, 3:00 - 5:00pm

Marsh Street Centre, Clarksburg
Passionate songs from opera and stage shows. Featuring Lenard Whiting, Vanessa Grant, Wendy Dobson, Andrew Tees, Brenna Robins and Kate Carver. Tickets \$40 Contact: Kerrie Muschalla Phone: 519-599-7837

www.marshstreetcentre.com

LUNCH BUNCH

Tuesday, Sept 26, 12noon

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church,
Enjoy a delicious meal on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Food! Fellowship! Fun! 519-599-6645

JAZZ AT THE LIBRARY

Friday, Sept 29, 7:30pm

LE Shore Library. We welcome Bob DeAngelis, one of Canada's most accomplished instrumentalists. Tickets \$20 at Pharmasave and Sincerely Yours in Thornbury.

BOOK LAUNCH hosted by Grey Grannies

Sunday, Nov 5, 1:00-3:00pm

LE Shore Library

"Powered by Love: A Grandmothers' Movement to End AIDS in Africa". A free event. Refreshments served.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Daily - Monday-Friday

Coffee Klatch - 10am to noon

Marsh Street Centre, Clarksburg

Mondays

Bridge 1pm. St. Georges Anglican Church,

\$2.00 includes refreshments

Tuesdays

Toastmasters 7pm. Marsh Street Centre

Wednesdays

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Centre. Beginner Classes 9am-11am;

Continuing Classes 10-noon; 519-377-0652

Events For Life Coffee Nook 10-11am

Come and enjoy coffee and muffins at Grace

United Church www.eventsfor.life

Doing Business With Government Seminar

Sept 20th at Grey Roots

Grey County and regional government partners are hosting a free seminar to help business learn how to work with all levels of government. The one-time seminar, Doing Business with Government, will be held at Grey Roots Museum, 102599 Grey Road 18, Owen Sound, on Wednesday September 20, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

For those unable to attend in person, a video of the session will be available online. Attendees will learn about the procurement process including how to register as a supplier, how to bid on opportunities and more. The session will speak to Federal, Provincial and Grey County processes and opportunities.

There are many opportunities to work with government outside of construction. Some examples of services and products Grey County needs include: cleaning, painting, electrical, plumbing, furniture and window treatments, appliances, accessibility equipment, uniforms, linen, medical supplies, surveying, grass cutting, map/billboard design, trail maintenance, fire alarm testing, security, parking lot sweeping, hairdressing and more.

Registration is required for this free event.. For more information and a link to the online registration, visit madeingrey.ca before September 17. Instructions will be emailed two days prior to the event.



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SENIORS FAIR

September 13, 2017 10am-3pm

Beaver Valley Community Centre

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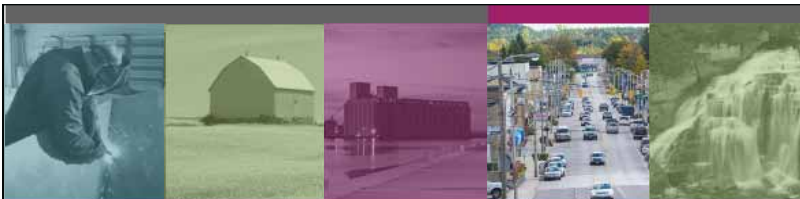
Wednesday, Sept 20, 2017

7-9 p.m. doors open 6:30 p.m.

Marsh St. Centre, Clarksburg

Daycare needs are at an all-time high; however, space is limited & wait lists are growing!

Join us for a community roundtable and open forum discussion on this important issue. We need to hear your stories, experiences and thoughts as we plan to address childcare in Town of The Blue Mountains.



Help Recolour Grey!

Grey County needs your feedback on Recolour Grey, the Grey County Official Plan update. Join us at an upcoming workshop in Thornbury.

Where: Town of The Blue Mountains Municipal Office
32 Mill Street, Thornbury

When: Thursday, September 21, 2017
5:00 p.m.

Can't get to the workshop?

Visit www.grey.ca/recolourgrey, call 519-372-0219 ext.1296 or email recolour@grey.ca to learn more and find other workshops around Grey County.



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Thornbury, Clarksburg, Craigeleith, Heathcote, Ravenna

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Table 3.1

Estimated Construction Costs

Alternative	Initial Construction Costs	20 Year O & M Costs	Total Life Cycle Cost
1) Truck Leachate	0	\$245,250/year x 20 years	0
2) On-Site Treatment and Infiltration	\$2,350,000	\$50,000/year x 20 years	\$3,350,000
3) On-Site Treatment and Discharge	\$2,350,000	\$50,000/year x 20 years	\$3,350,000
4) Pump Leachate (4 route options)	\$1,500,000 to \$2,050,000	\$40,000/year x 20 years	\$2,300,000 to \$2,850,000

remaining contaminant load is so low that the treated water may be released into a river, stream or lake.

The new landfill cell completed October 2015 uses a liner and leachate collection system. Collected leachate (rain water and moisture from incoming waste) is removed from the cell by tanker truck and hauled for treatment at the Craighleith Waste Water Treatment Plant. The anticipated annual production of leachate, as identified during the site design process, was 7,000 cubic metres per year, however in 2016, a total of 25,000 cubic metres was hauled.

The Town of The Blue Mountains initiated a Class Environmental Assessment process in August 2016 to define the best strategy to address the long term management of leachate at the Blue Mountains Landfill Site.

The selected alternative #4 will involve piping to treatment -- currently the leachate is trucked to treatment. Anticipated construction and operation costs for the proposed forcemain routes (over a 20 year time frame) range from \$2,300,000 to \$2,850,000, depending on the forcemain route ultimately selected.

This includes construction of a leachate pumping station at the landfill site, installation of the forcemain, an allowance for easement costs, costs to connect directly to the plant and/or the existing gravity collection system, and an allowance for additional detailed investigations such as geotechnical, archaeological and environmental.

Several of the proposed forcemain routes are located within adjacent agricultural sites that are currently designated as Specialty Agriculture or within lands protected by the Niagara Escarpment Plan and also has a number of river crossings. Potential impacts to these sensitive areas will be a consideration during the routing evaluation exercise that will be undertaken as part of the Class EA process.

Following construction of the pumping station and forcemain via one of the routing options illustrated on Figure 5.1, (front page) the leachate will be discharged to the existing Thornbury sanitary collection system via two possible methods.

Option one involves connecting to an existing manhole on Grey Road 40, just east of 7th Line at Camperdown. Leachate would then flow by gravity, within the existing gravity collection system to the Thornbury WWTP.

Option two involves a direct connection to the inlet works at the Thornbury WWTP where leachate would be treated along with other municipal sanitary waste. The Thornbury WWTP currently discharges treated effluent to the Beaver River, which has been identified as having sensitive fish habitat features.

Alternative #4 was presented to and supported by the Municipal Council at their June 19, 2017 meeting.

Notice of the Identification of the preferred solution, key project components, key plan issued August 4, 2017. Notice was placed In: Enterprise Bulletin, August 4 & August 11, 2017 and Town website. Distributed to: 14 review agencies, 9 Aboriginal communities and organizations, adjacent property owners and property owners along proposed forcemain routes. Review Period concludes September 4.

Comments should be sent to Jeffery Fletcher, Manager of Solid Waste and Environmental Initiatives at jfletcher@thebluemountains or call 519-599-3131 ext. 238. until September 4, after which the Town will move ahead with #4.

There are a number of unanswered questions and we suggest another public meeting be held. The first one was held November 2016 with 15 recorded as being in attendance. The complete report is posted on www.bluemountainsreview.ca

Community Fundraiser Dinner/Dance to Support Cancer Treatment for Rocky West Sunday, Sept 3, 5:30 pm

Rocky West is not your usual 65 year old. The numerous challenges he has faced in his life and the spirit with which he has handled them makes him a truly remarkable person. Rocky, (adopted as Rodney Opala) was struck with severe Poliomyelitis when he was 14 months old. The polio was an accident. He had no lumbar puncture and was put in an active polio ward, 18 days later he caught it. He spent most of the next year in an iron lung paralyzed from the neck down. He was not expected to survive this ordeal. His parents were told he would never walk again. After getting out of the iron lung he had to relearn everything from eating to sitting up. Wearing a full body brace, he survived an early life full of challenges, from multiple operations, radical treatments for his Polio, and his fair share of bullying. He grew into a bright, talented and determined young man who never wanted to be treated differently from any able bodied person.

He worked various traditional physical jobs to help pay for his schooling. His love for singing and gifted musical ability lifted his spirit and that of any who have heard him sing and play his 12 string guitar. He has always dealt with life's trouble with uncompromising spirit and energy.

On top of his illnesses Rocky has had to deal with multiple accidents and other illnesses that doctors and others repeatedly warned him he might not recover from. He had his smaller leg broken and plated as well as massive whiplash damage from a bus hitting him at 70 mph. This accident destroyed most of his upper body strength and put him

in constant chronic pain in his upper body as well as the damage to his legs and hips.

He spent many years as a road musician, not an easy lot, even for a physically healthy person. He travelled extensively through our land, capturing hearts and making friends. Playing music has become very difficult for him lately but he won't let it stop him. This latest challenge (prostate cancer) has shaken him but he still continues to inspire those around him.

Because of his Post Polio, an earlier heart problem and extensive scar tissue, surgery is not a viable option. He has long considered radiation too debilitating as it will take the little energy he has to use for his pain. He now has some hope with the new HIFU procedure that has a high success rate and considerably less bad side effects. Unfortunately OHIP does not cover the procedure that costs 22,000 dollars. Any and all help you could provide would be appreciated.

www.gofundme.com/rockysrodneys-cancer-fund

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GREY COUNTY SERVICES TO THE BLUE MOUNTAINS - PART 1 ROADS

The Proposal to Transfer County Roads to The Blue Mountains

Grey County Transportation and Public Safety Committee Meeting May 19, 2016

Kim Wingrove, CAO for Grey County, provided an outline of the proposal from The Blue Mountains.

KEY ELEMENTS OF THE PROPOSAL INCLUDE:

1. The Blue Mountains will assume ownership and responsibility of the roads and structures (bridges and large culverts) currently owned and operated by the County within the boundaries of The Blue Mountains
2. Using Sections 311 and 326 of the Municipal Act, 2001, the County will special levy the other eight municipalities for County Transportation Services and accordingly, The Blue Mountains will be exempt.
3. The Blue Mountains will pay a \$500,000 annual fee towards the operation, maintenance and capital replacement of County "feeder roads" outside of The Blue Mountains boundaries. The feeder roads suggested are Grey Roads 2, 40, 40 and 124. This fee will be indexed annually based on the County's taxation change.
4. The Blue Mountains will assume ownership and responsibility of the Clarksburg Yard, including all facilities, located on Grey Rd 40.
5. The County, at its own expense, will complete the Grey Road 119 resurfacing project or provide to The Blue Mountains with equivalent funding.
6. The County will be responsible for any current insurance claims.
7. Any development within The Blue Mountains' boundaries will be exempt from the County's roads and related Development Charges.
8. The County will transfer 26.11 percent of all current Transportation Services related reserves and reserve funds to The Blue Mountains.
9. Boundary structures will be shared 50% The Blue Mountains and 50% Grey County.
10. Grey County will provide The Blue Mountains with the first right of refusal at no cost on any Transportation Services Department machinery, equipment, and materials from the Clarksburg Yard deemed surplus.

Ms. Wingrove then explained the concept of property taxation, which is a measure of wealth cumulatively as reflected by property assessment values. The County raises taxation to meet needs of residents. Councillors have input on the levels of services provided and levels of expenditure. The Municipal Act does not provide for discretion in allocating costs between municipalities unless there is a service being provided in one specific area that is not available to all of the lower tiers. Ms. Wingrove noted that there have been no reports of deficient or missing County services.

Section 326 of the Municipal Act allows a municipality to identify a "special service" and recover those cost associated with the service. The Blue Mountains wishes the County to declare road maintenance and construction a special service. Arrangements have been made for Mr. Gary Scandlan of C.N. Watson and Associates to attend County Council to discuss the implications of the proposal from a Municipal Act perspective.

Ms. Wingrove noted that the request to transfer 26% of reserves and reserve funds, the Clarksburg Depot Yard and some roads and structures is of concern. The value of these assets total over \$100,000,000 and were paid for by all municipalities in the County.

There is no offer to compensate for these assets. Also, the Blue Mountains contribution to the levy has not always been 26%. Committee noted that opportunity still exists for the Blue Mountains to come back with a different proposal if this one does not move forward. It was noted that the County welcomes conversations around service levels and different options.

The Committee noted that the municipalities should seek to find an equitable solution. Staff can bring a report forward that discusses other avenues to address the concerns expressed by the Blue Mountains.

MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Halliday
Seconded by: Councillor Pringle
WHEREAS Grey County Council directed Staff to meet with The Blue Mountains' Staff to investigate the feasibility of transferring the download of Grey County Roads in The Blue Mountains, as a pilot project proposal to be implemented by August 1, 2017;

AND WHEREAS Council directed

Staff to bring back a proposal for County Council's consideration;
AND WHEREAS The Blue Mountains has provided a proposal for consideration to Grey County that requests permanent devolution of transportation infrastructure and the transfer of financial resources, which were contributed to by all member municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the County of Grey has a responsibility to represent the best interests of all member municipalities;

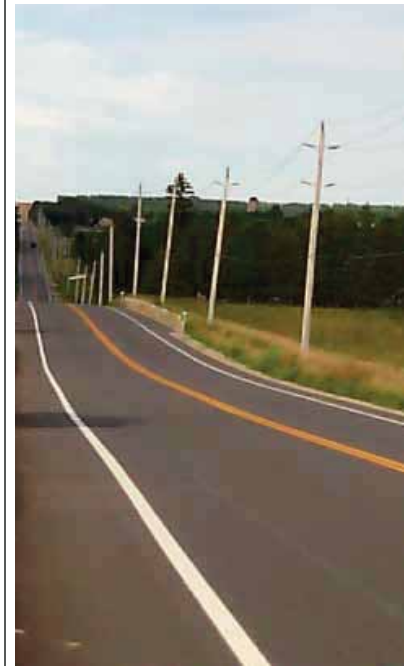
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-35-16 be received;

AND THAT The Blue Mountains be advised that Grey County Council wishes to decline the proposal as presented. Carried

TAPS66-16 Moved by: Councillor Halliday Seconded by: Councillor

Greenfield THAT the County of Grey continues discussions with the Town of the Blue Mountains on other proposals and solutions and considers other opportunities

to provide improved and more efficient services across Grey County.



2017 Improvements to Grey Road 119 from Banks to Grey Road 13

County Road Works in The Blue Mountains

Grey County Roads (including boundary roads) = 833 km

County Roads through Town of the Blue Mountains = 79 km
(balance of roads shared with 8 other municipalities)

Grey County Structures (bridges, culverts) greater than 3m span = 192

Grey County Structures in The Blue Mountains = 20

Grey County Transportation Service Budget 2016 = \$16,875,000

Blue Mountains Share at 26% = 4,405,000

The staff report accompanying the proposal suggests maintenance of our roads at the County level of service by the Blue Mountains would cost 2,289,000 a savings of approx 2,116,009. However, the complete transportation system budget includes operations and capital for roads and structures, so the savings may not be that advantageous. The following lists capital projects in The Blue Mountains provided by the County.

- 2013** Grey Road 19 & Grey Road 2 11.3km & 2.27km pulverize and pave. \$1,643,413
- 2014** Grey Road 19 slope stabilization near Sleepy Hollow Road \$216,486
Grey Road 13 Microsurface
Grey Road 2 Paving 10.1km. \$930,000
- 2015** Grey Road 119 Roundabout to Banks - 6.4km \$3,000,000
(\$2,000,000 Mill Grant)
Various Limited size patches - Grey Road 113
- 2016** Grey Road 40 5.4km rehab and culvert replacements. \$715,000.
Grey Road 119 slope rehabilitation - \$300,000 to repair inherited long term slope stability issues.
- 2016** Grey Road 21 pavement rehabilitation - \$53,000 for Grey County for repair as part of the TOBM trunk sanitary project.
- 2017** Grey Road 119 Reconstruction Banks to Grey Road 13, 12.32km Rehabilitation \$4,322,866.
Culvert Restoration on Grey Rd 2 and Grey Rd 40

Projects in the Construction, Resurfacing and Minor Capital 2018-2022

- 2019 Grey Road 2 - \$888,960
- 2020 Grey Road 13 - \$896,695
- 2020 Grey Road 19/Grey Road 21 Intersection - \$4,500,000
- 2021 Grey Road 2 - \$900,000
- 2021 Structure 900-363 - \$1,000,000



DONALD LAWRENCE KEATING

Don Keating of Thornbury passed away at Grey Bruce Health Services in Meaford on Friday August 4, 2017 at the age of 71. He was born in Toronto on December 19, 1945, a son of the late Lorne and Anna (nee Fisher) Keating. Don was predeceased by his daughter Dawn, and will be remembered fondly by his grandsons Nicholas and Tanner. He is survived by his sisters, Eleanor (late Ron) Salamon of Barrie and Sheila Prentice (Brian Mattice) of Thornbury. Don's life will be celebrated in the lower hall at the Marsh Street Centre in Clarksburg on Wednesday September 6th from 5 until 8 p.m. where friends are welcome to gather and share refreshments and memories.

Beaver Valley Athletic Association

The BVAA strives to make their sports programs affordable to all youth in our community. Our registration fees are the lowest in the area and we subsidize these through our community catering and other fundraisers.

When your child joins one of our sport programs, they are not just joining a team and you are not just participating in a sport. You are supporting this great community that we live in and contributing to its well being. We currently offer the following sports: Skating, Soccer, Baseball, Pickup Hockey.

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Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary Apple Run/Walk

5 & 10km walk/run

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The October 15th, Apple Run, can be regarded as a warm blanket of healthy, good fun that wraps itself around a serious purpose: raising funds for Kids in Need. Featuring a 5 km and 10 km walk/run and a 21 km (half marathon) around town and through the valley, the run is held the Sunday after Thanksgiving Weekend.

Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary Club supports a number of programs at our local schools and also receives many requests to help individuals especially young people. The "Kids in Need" program will be an opportunity to sponsor those who might need the help of such groups as Events for Life, Hope Haven Therapeutic Riding, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Meaford Coyotes Track Club, special intensive tutoring, medical equipment, etc.

Organized and operated by the T-C Rotary Club, the Apple Run has become a major event with over 400 runners and volunteers. The Run also contributes to local kids groups such as Girl Guides, 4-H, Pony Club and sports groups by giving them an opportunity to fundraise at the Run.

Sponsorships are available in an exclusive designated area with a personalized banner or you can become a Race Partner by making a donation. Better still, participate! We can help you set up a fundraising team with your group or company and join fun.

All funds raised stay in the community. Your participation will be visible and worthwhile. T-C Rotary and the Kids welcome your support.

www.rotaryapplerrun.ca or call 519-599-3345



Students Shine at Southampton Summer Music

Back row left to right: BVCS music teacher Melanie Kearns, Jack Kearns, Ronin McAllister, Konrad Johannesson, Layne Hewgill, Dylan Landreth, Mathew Hebbert,

Front row: Hannah Ko, Bronwyn Richter, Sophie Denais, Olivia Saunders, Zoe Saunders



11 students from Beaver Valley Community School recently attended the Southampton Summer Music day camp, substantially sponsored by Thornbury Jazzworks.

SSM is an annual 1 week instrumental music education program with over 30 master teachers and professional musicians from across Ontario and the USA teaching instrumental, voice and jazz programs. This year SSM celebrated its 30th Anniversary as one of the most successful music camps in Ontario. A Gala Concert with all students participating in different ensembles and disciplines was enjoyed by about 300 people. BVCS music teacher Melanie Kearns was proud that all her students were immediately accepted at the intermediate band level. It was a pleasure to hear them perform at the final concert with such aplomb and enthusiasm.

Beaver Valley Outreach - Good Food Box

September 2017 to June 2018, 3rd Wed. of the month 1 pm to 5 pm
Beaver Valley Community Centre 58 Alfred St. W., Thornbury. Individual \$10/month. Family \$15/month. Registration forms and more program information are available at BVO in the office. Contact Catherine by phone: 519-599-2577, ext. 26 or by email: admin@bvo.ca



Congratulations

to Benjamin Crosskill Macdonald and Jessica Mori on their wedding, August 26th. Benjamin is the son of Debbie Crosskill from Clarksburg and Jessica is the daughter of Julia and Brian Mori from Oakville.

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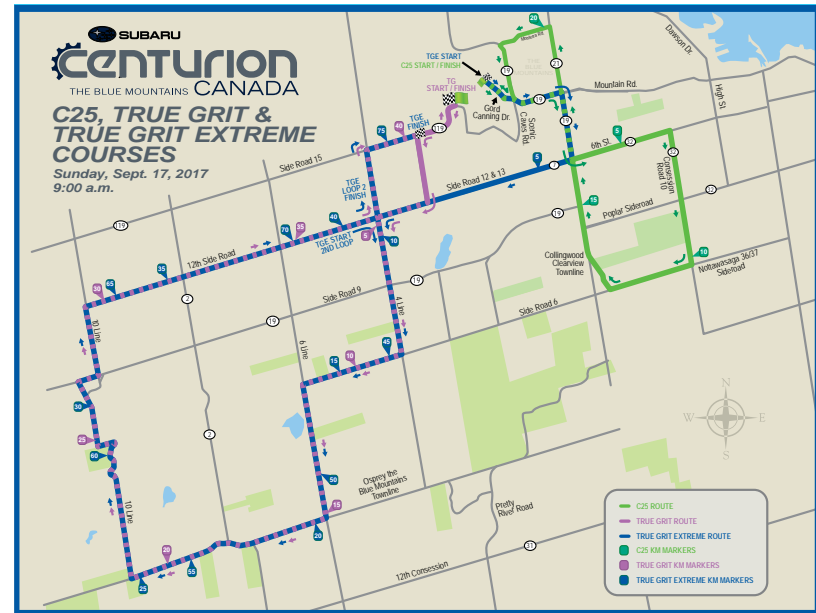
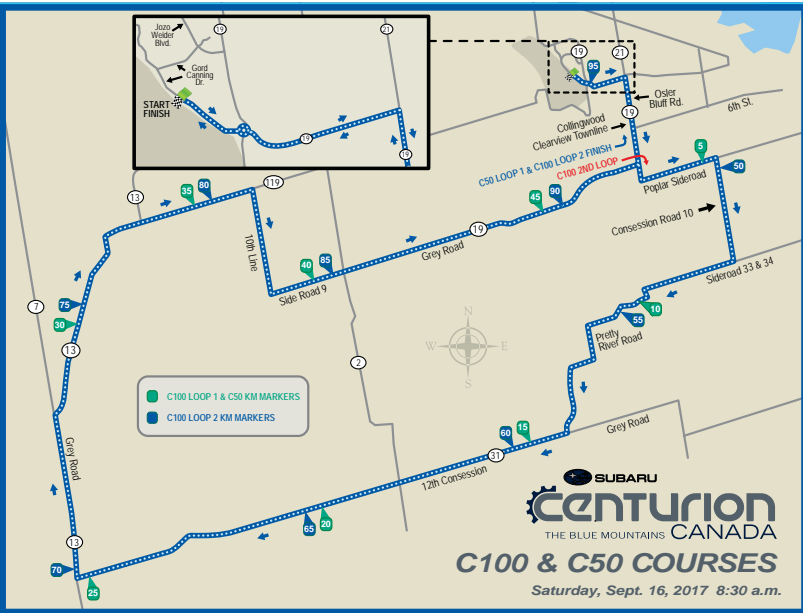
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To all new hikers: If you need help in how to get to the start of hike or for any other info regarding the hike feel free to call the leader. All hikers are also asked to let the leader know they are planning to attend.

RATING SYSTEM

Terrain (T):

Easy: Mostly flat and good footing
 Moderate: Some hills and/or some poor footing
 Strenuous: Hilly with steep climbs and some poor footing

Pace (P):

Leisurely (3 km/hr or less)
 Medium: (3-4 km/hr)
 Brisk (4-5 km/hr)
 Fast (5+ km/hr)

Wed. Sept. 6 Trout Hollow

T=Moderate P=Medium
 Meet at 1:30 p.m. at Beautiful Joe Park, Meaford to carpool to the start of a 1 1/2 to 2 hour outing. Register with leader: Audrey Woods-Dobie 519-538-1567.

Thurs. Sept. 14 Inglis Falls Loop, Sydenham Map 32

T=Strenuous P=Medium
 Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Centennial Tower parking lot on Hwy. 6/10 (km 90.1) for a 12 km loop hike through the Inglis Falls CA. Bring lunch. Register with leaders: Bruce or Val 519-922-2198.

Sat. Sept. 16 Fall Photo Hike Harrison Park/Centennial Tower Map 32

T=Moderate P=Slow
 Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Harrison Park Restaurant Owen Sound to carpool to km 90.1 at Owen Sound Centennial Tower for a 3 km photography hike. Register with leader: Doug Galloway 519-599-2288 or d.jgalloway@bmts.com

Tues. Sept. 19 Fairmount & Siegeman Side Trails Map 27

T=Moderate P=Medium
 Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the intersection of Grey Rd 7 and Sideroad 22B, close to km 94.3, for a 9.7 km loop hike. Bring snack and water. Register with leader: Scott Thompson 519-924-2556 or sethompson1955@gmail.com

Fri. Sept. 22 Caledon End to End #1 Maps 14&15

T=Moderate/Strenuous P=Medium/Brisk
 Meet at 8:30 a.m. in the Big Apple parking lot in Meaford to car pool to Forks of the Credit Parking Area (which is about 1 km east of the trail near km 8.8), entering from McLaren Rd. for an approx. 15.5 km hike. If you live nearer the hike meeting place and wish to meet there, let the leader know when you register. Register with leader: Glenda Collings 519-694-7691 or gcollings@rogers.com

Thurs. Sept. 28 Mono Cliffs Provincial Park Map 19

T=Moderate P=Medium
 Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Community

Centre behind the library on Grey 10, south of the stop lights to carpool to Mono Cliffs for an approx. 9 km loop hike followed by lunch at Mono Cliffs Inn. Register for hike and lunch by Tues. Sept. 26 with leader: Judy Galloway 519-599-2288 or d.jgalloway@bmts.com

Sun. Oct. 1 Bruce Trail Day - Metcalfe Rock Area Map 25

Come out to a meet and greet information day being held from 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. at the parking lot near Metcalfe Rock km 27.9. Learn more about the Bruce Trail while enjoying refreshments. call Margaret at 705-888-7686.

Tues. Oct. 3 Fall Colours Hike Beaver Valley West Map 26

T=Moderate P=Leisurely
 Meet at 2:30 p.m. at parking area on Grey Rd 30


(km 74.8) to carpool to start of approx. 5 km hike, taking time to enjoy the fall colours. Potluck to follow at the home of Fred Young, 110 Fulton St., Clarksburg. Register with host: 519-599-2354. Leader: Anne McGarrigle 416-805-6808 or anne.mcgarigle6@gmail.com

Thurs. Oct. 5 Valley Crossover Graham's/Campbell's Hill Map 26


T=Moderate/Strenuous P=Medium
 Meet at 10 a.m. at Ed's house (194700 Grey Rd 13 km 50.0) for a 12.6 km loop hike including 2 crossover side trails and stretches of main trail on both sides of the valley. Bring lunch. Leader Ed Stedman 519-924-0264 or estedman92@gmail.com

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Phragmites in the Grey Sauble Watershed



On Thursday August 10 from 10 am to 2 pm, the Beaver River Watershed Initiative in partnership with Grey Sauble Conservation Authority hosted a Phragmites cutting event at Peasemars Conservation Area, Hwy 26 near Thornbury. The photos show after and a volunteer working at cutting.

Organizations Receive Donations

At the June 26, Committee of the Whole, Council received a report outlining the financial results of hosting the 2017 Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM) Conference in The Blue Mountains.

With the conference over, the Blue Mountains had a favourable variance in the amount of \$60,210.

Council considered options on how to use the favourable variance. Those options included taking money into general revenues, carrying the money into 2018 for a specific purpose or using the money for one time only donations. The 2017 Budget does not include any money received or expended for the OSUM Conference.

It was decided that proceeds from the 2017 OSUM Conference be presented to five local organizations. At the August 21, Committee of the Whole meeting, Council presented cheques to the following organizations:

- Keep Family Foundation - \$5,000
- Marsh Street Centre - \$11,500
- The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation - \$13,500
- Meaford Hospital - \$15,000
- Collingwood General & Marine Hospital - \$15,000

The success of the 2017 Ontario Small Urban Municipalities conference is good news!



September 8th & 9th, 2017

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Friday September 8th:

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CAO abruptly leaves Town

Council finds out from the public and media reports; Mayor McKean knew on Friday, but chose not to tell them



On the morning of August 18th, the County of Peterborough issued a press release reporting that they had hired Troy Speck, the CAO of the Town of Blue Mountains, as CAO.

Mr. Speck had been the CAO of the TBM since 2011, and presided over a fractious period, which included his long running feud with Councillor Seguin, first while he was President of the Ratepayers and then later as Councillor, the controversial restructuring of the Library, and a lack of transparency and open communication surrounding these and other issues. His authoritarian style led to rise of citizen activism in the TBM, including the founding of several citizens' groups including VOCAL, (Voices of Our Community for Accountable Leadership) and Citizens' Corner, as well as the Citizens' Pages.

Global News reported the story August 18, 2017, 3:11 pm and the story was posted on the Blue Mountains Review website on Saturday, August 19, 2017.

It was not until Monday the 21st that the Town of Blue Mountains issued a press release stating, "We have been advised that Mr. Troy Speck has accepted the position of CAO for the County of Peterborough effective September 25, 2017."

Why did it take so long for the TBM to issue their release?

Well, it appears the answer is that no one knew that the CAO had left. No one that is, except Mayor McKean, and he did not feel it necessary to inform the rest of Council or the staff.

The Citizen's Pages has become aware that Councillor Seguin found out from the media, Councillor Gamble was informed on the weekend by his wife, who heard the news from a community member, and Councillor Martin reportedly heard the news at a social gathering on Sunday.

Deputy Mayor Ardiel, found out from Google alerts on Sunday night, and was very surprised the same as everyone else. Councillor Halos heard the news Monday from the Town's email system.

Reportedly, Town staff, encountered by citizens in the grocery store on the weekend, were also surprised, and had not yet been informed.

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The Michael Seguin Affair Exposed

Finally we know what really happened. What the allegations were, and how they were dealt with. It's now all public in court documents.



Over a year ago now Councillor Seguin was advised by the Mayor that a formal complaint regarding his actions and behaviors had been filed, and that a formal investigation would be started immediately. While it became generally known that the complaint was filed by former CAO Troy Speck on behalf of town staff, the specifics of the complaint were not made public. On September 15, 2016 Council received Staff Report FAF.16.90 "Recommendations for Sanctions" and made a declaration that Councillor Seguin violated the harassment policy on all allegations and the workplace harassment provisions of the Occupational Health and Safety Act and directed that a series of sanctions be implemented against Councillor Seguin. While the sanctions were made public the allegations and the findings of the investigation report were not.

Many in the community decried this lack of openness and transparency. Complaints were filed with the Ombudsman of Ontario, and the Town's newly appointed Integrity Commissioner regarding the lack of disclosure. Both accepted the Town's contention that the investigation had not been carried out under the Code of Conduct and thus no public report was necessary. Both however noted that they did not specifically look at how the matter was dealt with.

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COUNTDOWN TO THE NEXT ELECTION Less than 420 days

The next municipal election will be held Monday, October 22, 2018. It's never too early to get to know your Town and the issues, so you can make an informed choice.

Welcome to the Citizens' Pages

This is the ninth monthly issue of the Citizen's Pages, a citizen funded insert into the Blue Mountains Review. This insert allows for an extra four pages of news about what is going on in our Town.

If you like reading us, please follow the link below and make a donation to keep us going.

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Donations can also be made to the Citizens' Pages care of The Blue Mountains Review and be dropped off at Riverside Graphics in Clarksburg.

We can't do it without your support! We have managed to raise enough to survive for our first nine issues, but we are surviving month to month.

All of the funds we receive go towards printing and distribution. All content and editing is provided by citizen volunteers.

Alar Soever, Editor

CAO abruptly leaves Town continued

When asked by the Citizen's Pages why there was such a delay on the part of the Town in reporting that the CAO had resigned, the Mayor only replied:

"I received a phone call from Troy on Friday morning that he was leaving the Town. Later that day I received an email confirming that fact. I was at a family event out of town all weekend and dealt with it on my return."

We also enquired as to why the Town's Press release says only "We have been advised that Mr. Troy Speck has accepted the position of CAO for the County of Peterborough effective September 25, 2017." and does not say he has resigned his position here. Has the Town in fact received a resignation letter from Mr. Speck?

We did not get an answer from the Mayor to that question. When pressed on this question, he replied:

"Mr Soever, In my previous email both your questions were addressed. I have no further comment to you on these matters."

The whole affair seems to be highly irregular. It is customary, when senior managers change jobs and there is to be a public announcement by their new employer, that they advise their former employer as to the timing, so that the media releases can be co-ordinated. Apparently, Mr. Speck did not afford the Town this professional courtesy.

The performance of Mayor McKean is equally disappointing.

The Mayor found out on Friday morning when Mr. Speck called him, just as the County of Peterborough was releasing its media release, and yet did not see fit to inform the rest of Council or the staff, until his return on Monday.

The fact that the Mayor did not find it important enough to inform Council and staff, which he could have done with one phone call to someone at the Town Hall, in our view shows a tremendous amount of disrespect on his part for Council and the staff, not to mention the community at large.

The Michael Seguin Affair continued

In November 2016 Councillor Seguin filed an application for Judicial Review of the decision of the Council on several grounds. The Town has now filed its response, and both documents have been filed and are contained in the public court file at the (Divisional Court) Ontario Superior Court of Justice in Brampton, identified as Court File DC-17-59. The Citizen's Pages has obtained copies of these documents, and together with the reports by the Ombudsman and the Integrity Commissioner, we now finally know what Councillor Seguin was accused of and how the matter was dealt with. For those who want the complete facts, copies of the documents can be found on the Citizens Pages tab on the Blue Mountains Review website.

<http://www.bluemountainsreview.ca/citizens-pages.cfm>

(Ed note: We have blacked out some of the names to protect the privacy of some of the individuals named in the documents)

This is what we now know from the court records:

- On May 9, 2016 a formal complaint was made against Councillor Michael Seguin by the Town's former Chief Administrative Officer, Troy Speck, on behalf of himself and the Town's staff (the Complaint").
- The Complaint alleged that Councillor Seguin had engaged in conduct that violated the Town's Code of Conduct for Members of Council and the Town's Workplace Violence and Harassment Program.
- The Complaint alleged that Councillor Seguin had acted in a manner that "creates the foundations for, and feeds, a local environment in which the relationship between ratepayers and Town staff, and sometimes between Council and staff, is seen as an "Us versus Them" scenario.
- Specific instances of this behaviour alleged by the Complainant to have occurred were:
 1. *Early 2015, after the 2015 budget was passed, the Councillor posted a blog on his website entitled "The Political Will to do Nothing". In this blog, although he did commend Finance staff for doing a terrific job in presenting a budget, he concluded that: "However, in the end the staff got everything they wanted and the ratepayers got nothing in the way of tax savings."*
 2. *July 2015 - the member reported in a blog on his internet web page regarding the Town's strategic planning process, stating that: "You may say that this is just another 'pie in the sky' plan by the Town staff to make sure they get what they want and that all fiscal and human resources are aligned to their needs. Well I'm happy to say that this STRATEGIC PLAN is not being driven by Town Staff, but by Town Council, including yours truly."*
 3. *At the September 14, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting, the Councillor expressed concern and asked why Staff had advertised a notice of a public meeting to discuss closing a portion of Louisa Street. The Councillor incorrectly stated in open public session that Council had not had the discussion about closing Louisa Street, and that Council had not yet given staff any direction that would support sending out the notice of public meeting. This had been previously approved.*
 4. *On August 17, 2015, the Councillor registered a complaint with our By-Law Enforcement office, in which he accused two local Short Term Accommodation (STA) operators of illegally storing commercial trucks and equipment on residential property and of doing it to purposely antagonize one of the neighbours. He suggested the STA owners were not responsible operators and that he would "not support this type of behaviour". We are concerned that statements such as this made by the Councillor expose the Town to liability for defamation.*

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Friday September 2 nd	6-9 pm
Saturday September 3 rd	10-4 pm

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the Corner Café and Grill.

The Michael Seguin Affair continued

5. On April 4, 2016, during an open Committee of the Whole meeting, the Councillor expressed his disagreement with the legal opinion of the Town's solicitor on a matter of land ownership, absent any qualification to do so. At the same meeting, during discussion of a Georgian Trail crossing permitted by the Town, in open public session indicated that he had spoken with a claimant in a law suit against the Town; b) named the claimant and provided an inventory of injuries suffered by them in the incident which is the subject of the law suit; and c) took the opportunity to link that incident to the Town having permitted a trail crossing. All of which exposes the Town and its ratepayers to liability and possible repercussions with the Town's insurer.

6. On May 1, 2016, the member of Council responded to an e-mail from a constituent, in which she had expressed three concerns. After speaking to her concerns, the Councillor added unsolicited commentary on an entirely different matter related to a driveway permit that had been granted across the Georgian Trail in accordance with existing Town' policy. In his comments to the constituent, the Councillor expressed concern that Council will "support that staff's reckless decision." His comments were then inadvertently forwarded by him to a member of our staff.

• On May 10, 2016, the Mayor and Jennifer Moreau, Manager of Human Resources met to discuss handling the Complaint. The decision was made to seek the advice of Lauren Bernardi Lawyer & Human Resource Advisor who had a history of working for the Town with regard to the Complaint.

• On May 24th, 2016 the Mayor wrote Councillor Seguin stating "Please be advised that as per Town of the Blue Mountains policy HS.1 0.12 and POL.COR.07.07 I have received a formal complaint regarding your actions and behaviors. A formal investigation will be started immediately. As per the Towns Code of Conduct for Members of Council I have contracted Lauren Bernardi Lawyer & Human Resource Advisor to assist with the investigation. She has retained an independent investigator to conduct fact finding. Following this fact finding Ms. Bernardi will provide me with a legal opinion regarding the investigation."

• There followed an exchange of letters and e-mails between Councillor Seguin's Lawyer George Rust D'Eye, (an experienced Integrity Commissioner), the Mayor, and Ms. Bernardi.

• Mr. Rust D'Eye pointed out what he described as the improper components of the Complaint:

-that it does not specify what provisions of the Code of Conduct are alleged to have been contravened;

-that it involves reference to its being made "on behalf of Town staff" without saying which members of the staff are alleging what violations of the Code of Conduct or the Harassment Program, so that the Councillor does not know who his accusers are, or particulars of what contravention each of them is alleging against him;

-the Complaint involves allegations dating from September, 2015 onward, and is open-ended, citing "examples", without setting out the nature of the specific complaint of contravention in each case;

-much of the Complaint involves alleged actions of the Councillor in his role as a Member of Council, including his participation at meetings of the Council or Committee of the Whole, not, apparently, raised before those bodies at the time, or ruled to be improper or outside of the responsibilities of the Councillor in that capacity, duties which he was elected to perform;

-other allegations involve the Councillor's simply attempting to communicate matters of public interest or otherwise act in his role as a Member of Council.

-the allegations of "harassment" made against the Councillor, make no reference to prohibited grounds upon which the "harassment" is alleged to have occurred, and the Complaint in this regard makes no reference to the provisions of the Harassment Program intended to provide procedures for addressing complaints under that Program, including to provide the Councillor with the right to respond and to participate in seeking a mutually acceptable resolution of allegations such as those contained in the Complaint.

• Mr. Rust D'Eye also took the position that the investigation should be carried out by a duly appointed Integrity Commissioner, and that Councillor Seguin would co-operate and be interviewed by such an Integrity Commissioner, and that he would be happy to assist such an officer in arranging for this to be done and attending at the interview.

• Ms. Bernardi took the position that Mayor is authorized to commence an investigation into potential breaches of the Code of Conduct and, in the course of doing so, to consult with any person as may be required. The Mayor, has chosen to through her, to retain a neutral, independent third party investigator, Dean Benard.

• This issue was never resolved and the correspondence concluded on June 21st, when Mr. Rust-D'Eye expressed that his client was only prepared to meet with an Integrity Commissioner and advised that he would be away from June 22 to July 8th and requested that no further action be taken with respect to his client until after his return on July 8th.

• On June 25th, Councillor Seguin received a letter from Dean Bernard advising him he was the investigator appointed by the TBM and asking him to meet with him on July 4th. On the advice of his lawyer Councillor Seguin did not do so.

• Dean Benard's fact-finding investigation included onsite interviews of the Complainant and various members of senior Town staff. On July 7, 2016, Mr. Benard issued his investigation report to Ms. Bernardi. It was subsequently received by the Mayor with the accompanying opinion of Ms. Bernardi on July 11, 2016.

• The report concluded that: "There is evidence that demonstrates the Respondent has acted in a manner that has created a fear of him among several staff. Staff do not feel they can trust him and they do not feel respected by him for their professional role with the Town. Staff consistently express concern that whatever actions they take in fulfilling their role with the Town, the Respondent may take exception and, in an effort to advance his own agenda, will publically humiliate staff. Staff do not feel the Respondent is appropriately collaborative in his interactions with them and the Respondent's failure to work cooperatively creates tension and mistrust. The investigator further concluded that the actions of the Respondent in respect of his public commentary has the potential to undermine the Town as a whole in the eyes of the citizens."

At this point the Town's Affidavit leaves out several events that are described in the Integrity Commissioner's (IC) and Ombudsman's (Ombd) reports, and which could not have been known to Councillor Seguin at the time of his Affidavit. These are:

• "At a meeting with the staff member who had raised the complaint, and in reviewing the results of the workplace investigation with the complainant, the Mayor advised the staff complainant that Council was planning to appoint an Integrity Commissioner to investigate complaints under the Code and recommend sanctions. The Mayor suggested that after that had taken place, that the complaint should be re-submitted to the integrity commissioner once appointed." (IC)

• No mention is made of the results ever being discussed with Councillor Seguin, which Councillor Seguin has confirmed.

• "The staff complainant wrote to the Mayor and pointed out the Town was obliged to follow its policies for workplace

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The Michael Seguin Affair continued

matters and the provisions of the OHSA. The staff complainant asked the Mayor to follow through on that portion of the complaint."(IC)

- *"Based on the findings in the investigator's report, the Town's lawyer wrote to council on August 24, 2016 to provide an opinion on whether the facts established a violation of the Town's Harassment policies, and whether there was a requirement for the complaint to be reviewed under the Code of Conduct. She found that the council member engaged in behavior that met the test of harassment under the Occupational Health and Safety Act and the Town's policies."*(Ombd)
- Of the Bernardi letter of August 24th the Ombudsman continues: *"She noted that, although the original complaint also referred to the Code of Conduct, it was not necessary that the matter also be considered under the terms of the Code; the allegations related to harassment and there are duties and protections provided for under both the Town's policies and the Occupational Health and Safety Act in that regard."*(Ombd)
- On September 7, 2016, Town Council met in closed session and received legal advice from the Town's employment counsel Ms. Bernardi. At this time, Council was also able to review the investigation report of Mr. Benard.
- On September 12, 2016, Council held a Special Meeting that was closed to the public for the purpose of receiving further legal advice from Ms. Bernardi. On the basis of this legal advice, and after having reviewed Mr. Benard's investigation report, Town Council decided that sanctions to be imposed against Councillor Seguin should be considered
- Whether Council reviewed the report, as described above, is a point of disagreement. Councillor Seguin's affidavit states: *"I am advised by Councillor Michael Martin and believe that members of Council were never provided with a copy of the Investigation Report of Benard, or with a copy of a written legal opinion from Bernardi relative to the issues in question before making their decision to impose sanctions against me."*
- Subsequently, Ms. Moreau prepared Staff Report FAF.16.90, Recommendations for Sanctions, upon the instructions of Council. The proposed sanctions reflected those first recommended by Ms. Bernardi and also included additional recommended sanctions that Council provided.
- On September 15, 2016 Council received Staff Report FAF.16.90 "Recommendations for Sanctions" and made a declaration that Councillor Seguin violated the harassment policy on all allegations and the workplace harassment provisions of the Occupational Health and Safety Act and directed that sanctions be implemented against Councillor Seguin as described in the staff report.
- Mayor McKean, Deputy Mayor Ardiel, Councillor Halos, and Councillor Gamble voted for the sanctions, while Councillor Martin voted against them, stating *"He found they were disproportionate to the allegations."* Councillor McGee was absent.

The Judicial Review process now underway, will decide whether Councillor Seguin was denied a fair and unbiased investigation of the Complaint, separate from Town Council and Town Staff.

The legal battle described above has and continues to cost both Councillor Seguin and the Town a lot of money. Now that we know the facts, which were kept from us for so long, we can all decide for ourselves if this is the kind of thing we want our tax dollars spent on. The next election is in October 2018.

Citizen's Letters

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the latest issue of the Citizen's Pages. It was quite informative to have a sitting Councillor present at this past Monday's Citizens' Corner. His was an articulate description of the preparation required to do Council work well, and the rather scattershot orientation there is for the newly-elected. Considering the number of acts, by-laws, codes and other governing documents there are, that's quite a test.

By coincidence the principle of essential orientation is one that VOCAL has been at pains for over a year to point out was lacking in the initiation of the new members of the 2016 Library Board.

Whatever orientation that Southern Ontario Library Services (SOLS) provided should have been augmented by an additional orientation by the then CEO to the strategic plan, policies, procedures, and the protocols of our Library. This should have been done with the assistance and guidance from the previous Board. This had been the practice in previous transitions.

In a few months there may be a new Board and/or new members. Who will provide the needed orientation?

And while I'm at it, let me ask this question: Why are there Councillors on the Library Board. The Library CEO should be capable enough to prepare a budget, which the full Council then approves or not. Isn't that enough of a Council role. Just asking.

Let's keep the Board as independent as possible.

Shalom,

Roland Gosselin

Citizens at the

THE CORNER

CAFÉ & GRILL

Come out and meet people who are interested in what is going on in the Town, and what is before Council. All citizens are invited to drop in at the Community Room at Corner Café on most Monday nights between 4 and 7 (except for holiday weekends) for some socializing and friendly discussion on the issues facing the Town and what is on the Council Agenda.

Come, meet new friends, listen, and have your say.

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Events For Life celebrates official ribbon cutting and open house...

On Saturday September 16th Events For Life celebrated the grand opening of our new home in Thornbury! Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of local residents Mike and Alicia Hutchings, EFL now operates out of a beautiful farmhouse and 100 acre property!



Photo l-r: Joe Halos, Shelley Higginson, Mike Hutchings, Cathy Butler Located on Side Rd. 33 complete with hobby farm animals and hiking trails there are unending opportunities for our participants to grow and learn in nature and the most peaceful surroundings. It was on July 1st we moved into our new home, having spent our first summer there we had an amazing start!

September 16th marked the "Official Opening" of the program location and it really was a wonderful day! Mother nature was on our side; the weather was outstanding, beautiful and sunny! Many local supporters, friends, family, program participants, local officials and town councillors Joe Halos and John McGee were in attendance! Kellie Leitch Conservative MP for Simcoe-Grey stopped by to give her good wishes and extend her appreciation of our program and the need for such meaningful opportunities for special needs adults. Everyone enjoyed tours of the farmhouse and barn with all of the animals, the ribbon cutting and the opportunity to see how the program runs!



Owner Mike Hutchings moved to the area a few years ago. Hearing about Events For Life from its director and founder Shelley Higginson, who was speaking at a

local charity fundraiser, he was moved by her sincerity, the importance of our program and it's need in the area. Both he and his wife Alicia felt that their property would be a wonderful fit for EFL! After working out many details our new home was established!

Having the opportunity to showcase what we do and who we are on Saturday September 16th was an amazing opportunity for the program itself, but even more so for the participants who now call the farm home! A huge thank you to all, especially Mike and Alicia! www.eventsfor.life

Thornbury Jazzworks - new concert date

The JAZZ AT THE LIBRARY concert which had to be cancelled last Friday due to the power outage caused by a wicked wind storm is being re-scheduled to **THURSDAY OCTOBER 12, 7:30 p.m.**

Tickets for the Bob DeAngelis concert dated Friday September 29 are valid for the Thursday October 12, concert and will be accepted at the door. As Bob DeAngelis is unable to meet the new date, we are delighted to welcome back John MacMurchy - tenor saxophone and clarinet and Jocelyn Barth - the amazing jazz singer, performing some of the great tunes from the big band era and beyond. Tickets \$20 available at Pharmasave

New CEO for the Library

Following a comprehensive national search process, The Blue Mountains Public Library Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Sabrina Saunders to the position of Chief Executive Office, effective Oct. 23rd. Dr. Saunders comes to The Blue Mountains after ten years as CEO of Six Nations Public Library. Under her watch, the largest First Nation public library in Canada became accredited, became a leader in library board governance and policy, underwent plans for a new facility, and grew to meet the ever-changing needs of the community for a wide range of library services. In addition, Dr. Saunders has managed and governed several historic and archival projects including heritage museum buildings, museum tourism, physical archives, digital archives,



and genealogical initiatives. Sabrina is a respected member of the Ontario Library Community and brings a wealth of experience and knowledge of library trends and innovation. Dr. Saunders has been a keynote speaker at

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

To be included in this listing post your event on www.visitbluemountains.ca

DETAILS SUBJECT TO CHANGE- CONFIRM WITH ORGANIZERS

INKLINGS...and more

Show runs till November 2nd

L. E. Shore Library Gallery Featuring new works in ink and watermedia by Dave Nicholas, Dorothy Hiltz and Sheila Bannerman. Three local Georgian Bay artists present a colourful collection of smaller works rendered in various combinations of ink, graphite, and watermedia.

TOUR OF THE ARTS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday

October 7,8,9 11am - 5pm

Thornbury, Clarksburg, Craigleith, Kimberley

18 local artists invite you to their studios on Thanksgiving Weekend. This self guided tour is free. Find that perfect gift or a handcrafted piece of art for your home. See our website for a list of artists and samples of their work. Follow the red and white directional signs www.tourofthearts.ca

MEET THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Thursday, October 12, 3-5pm

L. E. Shore Library Meet our local heroes, The Blue Mountains Fire Department for Fire Prevention Week 2017. Families are welcome

to join us from 3-5pm to see a fire engine up close, meet the fire fighters (and Sparky!) and receive tips about fire safety. Free program

AUTHOR TALK

Friday, October 13, 3:00pm

L. E. Shore Library Special Guests: Karma Brown, Jennifer Robson, Kate Hilton and Marissa Stapley. Join us for an afternoon of celebrating Canadian Fiction. Tickets are \$5/person and can be purchased at the L.E. Shore Library or at the Craigleith Heritage Depot Call 519-599-3681

INDIE AUTHOR DAY

Saturday, October 14, noon

L. E. Shore Library **FABULOUS FLUTE** Saturday, October 14, 7:30pm St. George's Church, Tickets \$25

ROTARY APPLE RUN.ca

Sunday, October 15, 9:00am

Beaver Valley Community Centre **LUNCH BUNCH**

Tuesday, October 24 at noon

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Come and rejoin the "Lunch Bunch" and enjoy a delicious meal on the fourth Tuesday of each month 519-599-6645

HOURNRY JAZZWORKS

Friday, October 27, 7:30pm

L.E. Shore Gallery
The Chantry Island Quartet will perform the rarely heard Suite No.1 for Flute and Jazz Piano Trio by Claude Bolling. Meryl Gillmore, Principal Flute of the Georgian Bay Symphony Orchestra will be the soloist. Tickets \$20

ROCK N ROLL HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, October 28, 7:00pm

Maiolos Restaurant
Dinner, Dancing and Prizes for Costumes. Tickets \$35 or \$30 cover for 9pm call 519-599-3345

LOVE FROM A STRANGER by Agatha Christie

Thursday, Nov. 2, 7:30pm \$20

Friday, Nov. 3, 7:30pm \$20

Saturday, Nov. 4, 2:00pm \$15

Saturday Nov. 4, 7:30pm \$20

Marsh Street Centre, Clarksburg
Don't miss this suspense-filled dramatic comedy, performed by the Thornbury Community Theatre. Tickets at Pharmasave & Marsh Street Centre 519-599-7837
www.marshstreetcentre.com

BOOK LAUNCH

Sunday, November 5, 1-3 pm

LE Shore Library
"Powered by Love: A Grandmothers' Movement to End AIDS in Africa". "Together, resolute grandmothers in Africa and around the world are reclaiming hope and courageously saving lives. Powered by Love is their story." A free event. Refreshments served.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Daily - Monday-Friday

Coffee Klatch - 10am to noon

Marsh Street Centre, Clarksburg

Mondays

Bridge 1pm. St. Georges Anglican Church,

\$2.00 includes refreshments

Wednesdays

Taoist Tai Chi Arts™ Beaver Valley Com.

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Continuing Classes 10-noon; 519-377-0652

Events For Life Coffee Nook 10-11am

Come and enjoy coffee and muffins at Grace United Church www.eventsfor.life

Wednesday and Thursday

Bid Euchre 1:00 pm Beaver Valley

Community Centre, \$2.00 - 519-599-2209

Indie Author Day

Celebration - Oct. 14

The Blue Mountains Public Library is proud to announce that it will be participating in the annual Indie Author Day celebration by hosting a free public event on Saturday October 14, at L.E. Shore Memorial Library, noon-2pm.

The Craigleith Heritage Depot Writer's Fair offers independent writers and authors a free opportunity to present their work. Table space will be provided to showcase writing, book sales, to give writers a chance to connect with an audience and other authors, and present a short work in-person through a reading. There will be a display of historical authors and publishers, as well as a resource area for local writers.

At 2:00pm a presentation will be given by Ashley Green about her work as an independent children's book author.

This event will be part of the second annual Indie Author Day celebration. This is an opportunity for the indie community to come together at the library; to help local self-published and independent authors get discovered, and for readers to find new books written by fellow community members.

For information about the event, www.thebluemountainslibrary.ca.

English Country Dancing

Marsh Street Centre in Clarksburg
October 15 - 1:30 (Novice Intro.)

and dance 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

November 5 & 18 - 2:00-4:00 p.m.

December 10 - 2:00-5:00 p.m.

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numerous conferences, including Ontario Public Libraries Association conferences provincially and The Futures Symposium: Libraries 2020, an all provinces symposium. Dr. Saunders also sits on or chairs a number of boards, and we've been told that she leaves a huge hole in her current community. During her first six months of leadership in The Blue Mountains Public Library system, she will be implementing a comprehensive assessment of library services. We anticipate her speaking with many of our patrons and municipal partners as she works with the Board and our staff to create a plan for improved services to our residents and guests alike.

Dr. Saunders stated, "It is a privilege to work for such a vibrant and dynamic community. I look forward to the opportunities to enhance services for our residents and visitors who use our library system and facilities annually."

Open House to meet Sabrina planned for Thurs Oct 26 from 1-2:30pm and 7-8 pm in the Gallery



Join us for the
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Sunday, October 15, 2017

9:00am: 1k Kids' Fun Run

9:30am: 5 & 10k Walk/Run
21k Run

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Tickets available at
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or call 705-606-0413

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& Hope Haven Therapeutic Riding Centre



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Storm Lashes TBM Shoreline

Friday night's storm, with wind speeds in excess of 70 km/hr, lashed the shoreline with large waves destroying docks and tossing at least one boat from its boat lift onto the beach. A boat was reported smashed to pieces at a property on Cameron Street. Residents in the western part of the TBM also lost their hydro, which in some areas was not restored until Saturday afternoon. Many large trees also came down due to the wind.



Thornbury Jazzworks

is a non-profit community group in the South Georgian Bay area dedicated to enhance the awareness of jazz music in our community while supporting music education in our schools. Since 2015, Thornbury Jazzworks has been funding various music programs for students at Beaver Valley Community School with the funds being used for repair or replacement of musical instruments and for professional tutoring. On September 20, a cheque for \$1000.00 was presented to the music teacher, school principal and students of the music program. Shown in the photo from left to right are: Melanie Kearns (Music Teacher), Ryan Dey, Layne Hewgill, Jackson Hulsoph, Rod Innes (Thornbury Jazzworks), Curtis Coyne (School Principal)



Outstanding Citizens Medallions

were presented by Simcoe Grey MP Kellie Leitch Sept. 23 to 25 constituents. Each recipient received a sesquicentennial pin and a certificate of appreciation. The pins are crafted from the copper roofing of Canada's Parliament Buildings (Centre Block) from 1918 to 1996. Representing The Blue Mountains area were Scott Buchanan, piper; Linda Wykes, Joan Gaudet, and Lynn Morley shown with Kellie Leitch



Sunday October 15

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Thornbury-Clarksburg
Rotary
Club
9:00am: 1k Kids' Fun Run
9:30am: 5 & 10k Walk/Run
21k Run



Print & Digital Marketing Strategies Workshop

October 18th - 19th

Kicking off Small Business Month - the Blue Mountains Chamber of Commerce is pleased to present "Optimize Your Marketing Toolkit," a fall workshop focused on print and digital marketing strategies.

Speaker Keith Tandy of Post Media will offer two sessions; one in the evening and one at lunch to accommodate busy working schedules.



Wednesday, October 18th, 5:30 - 7:30pm, Loft Gallery, Thornbury

OR

Thursday, October 19th, 12:00 - 2:00pm, Lora Bay Winter Garden Room, Thornbury

Cost: \$10 for BMCC members. \$20 for non-members. Light meal provided at each workshop. Reserve your spot now. Space is limited! Call 519-599-1200

ENTERPRISE-BULLETIN



You are invited to a community driven initiative
In the Town of the Blue Mountains

Community Roundtable 2

Thursday 9th November

7-9pm (doors open 6.30pm)

The Marsh St Centre, Clarksburg

Discussing solutions & strategies to support
our vision of a well-informed community
engaged in the decisions affecting our Town

Refreshments provided

Discussion facilitated by Andres Paara

Sponsored by Citizens Communication Committee

For more info contact Rosemary (519) 599-3192
tbmcitizens@gmail.com



NORMAN LANE

Born in Reading, England on July 9, 1921, a son of the late Henry (Jack) and Edith Lane, Norm passed away peacefully with family members by his side on September 3, 2017 at Campbell House Hospice, Collingwood at the age of 96. Norm was brought to Toronto in 1922 at 9 months old; his family finally settled in Lakeview, Mississauga where he grew up with four siblings, Eric, Don, Irene and Ray. Norm and Irene married on June 9, 1945, and together they raised four children, Brian, Jack, Lynda and Jacqueline (Jackie). After losing Irene to cancer in 1980, Norm later met and married Mildred (Mimsy) Birch, and relocated to Marin County, California to begin a new chapter of his life. He supported Mimsy through her battle with Alzheimer's and became involved with the Alzheimer's Society. After Mimsy's passing, Norm married Mary Lou Stevenson; among many adventures, they enjoyed a memorable trip to South Africa. Mary Lou passed in 2004 and Norm returned to Canada, settling in Thornbury, with his eldest son Brian. There, Norm became involved with numerous organizations: the local Beaver Valley PROBUS; Royal Canadian Legion, Beaver Valley Branch #281; the 4th Canadian Division Training Centre (Meaford); and the Canadian Veteran Freedom Riders, who bestowed upon him the nickname "Dusty." Norm spent his last few years with companion Helen Tanner. Together they enjoyed fine merlots and dinners on the town. After Helen's passing in 2015, Norm returned to live with Brian before moving to Chartwell Retirement Residence in Collingwood in

February 2017. Norm survived by his sister Irene. He leaves a loving legacy to his children Brian (Maureen), Jack (Lesia), Lynda (Ray) and Jackie (Stuart), six grandchildren Brent (Dannielle), Michael (Nicole), Bobbie Sue (Jamie), Brenda, Sarah (Craig) and Melanie, 12 great-grandchildren (Jack, Jessica, Ryan, Sammi, Colter, Dillion, Hanna, Johnny, Owen, Cole, Brody and Gage), and Nicole (Kayla), stepdaughter to Jack. Norm was also a beloved uncle to Joan (Jack) and Sandy (Al) and their families. He was predeceased by brothers Don, Eric and Ray, as well as daughter-in law Dorothy and step-grandson Austin. He will be fondly remembered by extended family members, nieces and nephews, as well as the many friends he made during his life, including the Edwards and the Roebuck families. Norm always welcomed the attention and company of his furry grand-dogs.

TYSON CHRISTOPHER DONALD OSMOND

Tyson was born August 4th, 2017 at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto to Christopher & Stacey Osmond (Gardner) of Meaford, a brother to Jaxon & Mason. Tyson passed away peacefully on August 29th, 2017 at Toronto Sick Kids Hospital. If so desired and as your expression of sympathy, donations to Toronto Sick Kids Hospital or Ronald McDonald House would be appreciated and may be made directly or through the Ferguson Funeral Home in Meaford or Thornbury to whom arrangements were entrusted.

IAN CLIVE SHAW

Ian Shaw, formerly of Thornbury, passed away at Sunset Manor in Collingwood on Sunday, September 10, 2017 at the age of 96. Born in Ravenna on January 20, 1921, he was the eldest son of the late Norman and Pearl (née Knox) Shaw. Ian was predeceased by his beloved wife of 69 years, Muriel (née Gould) Shaw. He was the loving father of Paul Shaw (Beverley) of Collingwood, Janis Carscadden (Terry) of Clarksburg, Susan Thompson (Fred) of Wasaga Beach, and Cindy Lewis (Steve) of Collingwood. Ian was the devoted grandfather of Carrie Russell (Larry) of Markdale, John Carscadden (Jennifer) of Chatsworth, Andrew Carscadden (Michelle) of Collingwood, Destiny Shaw (Rob) of New York, Drew Shaw (Lindsay) of Sarnia, Mandy Wilson (Kyle) of

Halton Hills, Robert Thompson of Mississauga, and Morgan, Madysyn and Matthew Lewis of Collingwood. He will be sorely missed by his great grandchildren Terenn, Cole and Ashton of Markdale, Claire and Lauren of Chatsworth, Jade and Mazie of Collingwood and Paisley of Halton Hills. Ian was the dear brother of Edmund Shaw (Donna) of Thornbury, and was predeceased by his sister Vernice Chorkawy (Michael) of Thunder Bay. He will be remembered fondly by his sister-in-law Sheila Doner (Don) of Wasaga Beach.

NANCY PATRICIA 'BUNNY' CICHON

Born in Thornbury, December 29, 1938, a daughter of the late Arthur "Babe" and Marjorie Lougheed, Bunny passed away at Meaford Hospital on Monday September 11, 2017 at the age of 78 surrounded by her loving family. Bunny was the devoted mother of Linda Groth and her husband Terry of Brampton, Brian Cichon of Innisfil and Adam Cichon of Craigleith. She will be the sadly missed grandmother of Tyler and Teralin Groth of Brampton, and Keanna and Jakob Cichon of Innisfil. Bunny was a dear sister of Sharleen Killing and her husband Andy of Owen Sound and Lois Lanktree and her husband Orval of Thornbury. She was predeceased by an infant brother James, sister Joan Jones (late Stephen) and brother Bill Lougheed and is fondly remembered by his wife Joanne Lougheed. She will be recalled as a special aunt by her several nieces and nephews and their families. Bunny loved to sing with the Sweet Adelines Group which she did for many years. She worked at the Toronto Dominion Bank and later as a bookkeeper at Lake's Garage in Clarksburg. She loved to knit and often displayed her wares at the Meaford Market and Fall Fair. Mostly Bunny will be recalled for her enjoyment of her trailer at Whispering Pines in Hepworth where she spent many summers with family and friends.

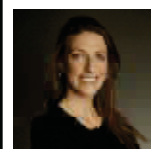
(ANNE) MARIE ELIZABETH JONES

Marie passed away at Grey Bruce Health Services in Meaford on Saturday, September 16, 2017 in her 84th year. The daughter of the late Gordon Smith and Gladys Taylor, she was born in Northern Quebec and grew up in Toronto. She was the beloved wife of Harold G.R. Jones who predeceased her in 1994. Marie was the dear mother of Joyce Adams and Jeff Jones of Meaford, Jim Jones and his wife Lorna-Jean of Edmonton, and JoAnne Flink and her husband Fred of Severn Bridge. She will be fondly remembered by her grandsons Jason, Matthew and Richard Jones, Mike Adams, and Christopher Flink. She will be sorely missed by her great-grandchildren Kevin, Jasmine and Trinity Adams, with whom she spent many weekends. She is survived by her sister Aline ("Thomas) Stewart and predeceased by her brothers George and Harvey Smith. KERR,

ROBERT WILLIAM 'BOB' KERR

Bob Kerr of Thornbury passed away peacefully at the Meaford Long Term Care Centre on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at the age of 74. Born in Sherbrooke, Quebec on May 1st, 1943, Bob was a son of the late Donald and Charlotte (née Matthews) Kerr and a brother to John and his wife Diane. Bob was the beloved husband of Davina Kerr of Thornbury. He was the dear father of Erin Brenders (Kevin), Alexandra Blum (Oliver), Lucinda Kogan (Ron), Katherine Hamilton and Brian Kerr. Bob's quiet dignity, infectious laugh and gentle soul were a great example to his seven grandchildren: Harrison, Sophia, Hannah, Toby, Sebastian, Max and Charles. He was incredibly proud of the accomplishments of both his children and his grandchildren. Despite calling Oakville, Vancouver and Thornbury home, Bob's heart always remained in his home town of Montreal. He was a lover of great wine, great stories and the Montreal Canadiens.

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In January 2014 the Town of The Blue Mountains established a not-for-profit Corporation to augment the supply of healthy and sustainable ownership housing units in The Blue Mountains which are affordable to a larger portion of the population that would like to live here, but just can't afford to do so. This is not a social housing program, which is handled by Grey County, rather is a program to have a school full of children supported by their parents and grandparents or individuals, all living in the vibrant, diverse community of The Blue Mountains.

The Board is comprised of nine Directors, two of whom are sitting members of Council, the balance are residents of the Town of The Blue Mountains.

The Board is a working Board where we all pitch in to get things accomplished. To date we have been successful in providing grants to a number of The Blue Mountains residents to help defray the costs of constructing secondary suites, and we have also helped qualified first time home purchasers in The Town of The Blue Mountains with assistance in the form of a down payment assistance loan..

Your time commitment will include monthly Board meetings (generally a Thursday from 2-4pm) and several additional hours monthly.

The term would start fall 2017 for a period of one year.

If you would like to give back to community, and have time to attend monthly meetings, we would like to hear from you.

Please contact Bruce Taylor (brucedtaylor@rogers.com or info@thebluemountains.ca) by October 15th, 2017 for further information.

Our website can be found at: thebluemountainshousing.ca



HOME & COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES
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Meals on Wheels Week - Enjoy a Nutritious Meal in North Grey!

October is Community Support Month in the Province of Ontario, and Meals on Wheels Week is celebrated from October 1st to 7th.

This is an opportunity to celebrate the home and community care services which help over a million Ontarians live independently in their own homes each year. There are over 25 different community support services provided in Ontario, including Personal Care and Housekeeping, Meals on Wheels, Alzheimer and Adult Day Programs, Transportation to medical appointments, Friendly Visiting, and much more.

It's a successful model because clients prefer to live in their own homes and communities, and supporting them to do so reduces costs to other parts of the health care system. The not-for-profit agencies that provide these services receive partial government funding, and are also supported by community foundations, individual donations and hours and hours of volunteer service each year.

For more information about volunteering at Home and Community Support Services, or to receive Meals on Wheels, contact 519-372-2091 or 1-800-267-3798 and push 3, or go to www.homecommunitysupport.com



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RATING SYSTEM

Terrain (T):

Easy: Mostly flat and good footing
Moderate: Some hills and/or some poor footing
Strenuous: Hilly with steep climbs and some poor footing

Pace (P):

Leisurely (3 km/hr or less)
Medium: (3-4 km/hr)
Brisk (4-5 km/hr)
Fast (5+ km/hr)

Wed. Oct. 11 Fall Colours Hike Old Baldy Map 25

T=Moderate P=Medium
Meet at 10:30 a.m. at the Old Baldy parking lot on Sideroad 7B (km 42.1) for a 5 km in-and-out walk enjoying the fall season with all of its colours. Register with leader: Evelyn Ledsham 705-888-4318 or evelyn.ledsham@rogers.com

Thurs. Oct. 12 Hockley Valley Loop Caledon Hills Map 18

T=Moderate/Strenuous P=Medium
Meet at 10a.m. at the Hockley Road parking lot, 250 m east of km 60.1 for a 12.3 km hike taking in 3 loops in the Hockley Valley Provincial Nature Preserve. Register with leaders: Bruce or Val 519-922-2198.

Sat. Oct. 14 Kolapore Map 25

T=Moderate P=Medium
Meet at 10:00 a.m. south of km 23.8, at the skier's parking lot on Grey Rd. 2 located 650 m south of the trail for a 6 km hike in and out. Optional

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Thurs. Oct. 19 Fall Colours Hike

Map 26
T=Moderate P=Medium
Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Johnston's Sideroad parking (km 70.2) to carpool to Hogg's Falls parking (km 63.2) for a 6.8km hike. Bring a snack and water. Register with leader: Scott Thompson 519-924-2556 or sethompson1955@gmail.com.

Tues. Oct. 24 Urban Walk & Georgian Trail Meaford

T=Easy P=Medium
Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Meaford Harbour parking lot for a 2 hour outing in town and on the Georgian Trail. Optional lunch to follow. Register with leader: Dale Burgess 519-538-4510.

Wed. Oct. 25 Silent Valley Side Trails Map 30

T=Moderate (with rocky sections) P=Medium
Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the parking area at the end of 2nd Conc. South, off Grey Rd. # 18 just north of the village of Bognor for an approx. 6 km loop hike on a few of the Silent Valley side trails. Register with leader: Dennis Knight 519-379-1532, phone/text or dennisknight@rogers.com

Fri. Oct. 27 Tom Thomson Trail

T=Moderate P=Medium
Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the intersection of the 11th Line and 22nd Sideroad, west of Meaford, for a 9.2 km loop hike taking in part of the Tom Thomson Trail and the River Kwai Side Trail. Bring a snack. Optional lunch to follow at Ted's Range Road Diner. Register with leader: Audrey Woods-Dobie 519-538-1567.

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100+ women and \$100 each and 1 hour = \$12,500 for Home Horizon, Barbara Weider House

An extraordinary event took place Wednesday, Sept 27th at the Collingwood Legion when 100+ local women came together for one hour to donate more than \$12,500 to a local charity. The

women were all members of the newly formed group, 100+ Women Who Care South Georgian Triangle. This was their inaugural meeting. The group's premise is simple yet powerful. Collectively they choose a local charity to support and each woman makes a \$100 donation to that charity - while the charity, in turn, received a significant and impactful donation of \$12,500.

Three charities were selected from the nominations provided by members; Events for Life, Hospice Georgian Triangle and Home Horizon. After a passionate discussion in which all three charities benefited by increasing awareness of their good work, the membership selected Home Horizon's Barbara Weider House by ballot to receive the donation.

A representative from the charity will attend the next meeting of 100+ Women to let the group know the difference they made in helping them better serve their community.

100+ Women Who Care would like to thank the Collingwood Legion for donating the space to hold their meetings. The group meets four times a year, with the next meeting on November 22nd at 7:00pm. To learn more about this exciting initiative, or to become a member, visit our website www.100womensouthgeorgiantriangle.com - Photo by Robert Burcher



JOB FAIR

**AT THE GEORGIAN PEAKS CLUB
Saturday, October 14, 2017
Hwy. 26 at Peaks Road, Thornbury, ON
10:00 a.m. – Noon**

We invite interested persons to visit our Job Fair for the following full and part-time positions for the winter season. Please bring your resume. Interviews will be conducted on site.

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Lift Attendants	Cooks
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Citizens' Pages in the Blue Mountains Review

Mayor McKean, Chair and Maurice Pepper, Vice-Chair of the Library Board reignite passions on Library Issues

A letter signed by Mayor McKean, Chair of the Library Board, and Maurice Pepper, Vice-Chair, which appeared as a paid insert in the pages of The Blue Mountains Review last month, has sparked the latest controversy surrounding the Library Board. The letter, more than any other issue to date, prompted a flood of letters to the editor to the Citizens' Pages. (See Citizens' Letters section)

The letter was supposedly a response to Paul Wilson, the Chair of Voices of Our Community For Accountable Leadership's (VOCAL's) open letter to the Library Board, which was received by the Library Board for information at its meeting of July 20th and which was in large part reproduced in these pages last month.

While Mr. Wilson's letter was very fulsome in addressing issues raised by the recent Strategic Planning Committee, and was signed in his capacity as Chair of VOCAL, the response inserted in The Blue Mountains Review was very short, addressed none of the issues raised by VOCAL, and was addressed to Mr. Wilson personally, at his home, and included personal information such as his address and e-mail.

Many in the community questioned whether this was a violation of Mr. Wilson's privacy. Apparently, it was.

In response to questions by the Citizens' Pages, Cindy Weir, Acting CEO of the Library commented as follows:

"The Board provided the appropriate direction respecting the preparation of a response." "The Board realized that Mr. Wilson's personal information had been published in error and has taken steps to address the matter pursuant to the Information and Privacy Commissioner's protocol. We have written to Mr. Wilson to advise him of the Board's error and have also reported the situation to the Information and Privacy Commissioner. We are working with that office to ensure that our responsibilities are being met."

When contacted by the Citizens' Pages, Mr. Wilson commented as follows:

"Ms. Weir's response to the Citizens' Pages is not entirely true. The only letter I received in the matter was not from the Library Board, but from the Toronto-based legal firm, Aird & Berlis LLP, who introduced themselves as "counsel" for the Library Board. The letter was not to "advise" me (as if I needed to be told) of the Board's error, but to acknowledge my complaint to the Town Clerk and confirm that "a privacy breach has occurred." The letter also contained, "on behalf of the Library Board," a "sincere apology." Parts of Ms. Weir's response to the Citizens' Pages are direct but unacknowledged quotes from the Aird & Berlis letter to me. I have yet to receive a response, sincere or otherwise, from anyone on the Board itself.

The real issue, however, is not the breach of privacy. It's the deliberate misrepresentation, by John McKean and Maurice Pepper, not just of the contents of my open letter to the Board on behalf of VOCAL, but more seriously, of what VOCAL stands for and what it hopes to accomplish. For the year-and-a-half of its existence, VOCAL's mission has been to help restore public confidence in the governance of the Blue Mountains Public Library. Inevitably, we have been critical of missteps by the Board, but our comments have always been in the spirit of the Board's stated goal of achieving "positive, respectful relations and communications." McKean and Pepper's "disappointment" that we don't support that goal is completely disingenuous, and

they knew it was disingenuous when they distributed their letter to the community. I believe it is up to them, personally, to put the matter right in an equally public way."

Citizens' Groups Prominent at Beaver Valley Fall Fair



The Citizens' Corner booth was a busy place.



Blue Mountain Ratepayers Association



VOCAL: Voices of Our Community for Accountable Leadership

Citizens' groups were prominent at the Beaver Valley Fall Fair, with three groups, Citizens' Corner, VOCAL: Voices of Our Community for Accountable Leadership, and the Blue Mountains Ratepayers Association joining groups such as the Beaver River Watershed Initiative, and Beaver Valley Outreach in hosting information booths on their activities, and signing up new members. There was a lot of interest in their activities and people seemed to welcome their presence.

Water Treatment Plant Projects \$720,000 over budget

On September 21st Council approved a \$720,000 increase for Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (CWWF) Projects. The CWWF is a federal program with Federal government is providing up to 50% funding and the Provincial government will invest up to 25% in these projects, with the Town covering the rest of the costs.

The projects being funded are

- 1) Roof replacements at the Thornbury Waste Water Treatment Plant and the Thornbury Water Treatment Plant
- 2) Replacing the existing back-up generators at Elgin and Moore Sewage Pumping Stations, and
- 3) Replacing the UV disinfection units at both the Craigeith and the Thornbury WWTP facilities.

After reviewing the original estimates for the projects it appears as though the budgeted costs were underestimated. Staff suspect that with the availability of other work for contractors, constrained time lines, and tendering late in the construction season, the Town has experienced inflated bid results.

The decision to proceed in spite of the inflated costs was influenced by the fact that if the projects can be more than 60% completed by March 2018, the projects will have a significant portion paid for through grants from both the Federal and Provincial Governments through the CWWF.

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Good News for Woodland Park Residents : Grey County joins TBM Council in Rejecting Two New Road Crossings of Georgian Trail



In our June Issue we reported that Council had listened to the Woodland Park residents and directed staff to inform the County of Grey and the Ministry of Transportation that Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains does not support the recommendation in the Environmental Assessment to close the intersections at Woodland Park Road and Lakewood Drive onto Highway 26, and from Woodland Park Road onto Grey Road 40, in spite of the Town's earlier position on the matter. This would have meant two new roads constructed across the Georgian Trail.

At Monday night's council meeting Council received a letter from Grey County addressed to the Ministry of Transport outlining their support for the residents' position.

It shows that sometimes our elected representatives do listen.

Now it's up to the Ministry of Transport, an arm of the provincial government to follow through.

Poor Turnout at Grey County Official Plan Consultation in TBM

Only 11 people from the community were in attendance when Grey County was in Town on September 21st seeking input on Recolour Grey, the Grey County Official Plan update. The poor turnout was surprising given the amount of attention the amount our tax dollars going to Grey County has received in recent times. A [Staff Presentation](#) covered, what is an Official Plan, how does an Official Plan Impact Me, what is Recolour Grey, explanations of the five themes and what's happened so far and the remainder of the process to develop a new County Official Plan. After this attendees were given the opportunity to provide input on each of the 5 themes.

Welcome to the Citizens' Pages

This is the eleventh monthly issue of the Citizen's Pages, a citizen funded insert into the Blue Mountains Review. This insert allows for an extra four pages of news about what is going on in our Town.

If you like reading us, please follow the link and make a donation to keep us going. We can't do it without your support! We have managed to raise enough to survive for our first eleven issues, but we are surviving month to month.

<https://www.gofundme.com/Citizens-Page-in-the-Blue-Mts-Review> Donations can also be made to the Citizens' Pages care of The Blue Mountains Review and be dropped off at Riverside Graphics in Clarksburg. All of the funds we receive go towards printing and distribution. All content and editing is provided by citizen volunteers.
Alar Soever, Editor

Citizen's Letters

Re: Insert article "The Michael Seguin Affair Exposed"

I read the rather extensive exposure of the allegations against Councillor Seguin in your recent Citizens' Pages insert in "The Blue Mountains Review" and had these thoughts.

Firstly, I was hoping that your summary of the details of the complaints against Councillor Seguin was incomplete – not because I wish to see the Councillor further persecuted, but because I can't believe that this matter is the result of the details you reported on. How can it be that the Town Council has been so preoccupied with what amounts to name calling and hurt feelings! I would expect this behavior from children in the school yard and not my Town Council! Frankly, I would expect my elected representatives to aggressively press for fiscal prudence and not be deterred by hurt feelings at the staff level.

Secondly, there are no more pressing matters than this to consume my tax dollars? Really?

Thanks for the reminder that a municipal election is on the horizon. Time to let these children return to the real schoolyard and not Council!

Yours truly, *Rob Sampson*

Justice must not only be done, it must be seen to be done

The recent article concerning the Seguin affair and the allegations copied from court documents setting out what were the basis of his sanctioning were, to say the least, interesting.

These allegations are subjective, hypothetical and extremely general. Are there specific instances of individual staff being harassed ?

A year ago I sent a letter to our Mayor, with copies to all members of Council asking a number of questions, some of pertaining to the Seguin affair. Despite a follow up there was no response from anyone. Because actions speak louder than words this is another example of a lack of transparency from our elected officials. I might add there were no accusatory statements in my letter, merely questions.

There is a saying in legal circles which is:

"Justice must not only be done, it must be seen to be done"

If these reported allegations are all there is, and formed the basis of the Seguin sanctioning then from my perspective I say, "Shame on the Mayor, Shame on Council. No wonder the allegations were not publicized. Frankly, I also feel a Shame on Staff may also be warranted. *Don Green*

The Big Question Is: Is This So Called Investigation Credible?

Dear Editor of the Citizen's Pages:

This Letter is Written without Prejudice

I am the wife of Councillor Michael Seguin, and I want to thank you for the latest issue of the Citizen's Pages, and more

COUNTDOWN TO THE NEXT ELECTION
Less than 384 days

The next municipal election will be held Monday, October 22, 2018. It's never too early to get to know your Town and the issues, so you can make an informed choice.

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specifically the article titled The Michael Seguin Affair Exposed.

For over a year now Michael and I have lived under a dark cloud of speculation as to what kind of terrible crimes he was accused of. I am happy that the public now knows exactly what those were. As I methodically read through the documents that the Citizen's Pages posted online, I was surprised to find that in the Investigation Report by Bernard and Associates a conversation I had at a Town Christmas party is now cited as an example of intimidating comments and attributed to Michael.

The Investigation Report, Page 5, states, "The witness stated that the Respondent has a habit of making comments that can be interpreted by staff as intimidating. One example was related to a bylaw officer who was approached by the Respondent at the Christmas party and asked when xx would retire. The witness stated that it is the Respondent's approach and tone that makes people uneasy".

I was personally astounded by this statement and I will attest to the fact that it was not Councillor Michael Seguin, but I, who asked the question "When will you get to retire?" It was the second and last Christmas Party (Western Theme) that we attended, and I can vividly describe where I was standing at the Beaver Valley Community Centre, and the time of the evening when I had this conversation with this individual. I have known this person for over 30 years and was having what I thought was a friendly, comfortable conversation.

I am truly dumbfounded that an innocent conversation that I had can be turned into ammunition for an attack on my husband.

THE BIG QUESTION IS: IS THIS SO CALLED INVESTIGATION CREDIBLE?

Catherine Sholtz-Seguín

Strange Letter Deserves Apology

Paul Wilson, a resident of the Town of the Blue Mountains, is a gentleman: articulate, thoughtful and endlessly gracious. I am proud to call him a friend. Paul is a writer, editor and translator. For a while he edited the magazine called "The Walrus". Paul is a man of letters. Nay, not just letters, but words, paragraphs and entire novels as well. His love of books has led him to become a staunch defender of our local library, the L. E. Shore Memorial.

Imagine my surprise, then, when I received the following letter, on Library letterhead, placed as an insert in the recent copy of The Blue Mountain Review. It was addressed not to me, but to Mr. Wilson. It was written by Mayor John McKean (library board chair) and Maurice Pepper (vice-chair). I include it here in its entirety. (Bold and parentheses theirs')

Mr. Wilson,

The Library Board received your open letter dated July 19 at its July 20, 217 meeting. We remain committed to the goal of positive respectful relations and communications.

"The Library Board, together with our CEO, Staff and Community Members, will work collaboratively to strengthen, build and maintain positive, respectful relationships and communications."

We are disappointed that you do not feel that you can support this goal.

We represent the majority of people in this community and will continue to move forward.

Since I received this letter at my home here in Kolapore, I thought,

well, this is odd, but perhaps Paul intends to move to my house. Further consideration led me to conclude that this must be false, because he seems to be quite happy in Heathcote. Next, I decided that the post office must have screwed this up, but it turns out that a lot of other households have received the same letter. Sorry, post office! Not you either.

So, Mayor McKean and Mr. Pepper, I gather you are involved in a dispute with my friend, Paul Wilson. It is logical to conclude that the dispute involves the library, and, most probably with Mr. Wilson's involvement with the local citizens' group called VOCAL, which was founded primarily to defend the library. Since your letter offers no background or context, or anything at all from Mr. Wilson himself, whom I know to be a decent, honourable and civilized individual, I am forced to conclude that, for reasons of your own, you have decided to drag his good name through the mud. After all, if people don't know Mr. Wilson, and some do not, (their loss) they might conclude that he is some sort of disreputable ne'er-do-well who has little regard for "positive, respectful communications".

Mr. McKean and Mr. Pepper, a loutish, insipid, irresponsible letter like yours, impinging on the character of one of its finest citizens, is not really a shining example of "positive, respectful communications", now is it?

I look forward to a full, unreserved apology, from both of you, to Mr. Paul Wilson. The front page of the next edition of the Blue Mountain Review should be sufficient. I think they can find room enough.

One more thing: the two of you sure as hell do not represent me.

Sincerely yours, *Richard Griffith*

The incoming CEO is fortunate that Paul Wilson and so many like him have the best interests of the Library and its staff at heart.

Like many in the community I am troubled by the McKean/Pepper open letter to Paul Wilson.

Their letter suggests that Paul's letter was not read – or has been and its message deliberately ignored.

Since March of last year Paul has worked tirelessly on behalf of the Library. He continues to do so and has made it a point to familiarize himself with the Ontario Libraries Act to a greater degree than many past and current Library Board members.

It appears that the Board is not adhering to the simple plan that it laid out for itself. It is not communicating with the community it serves as evidenced by the findings of its recent community engagement sessions. The tone with which those conclusions were delivered is beyond belief.

Chair/Mayor McKean has claimed many times that only a handful of people are concerned with this affair. He was and is wrong.

The incoming CEO is fortunate that Paul Wilson and so many like him have the best interests of the Library and its staff at heart.

John Milne, Former Member of the Library Board

The 2018 elections simply cannot arrive soon enough

An Open Letter to the Town of the Blue Mountains Library Board and the Public. September 6th, 2017

Since March of 2016, Paul Wilson (chair of Voices of Our Community for Accountable Leadership) has been polite, articulate and unwavering in his attempt to not only seek justice for the restructuring fiasco at the L.E. Shore, but he has also been the watchdog for this Library Board, working tirelessly to expose

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the numerous faults and the reckless governance of your group. To single this man out by using a five-sentence attack ad, paid for by the taxpayers of this great community, is not only petty and patronizing, it proves a point that bullying is alive and well in the Town of the Blue Mountains.

Will you be taking out attack ads for every citizen who stands up against your poor decisions and lack of judgement? If so, you will need to address those letters to an extensive portion of our population. In your letter to Mr. Wilson you state that you represent "the majority of the people in this community". And that is where you fail as leaders. You represent everyone in the community, including the thousands of people who have stood up against this Board, and this Mayor, since March of 2016.

The 2018 elections simply cannot arrive soon enough.

Patrick Delaney, Thornbury, ON

Please take a moment to reflect on your actions.

An Open Letter to the Town of the Blue Mountains Library Board, and the Public. September 6th, 2017

To Chair John McKean, Vice Chair Maurice Pepper. and the Library Board.

I am quite frankly appalled by the inclusion of your letter (response to Paul Wilson's open letter July 19th, 2017) in the Blue Mountain Review.

For the Chair and Vice Chair to single out Paul Wilson in this manner is shameful, and for the Library Board to agree to use public funds to further a petty grievance against an individual in our community, is truly concerning.

Paul is a true advocate of the L.E Shore Library and has devoted countless hours to try and get our Library back on track.

For you to publicly suggest that he does not support "the goal of working collaboratively together to strengthen, build and maintain positive, respectful relationships and communications" is vindictive and dishonest.

How can you publish this and in the same letter say you are committed to the goal of positive respectful relations and communications?

Please take a moment to reflect on your actions.

Respectfully, *Julia Hinds, Town of Blue Mountains resident*

Who, one may ask, is exacerbating the situation?

Dear Editor and Fellow Citizens:

Some may wonder why the Library continues to be a focus of contention.

For over a year and a half the Library Board has refused to acknowledge or understand that the wholesale firing of staff left many loyal library patrons angry and hurt.

Those firings were what led to a critical look at how the Library was being run, and in turn, to the creation of VOCAL as an instrument to encourage patron involvement in support of a responsive Board and administration.

If the Board now collectively states that Paul Wilson, as Chair of VOCAL, does not accept "the goal of positive respectful relations and communications," then it is deliberately misreading the letter and spirit of Mr. Wilson's Open Letter.

Who, one may ask, is exacerbating the situation?

Sincerely, *Roland Gosselin, Thornbury*

Respect, consideration, truth, openness, thoughtfulness and wisdom, long overdue

Dear Community,

As an informed, involved and active member of my community, I was absolutely shocked today to read a letter from my mayor sent to our entire community as a response to a concern from another citizen.

This response had no reference to the initial letter, publicly stated the address and email of a private citizen, an action that is totally unacceptable and completely unprofessional.

Yesterday my husband asked 'who is Paul Wilson'? Not having seen the letter I responded 'oh he is a very involved citizen who is involved in the citizen's undertakings here in town.' I have written Mayor McKean to ask him to show some leadership, wisdom and respectability in his professional dealings. Shouting from a higher tower doesn't make the truth or lack thereof any different.

I asked for an apology for Paul Wilson and stated that if he had publicly printed all of my private information I would have already seen a lawyer. Stating in a letter that you represent a majority of people in this community does not make it so. What you need to be reminded of is that as Mayor you represent EVERYONE in this community, it is your job.

Everyone wants to move forward, and this can continue if our Mayor would stop moving sideways. This latest transgression is so revealing, it is shocking. As I stated to Mr. McKean, I wouldn't accept this behavior from the students I deal with on the school yard. Respect, consideration, truth, openness, thoughtfulness and wisdom, long overdue.

Maureen Munden



Come out and meet people who are interested in what is going on in the Town, and what is before Council. All citizens are invited to drop in at the Community Room at Corner Café on most Monday nights between 4 and 7 (except for holiday weekends) for some socializing and friendly discussion on the issues facing the Town and what is on the Council Agenda.

Come, meet new friends, listen, and have your say.

Rules: Be polite, respect other people's opinions, and if you don't agree with them, just remember: They have the right to be wrong.

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BVCS Students participate in 4th Step Challenge

In 2012, Lionel Boutet was admitted to Errinrunc Residence and given two weeks to live. He was confined to a wheel chair and could hardly speak. Every day he woke up alive he would make three goals, little attainable goals. If at the end of the day he was able to accomplish one of them, he felt it was a success. In 2013, he had the goal of one day walking again. He set out to achieve his goal by climbing steps. He first climbed seven steps at Errinrunc, slowly growing his strength. A short time later, he climbed 44 steps at the Town Hall by the fish ladder. On May 3, he walked to the stairs and climbed them 45 times, a total of 3,974 steps. In October 2014 over 100 students from the Beaver Valley Community School participated in the 1st Annual Step Challenge.



Big and exciting day at the stairs by the fish ladder. We live, we learn, we share. Our children are spectacular. They listen and they learn more than we normally expect. What a great bunch of our future generation. I am so proud of these young women and men and I am encouraged for our future. Lionel

YOU DID IT! The Heat is On at the Marsh Street Centre!

Local residents and businesses came through big time to raise the needed funds to replace the heating system at Marsh Street Centre in Clarksburg. Faced with a cost of \$10,000 to replace the old and ailing furnace, the newly elected board of directors of the Marsh Street Centre had to come up with some ideas fast!

Dave Dick, in his new role as director of Bar & Events for the MSC, suggested raising money through several concerts. The 3 concert series, aptly named Turn Up The Heat, was a huge success. Musicians Black Belt Jones, Pat Robitaille and Higher Funktion filled the seats and the dance floor creating a fun and entertaining atmosphere.

"Raising \$10,000 in a few months is a great feat" stated Dave Dick. "We came together as a community and did it – and had a really great time in the process! We are blessed to live and be a part of such an amazing community."

A Silent Auction of paintings, jewelry and other objet d'art provided by Clarksburg business Matilda Swanson Gallery, was conducted in the lower level of the Marsh Street Centre during the concerts. Funds raised through the Silent Auction also went towards the Furnace Fund.

With the financial goal met, the furnace will be installed before the cold weather arrives ensuring that the programs and events can carry on throughout the winter.

The Marsh Street Centre is one of only 2 community centres in Ontario owned and operated solely by volunteers. The Centre provides a local gathering spot for community members to attend programs, concerts, plays, markets and more. To learn more about the Marsh Street Centre, go to www.marshstreetcentre.com/



CENOTAPH SERVICES - Saturday, November 11, 11am at Jack Acres Park, Russell Street, and Ravenna Park at 1 pm. Contact: Beaver Valley Branch, Royal Canadian Legion 519-599-3555

COMMUNITY EVENTS

To be included in this listing post your event on www.visitbluemountains.ca
DETAILS SUBJECT TO CHANGE- CONFIRM WITH ORGANIZERS

POINTS OF VIEW ART SHOW

Runs till November 30

L. E. Shore Library Gallery
Paintings by Mark Hope and John David Anderson. In "Points of View", two artists with a common love of painting, Impressionism and the Canadian landscape bring their individual experiences to light in a single show.

www.thebluemountainslibrary.ca

GROWTH VS. FIXED MINDSET:

Tuesday, Nov 7, 7-9pm

L. E. Shore Library Gallery
How to create and support success in yourself and others. All welcome, sponsored by Blue Mountains Toastmasters

COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE 2

Thursday, Nov 9, 7:00pm

Marsh Street Centre, Clarksburg
Join us in our 2nd Town Hall Meeting. Solutions and Strategies to Support a Well-Informed Town, presented by the Citizens Forum
Contact: Rosemary 519-599-3192

HOT TURKEY DINNER

Friday, Nov 10, 5:15pm or 6:30pm

Grace United Church, Thornbury
Enjoy a delicious Hot Turkey Sandwich Dinner. There will be two sittings 5:15 and 6:30, \$15 for

adults, \$6 children 10 and under. For tickets call Mary 519 599 7846, Lois 705 444 2697 or the Church office (Mon or Fri) 519 599 2438.

SUGAR PLUM FAIR

Saturday, Nov 18, 10-4pm

Beaver Valley Community School
BEAVER RIVER WATERSHED AGM
Saturday, Nov 18, 10am
Marsh Street Centre, Clarksburg
www.whatwaterwants.org

WINTER DRIVING &

OVER 80 DRIVING TESTS

Thursday, Nov 23, 1-3pm

L. E. Shore Memorial Library
New Territory for Seniors - Winter Driving & Relicensing for Driver 80+ -- Sean Wraight, Ministry of Transportation will do a presentation on Winter Driving strategies and explain the relicensing process, for drivers 80 years and older. FREE event: To register or to request free transportation, contact Answers4Seniors at BVO: 519 599 2577, ext. 29, seniors@bvo.ca

JAZZ AT THE MARSH

Friday, Nov 24, 7:30pm

Marsh Street Centre, Clarksburg
MARY-CATHERINE PAZZANO is releasing her new CD album "You're Gonna Hear From Me" with Don

Inserts: Citizens' Pages, Georgian Trail, Town Notice

Buchanan, Jason Hunter, Pat Collins and Steve James at her side to showcase her amazing voice and style. Tickets \$25 available at Pharmasave in Thornbury, Marsh Street Centre and Blue Mountain Music in Collingwood. Contact: Tony Bauer Phone: 519-599-2893
www.thornburyjazz.com

CANDY CANE FAIR

Saturday, Nov 25, 11am-2pm

Grace United Church, Thornbury
Popular "Cookie Bar" to buy your Christmas Cookies by the Pound, Crafts & Preserves, Christmas Decorations, Bake Sale, Delicious Lunch served 11:30 - 1:30 Phone: 519-599-2438

LAUNCHING MONEY SMARTS FOR SENIORS!!

Thurs, Nov 30, 10:15am-2:30pm

Marsh Street Centre, Clarksburg
A 2 part session, highlighting Retirement Income related to government and Tax Benefits and Credits for Seniors & Caregivers. This FREE community event includes a lunch and transportation if needed. John Stapleton, of Open Policy Ontario and author of Planning for Retirement on a Low Income will address Retirement Income sources, starting at 10:30. After lunch, Answers4Seniors resource volunteers will present up to date information about available Tax Benefits & Credits. Call (519 599 2577, x. 29) or e mail (seniors@bvo.ca) to reserve your place

Fisheries Management Zone 16

Launch of the Planning Process Friday, Nov 30, 7-9 at the Best Western, Walkerton

The planning period for updating FMZ16 is starting out with a series of sessions across the area to listen to the public and their concerns and comments on fisheries management within the zone. There will be presentations from MNRF regional fisheries and planning staff and then opportunities for comments.

ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND.

Craig Todd, Partnership Specialist
ONTARIO MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES & FORESTRY
1450 7th Ave. E., Owen Sound,
519-371-8465
craig.todd@ontario.ca

JINGLES AND JOY

December, Blue Mountain Village

Fireworks every Saturday night, horse and wagon rides, Santa, music and family activities.
bluemountainvillage.ca/jingles

APPLE VALLEY YOUTH CHORUS PRESENTS KIDS ON BROADWAY

Friday, Dec 1, 7:30 pm

St. George's Anglican Church.

Admission by donation. Directed by Ann-Marie MacDairmid. Assisted by Karen James. Special thanks to our sponsors Thornbury Clarksburg Rotary Club and CIBC Wood Gundy - Jeremy Wentworth-Stanley.

UNIQUE CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOW AND SALE

Saturday, Dec 2, 9:30am-2:30pm

Marsh Street Centre, Clarksburg
Over 20 diverse and talented artisans will be featuring their one of a kind items. There will be a Cookie Bar, selling cookies by the pound; a lovely lunch and special treats. Admission is free so come and join us to see what Christmas has to offer! 519-599-7837
www.marshstreetcentre.com

The Goldenaires Women's Choir of South Georgian Bay under the direction of Catherine Robertson present a Christmas Concert at Meaford United Church. Sunday, Dec. 3, 2:30 p.m. Admission by donation:



Maiolo's
RESTAURANT & LOUNGE

Reserve for Christmas Dinner or pre-order for takeout.



15 Harbour Street, Thornbury
226-665-5511

*New - Private Rooms - Upper Level for Breakfast, Lunch or Dinner Meetings
Call to Book Your Parties Now*

GROWTH VS. FIXED MINDSET:

How To Create And Support Success In Yourself And Others Tuesday, November 7, 7-9pm L.E. SHORE LIBRARY

The Blue Mountains Toastmasters invites you to this inspirational presentation by Dr. George McMaster. Dr. McMaster will share his passion for a growth mindset and the impact it can have on personal success in all areas of our lives including relationships, education, business and athletics. He is particularly passionate about how we as parents, grandparents, mentors and coaches can help to promote a growth mindset in those we raise, teach, and inspire.

A long time Toastmaster, Dr. McMaster helped found Computer Science departments in three major Canadian Universities. He acted as consultant for Steve Jobs and Apple computers. As co-founder of We Care Home Health Services he helped grow the small town business to 64 franchises across Canada. All are welcome Contact: Jean Mcallister 705-445-7182
www.tbtoastmasters.org

Where do YOU fit in?



Community Roundtable 2
Exploring Solutions & Strategies

Thursday 9th November
7-9 pm (doors open 6:30pm)
The Marsh Street Centre, Clarksburg

Sponsored by Citizens Communication Committee
For more info contact Rosemary (519) 599-3192

Thornbury Jazzworks

Mary-Catherine Pazzano is releasing her new CD album "You Gonna Hear From Me" on **Friday November 24th at 7:30 p.m.** at the Marsh Street Centre. No stranger to the Jazz At The Library series she had 2 standing ovations for her riveting performance at the Ella at 100 concert. Her unique ability to tell a story and her rich, yet lyrical voice can leave you breathless. The variety of her singing style is matched with the outstanding musicianship of Don Buchanan on piano, Jason Hunter on saxophones, Pat Collins on bass and Steve James on drums.

Tickets are \$25 available at Pharmasave in Thornbury, Marsh Street Centre in Clarksburg

Beaver Valley Community Centre

58 Alfred Street West, Thornbury

ICE TIME

Non-Prime: \$78.54 Per Hour (weekdays from 7am to 4pm)
Prime Time: \$152.55 Per Hour (weekdays after 4pm, weekends and holidays)

Last Minute Ice: \$67.80 Per Hour (Requests 48 hours prior to ice availability and subject to first available ice)

Party Package: \$113.00 Per Event (Includes 1 hour of ice time + 4 hour small hall rental with 50 person maximum)

To book ice time please contact 519-599-3131 ext. 350 or email bvcc@thebluemountains.ca

PUBLIC SKATING

Adult Skating \$3 Per Person

Mondays, Wednesday & Fridays (10am - 12pm)

Exceptions: Nov 17, Dec 25, Jan 1, Mar 21

Parent & Tot - No Charge

Tuesdays (10am - 11am)

Exceptions: Dec 26, Mar 22

Public Skating - No Charge

Saturdays (12pm - 2pm)

Sundays (12pm - 2pm)

Exceptions: Nov 5, 11, 12, 18, Dec 24, Feb 24, 25, Mar 3, 4, 25
Additional Public Skating Session - Dec 31 (7pm - 9pm)

WEEKLY EVENTS

Daily - Monday-Friday

Coffee Klatch - 10am to noon
Marsh Street Centre, Clarksburg

Mondays

Bridge 1:00pm

St. Georges Anglican Church,

\$2.00 includes refreshments

Wednesdays

Events For Life Coffee Nook 10-11am

Come and enjoy coffee and muffins at Grace United Church www.eventsfor.life

Wednesday and Thursday

Bid Euchre 1:00 pm Beaver Valley

Community Centre, \$2.00 - 519-599-2209

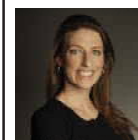


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Congratulations to Nolan

Georgian Bay Community School Grade 9 student Nolan Smith, won the 2017 CWOSSA (Central Western Ontario Secondary School Assoc.) open level boys' singles tennis title at the Northfield Racquet Club in Waterloo on Oct 20th. Nolan beat a Cameron Heights student, 8-4 in the championship match. Nolan advances to the OFSAA Championship, June 4-6, 2018, in Toronto.



Library Welcomes New CEO

Members of the community, including the Library Board gathered together at the L.E. Shore Memorial Library on October 26th to greet our newly appointed Library CEO, Dr. Sabrina Saunders.

Dr. Saunders comes to The Blue Mountains after ten years as CEO of Six Nations Public Library. Under her watch, the largest First Nation public library in Canada became accredited, became a leader in library board governance and policy, underwent plans for a new facility, and grew to meet the ever-changing needs of the community for a wide range of library services. In addition, Dr. Saunders has managed and governed several historic and archival projects including heritage museum buildings, museum tourism, physical archives, digital archives, and genealogical initiatives.

Open and forthcoming, Dr. Saunders expressed delight about moving to the area. "I've longed to live near water, and my family and I are excited to have found a home in Meaford by the Bighead River."

Prior to the reception, Dr. Saunders was presented with the gift of a recently published book titled "The Heart of Turtle Island" which features pictures of the Niagara Escarpment by photographer Mark Zelinski, which was signed with messages of welcome from members of the community.

As one guest was leaving she complimented Mayor John McKean, who is also chair of the Library Board saying, "You made a good choice." McKean responded with a wry smile saying only, "Some of the time we get it right".

Landfill Hours

Tuesday and Thursday 8 am-4 pm

Saturday 8 am-noon

Saturday operations will be limited to the bin sorting and receiving area from Dec to the end of Mar.

Disposal Site Fees

Sorted waste - \$130/tonne

Unsorted waste - \$260/tonne

Clean wood, metals, commercial brush, concrete - \$65/tonne

Minimum site use fee - \$6.00

Recyclables, e-waste, tires, yard waste and household hazardous waste - No charge

788090 Grey Road 13, Clarksburg,

519-599-6760

Curbside Yard Waste and Battery Collection

Begins Oct 30 to Nov 23

Place curbside yard waste by 7am on your regular day of collection. Maximum 10 containers or bags per week. When using containers, leave lids off. No plastic bags.

For battery pickup place them in a battery bag (or clear bag) on top of your blue box for collection on your regular day by 7am.

For Condos, place batteries in battery bag and place inside designated pail in central waste area.



Beaver Valley Outreach (BVO) has started a soft launch of our relocation fundraising campaign. We are seeking proposals from individuals with a proven track record of fundraising to lead a capital campaign to secure the funds required to complete the renovation of our future location.

This individual will be responsible for developing and delivering on the overall fundraising strategy, supplementing existing opportunities with funding from individuals, major gifts, corporations, community, foundations, and other grant opportunities to meet a target of approximately \$250K.

Contact: Carolyn Letourneau,

Executive Director

519-599- 2577, Ext 21

Email: executivedir@bvo.ca

Dear Blue Mountain Neighbours

We have recently relocated to The Blue Mountains from southwest Grey in order to begin ministry as co-pastors at Blue Mountain Community Church. We've been married for close to twenty years, we have two teenagers, and our family has fallen in love with this special place in the valley.



Located at 214 Bruce Street S., Thornbury, Blue Mountain Community Church isn't so much the building as it is the people. We're an inviting and relaxed group who gather for worship, want to know the amazing Jesus, and care deeply about serving this local, growing community. We invite you to join us some Sunday morning. Want to know what will be happening before you arrive? Check our outdoor sign, our Facebook page or the website, they're all updated regularly. Or, pop by on a Wednesday or Thursday to say hello. Oh, and if you see us around town, we'd love to meet you - please introduce yourself.

Jason and Erika Mills

www.bluemountaincommunitychurch.ca

<https://www.facebook.com/BlueMountainCommunityChurch>

email: office@bluemountaincommunitychurch.ca

Office hours: Wednesdays and Thursdays 9:00am-3:30pm

church phone: 519-599-5570

A Free Methodist Congregation: www.fmcic.ca

Christmas Jazz is coming to Town - Dec 9

In 1984 a group of young musicians caught the Holiday spirit and started to perform Christmas music at special concerts. A tradition started, over the years they played in different towns, stayed for years at the Millpond Centre in Alliston and are coming this year to the Marsh Street Centre on Saturday December 9th. You'll hear the classic Christmas tunes from The Christmas Song to Blue Christmas, as well as Baby It's Cold Outside and beyond. The musicians changed along the way and over time they became part of today's Who's Who on the Toronto Jazz scene.

More importantly, this event is planned as a Community fund raiser, celebrating the season and to affirm that "Yes Virginia, There is a Santa Claus".

Stay tuned for details as they become available. Info will be posted on www.bluemountainsreview.ca events calendar



Digital Agriculture Conference

Technology continues to have a huge influence on the worlds of agriculture and food. On November 24, Grey County is hosting Ag 4.0, a one-day summit that will educate and inspire people who work in the agriculture, food and technology industries. Attendees will learn about latest trends and how they are impacting farm practices.

"Agriculture and food have deep roots in Grey County and are major drivers of our local economy," said Grey County Warden Alan Barfoot. "Technology is playing a bigger role than ever in farming, food production and distribution. Ag 4.0 is a great opportunity to listen to experts and learn about new technologies that can help strengthen our businesses."

Grey County is excited to continue the conversation started at last year's inaugural event. This year, Ag 4.0 will shine a spotlight on global challenges and local opportunities. Topics of the day include:

- **Grey County's Agri-Food Asset Map**, Philly Markowitz, Grey County
- **Using data for small farm decision making**, Karen Hand, Ontario Precision Agri-Food
- **Incubation Hub and Brainstorming**, Bernie Blakeney, LaunchPad
- **Ontario's Ag Portal**, Cheryl Brine, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)
- **Farm Trends and Cutting Edge Tech** – Gregor MacLean, Niagara College; Russ Cavanagh, Partner Ag Services; Gemma Mendez-Smith,

Four County Labour Market Board
• Success Stories – Deb Campbell, Agronomist; Brett Marie Freeman, Free Ridge Farms LTD

• Technology and Sustainability. Tyler Whale, Agri-Food Technologies; Sara Rotz, University of Guelph; Jane Farrow, LLB Mass

OMAFRA will also be present at the event with a soil health display. Representatives will be sharing information about the ministry's draft Agricultural Soil and Conservation Strategy (link is external).

Tickets are now on sale through Eventbrite for \$85. A link can be found on the homepage of www.Grey.ca.

In addition to buying tickets for Ag 4.0, the public has the opportunity to donate and sponsor a youth seat at the event. Funds will support students who are interested in careers and the agriculture, food and technology fields.

"Ag 4.0 is a great way to get our youth excited about the career opportunities available, right here in Grey County. We want to keep young people in our community. The public's generous donations to the Ag 4.0 scholarship fund can help make that happen," said Philly Markowitz, economic development officer and Ag 4.0 project lead for Grey County.

The first Ag 4.0 event was held in November of 2016. It was extremely well received by attendees and was a major reason why Grey County was named to the Top7 Intelligent Communities of 2017 by the Intelligent Community Forum.

"We were blown away by the enthusiasm and participation in last year's event. The community has shown their support for this movement and it helped put Grey County on the map. We're very excited to carry this moment forward and to continue to inspire our industries," said Markowitz.

For information about the Summit contact Philly Markowitz at philly.markowitz@grey.ca or call 519-372-0219 ext. 6125.

Haines Dam Interpretive Sign

This past month Katherine Haines, granddaughter of the Haines family was present to bless a sign at a dedication of the plaque at the old Haines dam site, Beaver River, Clarksburg. She is pictured here with the plaque explaining the history of the site. The dam was removed in 2016. Also present were members of the public, Grey Sauble Conservation Authority, Beaver River Watershed Initiative members, staff and a member of council from the Town of The Blue Mountains.



l to r : Lee Ann Simons, Araby Lockhart, Krista McKee, Katherine Haines, John McGee, Shawn Everitt and John Bittorf - Photo by D. Crosskill

The final print of a Bill Hartman painting of Haines Dam will be owned by the winner of a raffle held by the Thornbury Beaver Valley Lions Club for the Beaver River Watershed Initiative. The draw will be held at the BRWI AGM, Saturday, Nov 18, 10am at the Marsh Street Centre, Clarksburg. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 for 10 and available at Riverside



Graphics and Thornbury Pharmasave. www.whatwaterwants.org

The BRWI has been very busy this year looking after the well being of the Beaver River. Recently volunteers in collaboration with Town staff cleared up a cold water creek in Clarksburg. They also cleared the surrounding area of debris that had accumulated over the years. Photos by Deb Crosskill and Robert Burcher



Results of the Citizen's Survey

Part 1: Who responded

Last spring, between April and July, the Citizens' Pages carried out a survey on what is important to the citizens of our Town. We have now compiled the results and will be reporting on them in our next few issues.

One must take the results for what they are: the views of the relatively small group of citizens who are involved in our community and took the time to fill out the survey. Unfortunately, one must say that the vast majority of citizens remain as the silent majority.

The survey was included in the April issue of the Citizens' Pages and also posted online on the Blue Mountains Review website.

We received a total of 103 responses: 53 by e-mail or hard copy, and 50 responses that were filled in online. Seventeen responses which were delivered in one batch in the middle of the night to Riverside Graphics were eliminated, as there were similarities in the handwriting and the responses, which led to the conclusion they were filled out by a single individual. This left 86 responses that were considered legitimate. People who responded were largely long time permanent residents of our Town. 91% of respondents were permanent residents, with 50% of respondents reporting having lived in the TBM for over 20 years, with another 24% having lived here between 10 and 20 years.

Respondents were active in the community with 75% being involved in a community organisation.

87% of respondents reported voting in the last election, with 98% saying they will vote in the next.

91% reported going to at least one council meeting, while 43% reported going to more than 10 council meetings. In spite of their involvement 65% still said that they did not enough about most issues before council to have an informed opinion.

So what we have is 86 responses mostly from permanent long-time residents, who are more involved in the community than most.

Part 2: What is important to you

We asked people a number of questions on a variety of topics, starting with what was important to you. We asked people to rank the importance of items by giving them a score from 1 to 5, with 5 being most important.

Interestingly, the most important thing for people was how our municipal government runs. This was ranked more important than every other item. (see graph in next column).

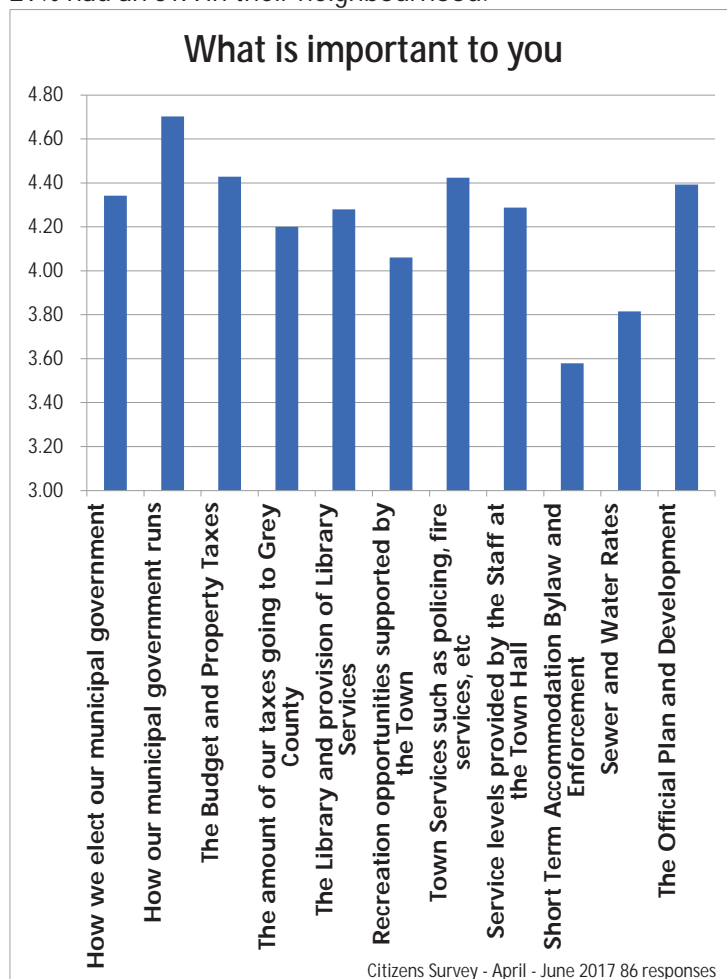
Coming in second in priority were:

- The budget and property taxes;
- Town Services such as policing, fire services, garbage pick-up and snow plowing; and,
- The Official Plan and Development

Followed by:

- How we elect our municipal government;
- Service levels provided by the Staff at the Town Hall
- The Library and provision of Library Services;
- The amount of our taxes going to Grey County; and,
- Recreation opportunities supported by the Town;

Sewer and Water Rates and the Short Term Accommodation (STA) Bylaw and Enforcement ranked lower in priority with respondents, probably in part because only about two thirds of respondents were serviced by Sewer and Water and only 29% had an STA in their neighbourhood.



In coming issues we will feature reports on the results on the individual topics.

COUNTDOWN TO THE NEXT ELECTION Less than 355 days

The next municipal election will be held Monday, October 22, 2018. It's never too early to get to know your Town and the issues, so you can make an informed choice.

To make democracy work, we must be a nation of participants, not simply observers. One who does not vote has no right to complain. Louis L'Amour

Why do we need a CAO and what is the role of the CAO in Municipal Government

Following the recent departure of the Town's Chief Administrative Officer ("CAO"), some in the Town have questioned: "Do we even need a CAO? What does a CAO really do?"

In this article we try to answer these questions.

Legally, under the Municipal Act the Town is not required to appoint a CAO. Section 229 of the Municipal Act states: "A municipality **may** appoint a chief administrative officer who shall be responsible for,

(a) exercising general control and management of the affairs of the municipality for the purpose of ensuring the efficient and effective operation of the municipality; and,

(b) performing such other duties as are assigned by the municipality. 2001, c. 25, s. 229."

The use of the word "**may**" means that the Town is not required to appoint a CAO. Under the Municipal Act the Town is only required to appoint a Clerk and a Treasurer.

Most municipalities in Ontario have however decided to appoint a CAO. This is because as municipalities have become bigger and more complex, it is useful to have someone who is responsible for the overall performance of the municipal staff.

Sometimes these people are also sometimes called City Managers or Town Administrators and in some smaller municipalities, where the role of clerk has been combined with that of the administrator, Clerk-Administrators.

In their role as top administrator, the CAO is Council's only employee, whose prime responsibility is to implement the policies of the elected officials for whom they work.

The CAO is responsible for directing a team of department heads, supervisors, technicians and support staff in order to manage the affairs of the municipality and to deliver public services.

In addition to their supervisory role, CAOs work together with elected officials and members of the community to define and implement the strategic plan or vision for the future of the community by establishing goals and outlining strategies for achieving those goals. In this aspect the CAO is the professional advisor to Council in the development of policy.

The CAO's job is to ensure that the Staff carry out the wishes of the community and council in an efficient manner. They provide an important accountability link between Council and Staff.

The Council as an elected body should ensure that policies reflect the wishes of the residents. The Staff provide expertise in policy development and administration.

The best public policy comes about when both Council and Staff work together. A good CAO acts as a translator

between these two groups who speak different languages and provides the link between these two cultures.

It is the CAO's job to ensure that the Council and Staff work together to achieve the best possible outcome – practical workable solutions to issues that reflect the will of the community.

A good CAO needs to be a highly qualified individual with leadership experience in senior administrative or management roles, preferably in municipal government.

They need to be a people person with experience at building consensus among various stakeholders such as elected officials, staff, other levels of government, and citizens.

They need to understand the issues and challenges facing municipalities, especially those similar to their own, and be familiar with best practices in economic development, financial management, administration, operations, human resources and governance.

They need to have a successful track record of accomplishments and possess well-developed personal qualities in communications, problem solving, leadership, and, most important, integrity.

As a strong leader and facilitator, they will support staff in achieving their performance objectives. They will also keep an open line of communication with residents to ensure they are aware of major policies and initiatives being undertaken.

Last but not least, they need to have proven experience working with an elected Board or Council, and a complete understanding of and respect for good governance practices.

In summary, a good CAO is one who respects the vision that the citizens and Council have for their community, and has the leadership ability to lead a team of professional staff, in order that the vision of the community can become reality.

Shortly Council will start its search for our new CAO.

The decision they make will be the most important of their term.

Let us hope that they take their time and avoid the mistakes of the past.

Welcome to the Citizens' Pages

This is the twelfth monthly issue of the Citizen's Pages, a citizen funded insert into the Blue Mountains Review. This insert allows for an extra four pages of news about what is going on in our Town.

If you like reading us, please follow the link and make a donation to keep us going. We can't do it without your support! We have managed to raise enough to survive for our first eleven issues, but we are surviving month to month.

<https://www.gofundme.com/Citizens-Page-in-the-Blue-Mts-Review> Donations can also be made to the Citizens' Pages care of The Blue Mountains Review and be dropped off at Riverside Graphics in Clarksburg. All of the funds we receive go towards printing and distribution. All content and editing is provided by citizen volunteers.
Alar Soever, Editor

Former CAO Paul Graham Speaks at Citizens' Forum



On October 23rd former TBM CAO Paul Graham was the guest speaker at the Citizens' Forum - a community association open to all who seek effective ways to improve the management and governance of The Blue Mountains.

Mr. Graham has 28 years of municipal government experience and was CAO of the Town of Blue Mountains from 2006 to 2011. He has a long and deep connection with our community and has made this area home. He has distanced himself from local politics since leaving office, but has been watching from the sidelines.

Paul came to the Citizens' Forum as guest speaker to give his insights into the role of a CAO, and his personal views on what qualities are required to be an effective leader.

Mr. Graham also discussed the importance of citizen engagement, and in particular the availability of information about what is going on in municipal government through the Town's e-mail blasts, which were initiated when he was CAO.

He encouraged people to sign up on the Town's website <http://www.thebluemountains.ca/subscribe.cfm>.

He pointed out that the TBM is a diverse community with divergent interests. There is a basic dichotomy in this community – a we/they mentality, the long-term multi-generational ("we") residents versus the new residents, ("they"). Our goal should be to change the "we/they" culture to an "us" culture.

A discussion of the many different communities which make up the TBM then ensued. Difficult but not impossible to bring together – we're evolving, but politics puts pressure on the administration and the bureaucracy.

Communications are key, and that using traditional methods of communication is not enough if more of the community are to get involved.

The discussion then turned to the role of the CAO and his personal views on what qualities are required to be an effective leader.

In Mr. Graham's opinion the two most important characteristics of a CAO are that:

- 1) they have to be a leader who empowers their staff to be the best that they can be; and;
- 2) they have to be engaged with the community - have a public face. He/she has to get out into the community to understand the community in order to facilitate the best

way forward.

On a practical level the CAO is the chief bureaucrat responsible for operations and the main contact with the Council, but staff, council and community are the three legs of a stool. They have to work together.

He reiterated that the next CAO must be active in the community and that given what has gone on over the past couple of years it's going to take time rebuild relationships. It will be a significant challenge.

The discussion turned to the [Sustainable Path](#), a long term planning initiative undertaken under Paul's tenure as CAO and inspired by the leadership of the then Town Council and senior staff – and which engaged over 100 community partners, and hundreds of residents. This was a 50-year Local Action Plan which built on a long-term community vision, and contained a set of goals, strategies and actions that ensured that the environment is protected, that our community is healthy, active and supported by people and services, and that we create jobs for all. It promoted an understanding of our culture and history.

The well-produced book laying out the vision and objectives of the Sustainable Path was passed around. After Graham was let go in 2011, this long term vision for the community was largely abandoned by subsequent Councils and eventually the sustainability committee, which represented many different groups and aspects of the community, was disbanded.

Discussion then ensued on a variety of topics, including the hiring of a new CAO. People asked if it would be feasible for citizen's to ask to be on the hiring committee, to which Mr. Graham replied that *"that would be highly unusual."*

In response to questions, Deputy Mayor Ardiel, who was also in attendance, stated that *"Nothing had been done yet on hiring a new CAO and that Shawn Everitt was doing a fine job as the Acting CAO. Due to the sudden departure of the former CAO, Council hadn't had any formal discussion regarding replacing the CAO. We will be working on this very soon as we are all anxious to start this process."*

OMB Hearing on STA to Continue

An OMB meeting was held in the council chambers Oct 25 to Oct 27.

The hearing was held to hear the appeal by the owner of the property at 209553 Highway 26 (across from Mac's Milk) in Craighleith, who had been turned down by Council for his request for a Zoning By-law Amendment to allow him to operate his property as a Short term rental (STA).

At issue is whether he should get his licence, which would require relief from some of the Zoning By-law standards set for STA's.

His application has been opposed by the Blue Mountain Ratepayers Association (BMRA), which strongly opposes the application and is a participant in the hearing.

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OMB Hearing continued

For those attending the hearing, it has provided some interesting insights into the STA industry.

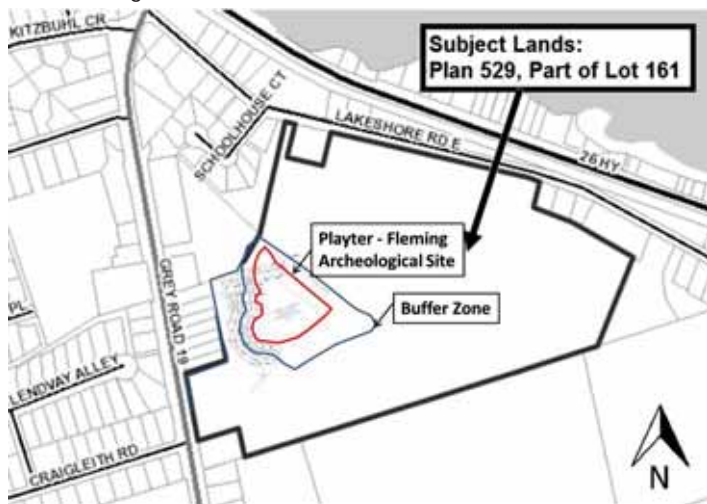
At the beginning of the hearing The Chairman said that he was surprised when both lawyers originally estimated (& booked) a three day hearing. After hearing the introduction, he thought that it would be finished in 1 day. By the end of the 2nd day, he was concerned that they wouldn't be finished by end of day 3 on Friday, but he was still assured by both lawyers that they could wrap it up.

The lawyer for the proponent didn't complete his case until Friday afternoon, so the Town's case has yet to be heard. The hearing is now scheduled to resume with the Town presenting its case on Thursday, Nov 16th and Friday, Nov 17th. This is an excellent opportunity for people to learn about some of issues surrounding STAs.

Committee of Adjustment Turns Down Developer's Request for Sales Office

On October 18th the Committee of Adjustment heard the application from Parkbridge Lifestyle Communities for permission for a temporary sales office on its property off Grey Road 19 behind the Craigeith Heritage Depot.

The property includes the Plater-Fleming Archeological Site, the location of a 17th century Huron village, which has been recommended for protection by Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessments.



The sales office is related to the Parkbridge to 208 units. The property is currently zoned Deferred Development (DD) which does not allow the use of temporary sales office. Approval of this application would permit a temporary sales office on the property, for a specified period of time. The Parkbridge Development proposal was received last winter and a public meeting was held May 15, 2017.

The Committee heard deputations from [The Blue Mountain Watershed Trust Foundation](#) (BMWTF) and [local resident Terry Bunting](#) and received a [Staff Report](#) on the

matter, which recommended that the application not be approved as it *"appears to be premature, given that the overall proposal is in the very early stages, and not been reviewed by staff."*

The BMWTF pointed out that major issues need to be addressed around potential erosion and protection of the natural heritage features of the site by providing adequate buffers.

Mr. Bunting also noted issues with potential erosion and pointed out that the proposed development could affect the Playter-Fleming Archeological Site. He produced correspondence with the Ministry of Culture Tourism and Sport (MCTS) which stated *"The proposed development shown on the attached map would enter the protected area and would therefore not be possible given the recommended area for protection. Please note Recommendation 2 of the ASI heritage Stage 1-2 report that you have cited. A stage 3 report must be prepared with a detailed avoidance and protection strategy for the Plater-Fleming (BdHb-2) archeological site. The avoidance and protection strategy must be informed by engagement with Indigenous communities. No Stage 3 report has yet been submitted to this ministry"*



The Citizens' Forum is a community association open to all who seek effective ways to improve the management and governance of The Blue Mountains.

Come out and meet people who are interested in what is going on in the Town, and what is before Council. All citizens are invited to drop in at the Community Room at Corner Café on most Monday nights between 4 and 7 (except for holiday weekends) for some socializing and friendly discussion on the issues facing the Town and what is on the Council Agenda.

Come, meet new friends, listen, and have your say.

Rules: Be polite, respect other people's opinions, and if you don't agree with them, just remember: They have the right to be wrong.

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Caution Required at the Lakeshore Road Crossing in Craigleith

Trail users, especially in the Craigleith area, may be familiar with the crossing of the Georgian Trail at Lakeshore Road, just before Lakeshore intersects Highway 26 (see photo). A Town "lift station" at this location is currently being used to receive liquid waste from The Blue Mountains Disposal Site. Sewage hauling trucks are regularly backing up across the Georgian Trail to access the pumping station.



The Town is currently designing a forcemain to convey the leachate from the Disposal Site directly to a treatment plant, and this could be in operation by the end of next year. However, according to Solid Waste Manager Jeffery Fletcher, the lift station at Craigleith is intended to continue as the collection point for septic haulage and other wastewater haulers, so extra caution will continue to be required at this intersection.

Removal of the Buckthorn

The GCSTA contributed \$5000 toward the removal of invasive buckthorn bushes along the Black Ash waterway in Collingwood. The tedious and labour-intensive work was carried out by the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority with support from some amazing volunteers. With the wet weather this year the group did not get as much done as they would have liked, so the plan is to tackle it again in 2018. Volunteers are welcomed!



Volunteers and staff at work on the Buckhorn removal project.

Repair Stations

Two new repair stations are planned to be installed on the Georgian Trail next year. One of the units is planned for the Craigleith Heritage Depot just east of Blue Mountain Road. The other will be just east of the Trestle bridge that crosses the Beaver River in Thornbury. The GCSTA will be partially funding these stations by paying for the concrete pads.



The repair station would allow cyclists to make most emergency repairs.

Improvements along the Georgian Trail

The Association has recently funded the installation of two "gates" at the Highway 26 crossing of the Trail, as well as four more memorial bench sites. The benches are fully subscribed for now, and new donor opportunities are being considered, such as trees with donor plaques, and possibly a memory lane.



Bollard gating has been installed on both sides of the Georgian Trail where it crosses Highway 26 east of Thornbury.



Four new donor bench locations were completed this year.



The Town of The Blue Mountains improved culverts at the Trail crossing near Grey Rd 40 to prevent wash outs. The Town also improved culverts near the round-about at Lora Bay and resurfaced the Trail at that location.

Features along the Trail

Just where Collingwood's Stynie Trail crosses the Georgian Trail you will find an interpretive sign highlighting the 1904 Grand Trunk Railway station in Stayner. With the ending of passenger service and infrequent use of freight service, the station was eventually closed and later purchased by Cranberry Golf Resort. It was restored and renovated to become the resort's clubhouse.



1904, The Grand Trunk Railway Station in Stayner.



The renovated Stayner railway station - now the Cranberry Golf Clubhouse.

See the Salmon Run

There was a great turnout for The Blue Mountain Watershed Trust Foundation's 2nd "See the Salmon Run" event this fall. Approximately 550 people joined conservation experts from the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority, and representatives from Georgian Bay Anglers, Ministry of Natural Resources and Ontario Streams. They were stationed along the path next to the Silver Creek on the Foley's property. Despite the fact that the Chinook were conspicuously absent due to the day's heat and an acute lack of rain, the organizers had many positive reactions to the event.



The Silver Creek makes its way to Nottawasaga Bay crossing the Trail just east of Osler Bluff Road.

Thank you, Georgian Trail Supporters!

We have discontinued collecting membership dues but are always grateful for donations, for which we offer a tax receipt (for amounts of \$20 or more). Our Trail Map and Staying on Track! newsletters are being dropped at various locations around town, however, supporters now receive a digital copy of their newsletter by email. Of course, we are always glad to hear your comments or concerns at info@GeorgianTrail.ca

A Possible Water Station?

The Town of the Blue Mountains is considering adding a water station along the Trail, with funding from the GCSTA. The Heritage Depot could be a possible site. Another location for consideration would be near the Trestle bridge in Thornbury.



An example of a water station at the Port Elgin Rotary Trail Head building.

Staying on Track!

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WILLIAM JAMES A. PUTTICK

Died peacefully on Sunday, September 24, 2017 at age 72. Bill had been staying at a wonderful hospice care facility in Owen Sound, since the end of August, where he received love, outstanding care, comfort and support from a dedicated staff. Sincere appreciation to all family members, friends, medical, professional and nursing staff and volunteers who supported Bill with such love and kindness throughout the 2 1/2 years of his battle with cancer. During that period of time, Bill rarely complained and dealt with his daily challenges with dignity, grace and humour. Those who remain behind to honour Bill's memory include his wife Mardi of Meaford, his son, Paul and his wife Selena of Waterloo, his daughter Sharon and her husband, of Chatham, his son Glenn and his wife, Mel of NSW, Australia; his sister Esther McCallum and her husband, Bob of Brampton, his brother, Keith and his wife, Shirley of Calgary, his stepson Ian Tyrrell of Toronto and his six grandchildren.

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Grey County Attracting Newcomers

Grey County is getting set to launch a 15-month pilot called "New to Grey" to attract and retain newcomers to the community. Funding provided by the Government of Ontario has allowed Grey County to recruit an outreach coordinator.

"Year after year we continue to hear one of, if not the biggest, challenge our businesses face is finding skilled, qualified workers," said Grey County Warden Alan Barfoot. "Attracting newcomers to Canada is one strategy that can help expand and diversify our workforce, grow our communities and help fill our schools."

The outreach coordinator will have many responsibilities including: developing a newcomer welcoming network, coordinating events and workshops throughout the County, creating resources and toolkits for newcomers, communities and employers, presenting and representing Grey County at events and much more.

Jacinda Rudolph will start her position as outreach coordinator on Monday, October 30. Rudolph has an Honours BA in International Development Studies and spent six years working for the Immigrant Settlement Association of Nova Scotia. For the past two years, Jacinda has served as the Executive Director of LaunchPad Youth Activity and Technology Centre in Hanover. She will remain the Executive Director part time until end of December to allow for a smooth transition.

"I have always been passionate about working alongside newcomers as they bring innovation and diversity to local communities. We are fortunate in that we already have an established network of dedicated individuals who will compliment this project and propel it forward," said Rudolph. "Grey County has some exceptional leaders and great potential in creating an attractive and welcoming region for newcomers."

"Newcomers are a vital and growing part of Ontario's communities. They contribute to the social, economic and cultural enrichment of our province," said Laura Albanese, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. "Grey County is investing in a bright future by supporting programs to help engage, support and integrate newcomers into our province so that they can thrive and excel."

Youth Friendly Community?

The Town of The Blue Mountains, in partnership with Beaver Valley Outreach, is applying to be recognized as a Youth Friendly Community. Completing the application will be valuable for our community, giving us a picture of the great ways we are involved with youth engagement and an idea of gaps and ways we can improve. Communities that meet a minimum of 7 of the 10 criteria will be recognized. In order to be successful in our application, our community will need to work together as youth, parents, educators, organizations, municipal leaders, and concerned individuals.

Everyone from our community can get involved:

Become a co-applicant - Provide information about the ways you are supporting youth (ages 13-19) in our community; we are interested in hearing about initiatives, funding, programs and events.

Stay informed - Information about the 10 criteria will be posted on the Town website, Beaver Valley Outreach website, Beaver Valley Outreach Facebook page and the Georgian Bay Youth Roots Facebook page. For more information about Youth Friendly Designation, please use the following link <http://playworkspartnership.ca/youth-friendly-communities>

If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please contact Melri Wright 519-599-2577, ext 27 or email youth@bvo.ca.

Here is a list of the criteria:

1. *Youth have options for play* - Play is any activity that has elements of choice, leads to satisfaction and encourages progressive learning.
2. *Youth are formally connected community-wide* - Connecting youth to the community creates opportunities for the youth voice to heard in a continuous, formal and public way.
3. *It is easy for youth to find information about play activities in the community* - Information is publicized through a variety of media and communication outlets, making it easy for youth ages 13 to 19, to find out about play activities.
4. *The community recognizes and celebrates youth* - A Youth

Friendly Community recognizes and celebrates youth ages 13 to 19 in a variety of ways.

5. *The community formally commits funding for youth play* - A Youth Friendly Community has a variety of funding sources that support play for youth ages 13-19.
6. *The community supports Positive Youth Development* - Positive Youth Development (PYD) is a formal process that engages youth along with their families, communities and governments in empowering youth to reach their full potential. PYD approaches build skills, assets and competencies; foster healthy relationships; strengthen the environment; and transform systems.
7. *Youth feel valued by their community* - A Youth Friendly Community listens to and acts on the needs expressed by youth ages 13 to 19.
8. *Schools and school boards support the Youth Friendly approach* - In a Youth Friendly Community, schools and school boards actively support and promote play for youth ages 13 to 19 outside of regular school hours, both inside and outside of the school facility.
9. *Play is accessible to youth* - A Youth Friendly Community supports play that is physically, geographically and financially accessible to youth ages 13 to 19 and works to reduce barriers to participation.
10. *Play is socially inclusive* - Play is socially inclusive and considerate of and sensitive to the needs of all ages 13 to 19.



Two of the organizers, Jackie Stewart and Lynn Morley, of the Blue Mountains Animal Shelter Cuban dinner held Oct 14th at the Barn, would like to thank all those who attended and donated to the event. It was huge success and all the support is sincerely appreciated.

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BRING THE FAMILY TO VISIT OUR WINTER WONDERLAND AT THE BEAVER VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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October, 26, 2017

Re: Clarksburg Servicing – Open Letter to the Community

Dear Resident of Clarksburg,

The Town has initiated a Municipal Class Master Plan Environmental Assessment to consider water and wastewater servicing within Clarksburg. That may sound like a complicated process but it's not. The underlying goal of the study is to engage the Community of Clarksburg in an extensive discussion of options on how Clarksburg residents should obtain their drinking water and dispose of their wastewater either privately or municipally. We want to bring some certainty to the community so you can make investment and other decisions knowing what the servicing solution is for Clarksburg over the next 10 years or so.

A wide variety of options will be looked at including 'do nothing'. They range from remaining on private services to full municipal servicing, and any number of possible solutions in-between. We very much want to hear your ideas as well of how water supply and wastewater treatment could be provided so we can explore those ideas too. Many factors will go into evaluating the options. Those include considering environmental, economic and social/ cultural impacts. Community feedback will be invaluable.

We appreciate that this will be a difficult discussion for many particularly when it comes to how any works will be funded and how it would affect your property. Any project will only go ahead if the costs are considered affordable to the property owners. Very likely the funding mix will have to include grant funding from the provincial and federal governments.

Starting in early November the project consultant, JL Richards, will be visiting each home in Clarksburg to inventory the existing servicing. They wish to ask questions about your well and septic system. Your participation is voluntary and no one will enter your lands without your permission. Any information you provide will be kept confidential by the consultant. The Town will only receive compiled results. We hope you will participate in the inventory so we have the most complete picture of the community as possible. Good information leads to good decisions.

For further information on the project please visit the project webpage at www.thebluemountains.ca/clarksburgea-17.cfm or send an email to clarksburgea@thebluemountains.ca.

You can always as well contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

John McKean

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(519) 599-3131 x 400
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Community Discussion on Public Education Dec 12th Hosted by Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario, Bluewater

Better Schools, Your Voice Matters.

From 7:00-8:30pm, Stone Tree Golf and Fitness Centre, Owen Sound RSVP: to Margie Stafford, 519-371-1811 or by email to etfblue@bellnet.ca. Your child has their own unique learning needs, as do the other children in their classroom. Elementary school teachers and other education professionals help them prepare for their future education and training, and how they'll contribute to making Ontario a great place to live. Together, we need to work to make sure our schools are giving them what they need to succeed.

Parents, Educators, and Community Members.... ALL WELCOME!
www.BuildingBetterSchools.ca

Town Website Redevelopment Survey - Provide Your Input Today!

The Town of The Blue Mountains is redeveloping its website and would like input from the public, local businesses and community groups. Please take a few minutes and complete the online survey at this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/F7M935D>. Please complete this survey by December 8, 2017.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

To be included in this listing post your event on www.visitbluemountains.ca

DETAILS SUBJECT TO CHANGE- CONFIRM WITH ORGANIZERS

JINGLES AND JOY

December, Blue Mountain Village
Fireworks every Saturday night, horse and wagon rides, Santa, music and family activities. bluemountainvillage.ca/jingles

A STAND NIGHT MARKET

Friday, Dec 1, 6:30pm - 10:30pm
58 Alfred St. W (Beaver Valley CC)

This Market is being created as an opportunity to showcase local handcrafted talent as well as a chance to raise money including awareness to local charities. What to Expect at a night market: All Local - Everything Hand crafted Jewelry, Home Décor, Food & Beverages, Clothing, Live Music, Work Shops

APPLE VALLEY YOUTH CHORUS PRESENTS KIDS ON BROADWAY

Friday, Dec 1, 7:30 pm

St. George's Anglican Church.

Directed by Ann-Marie MacDairmid. Assisted by Karen James. Special thanks to our sponsors Thornbury Clarksburg Rotary Club and CIBC Wood Gundy - Jeremy Wentworth-Stanley. Admission by donation.

UNIQUE CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOW AND SALE

Saturday, Dec 2, 9:30am-2:30pm

Marsh Street Centre, Clarksburg
Over 20 diverse and talented artisans will be featuring their

one of a kind items. There will be a Cookie Bar, selling cookies by the pound; a lovely lunch and special treats. Admission is free so come and join us to see what Christmas has to offer! 519-599-7837
www.marshstreetcentre.com

JOLLY HOLLY BAKE SALE

Saturday, Dec 2, 11am-2pm

St. George's Anglican Church Home Baking, Cabbage Rolls Festive Cookie Trays, and much more! Miscellaneous gift items Admission Free. Lunch - available from 11:30am - Cost \$6.00

CHRISTMAS GIFT "AUCTION" AND POTLUCK SUPPER

Saturday, Dec 2, 6:00-8:00pm

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Come and join in the fun as we "auction" gift items from the PCC's "Gifts of Change" catalogue. We will raise money for much needed items and projects around the world. Everyone can bid on an item throwing in a dollar or two here and there or plan gifts in lieu of giving this year.

www.presbyterian.ca

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Sunday, Dec 3, 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Marsh Street Centre, Clarksburg

Insert - Citizens' Pages

Turkey dinner, everyone welcome, by donation. Also needed are items for BVO mens and ladies socks and Pharmasave gift cards. Sponsored by Andres Paara and Mike Kearns www.kearnspaara.com. Call Kerrie 519-599-7837 www.marshstreetcentre.com

CHARITY PIE AUCTION

Sunday, Dec 3, 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Blue Mountain Community Church Bid on delicious pies in support of a wonderful charity in our community: Events For Life. Featuring the music of R4, the evening will be full of fun and treats in the BMCC sanctuary. Lucky pie winners will also get a hand-decorated box made by our youth group. Admission is free. 519-599-5570

OLDE FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

Saturday, Dec 9

10am-9pm Downtown Thornbury arts, crafts, tree lighting, music, Santa, horse and wagon rides

10am-2pm Craft Sale and Open House at Events for Life

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3-5pm Harbottles at Maiolos

5-8pm Sebastian Ellis at Maiolos

8pm Christmas Jazz at Marsh Street Centre (complete details on inside pgs)

www.oldefashionedchristmas.com

Grace United Church 4th Annual CHRISTMAS CAROLFEST

Sunday, Dec 10, 3:00pm

An Afternoon of Christmas Music with Martin Anderle on Piano and Organ, Grace United Senior Choir and Bell Choir Special Guests: St. George's Anglican Choir and Carol Singing by All! Admission by Donation with proceeds for BVO

FREE CHRISTMAS DINNER

Monday, Dec 15

Blue Mountains Community Church, 219 Bruce St. S. Thornbury
1pm Appetizers; 2pm Dinner
3pm Dessert and Carols
We'd be pleased if you could join us. RSVP 519-599-5570

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Sunday, Dec 31

Maiolos Restaurant, 15 Harbour St
Special Dinner Menu 5-9pm
Music with Bored of Education.
9pm-midnight \$30 includes champagne, party favours, midnight buffet. 226-665-5511

The Wizard of Oz at Meaford Hall, for Children & Adults

All the school children in Meaford and Thornbury will be attending a free, live theatrical presentation of The Wizard of OZ at Meaford Hall on either Thursday Dec 7th or Friday Dec 8th. This is the 9th year that the Kids In The Meaford Hall Arts Society has presented a free, live play at Christmas for all the local school children.

On Friday Dec 8 at 7pm there is a presentation for anyone who wants to see an outstanding live performance, featuring 20 student actors. Tickets are \$15 and available at the Meaford Hall Box Office. The proceeds go, along with the generous donations of our many local supporters, to cover the \$10,000 it costs to put on this play. For more information call John Hethrington 519-599-3811. Email: john@casacarole.com

599 Garden Club

January 8th - "Let's Talk Gardens"

On Tues. Jan. 8 enjoy a series of "Let Talk Gardens" Round Tables. We will gather in small groups to talk about garden problems, new ideas, plans for the spring and handy gardening tips. Everyone is welcome. It's \$5 a meeting, or join for \$25 for a year. We meet the second Tuesday of each month Jan through May with speakers. In June, July & August we tour our members' gardens and have 3 monthly meetings in the fall with interesting speakers. Call John Hethrington 519-599-3811. Email: john@casacarole.com

The Blue Mountains Chamber of Commerce is hiring!

We seek a part-time Administrative Coordinator to manage day-to-day operations of the office, to tend to the needs of our membership, liaise with community stakeholders and assist with meetings and events. Up to 16 hours per week.

Call 519-599-1200. Please send resumes by December 4th to info@bluemountainschamber.ca or PO Box 477, Thornbury, N0H 2P0.

Thank-you

A Remembrance Day service and luncheon was held in Ravenna at 1pm on November 11th. The turnout from the community, the Legion and troops were great. Through the support of The Town, the Legion and donations of food from the community as well as help from the Friends of Ravenna and Hincks-Dellcrest it was a success yet again. Anyone wishing to support this service by food donations or time for 2018 can get in touch with the Legion. Thank you again.

Branch 281 Beaver Valley on parade Remembrance Day 2017



Curling Returns to Beaver Valley Arena, Easter Weekend 2018!!

Curling, Canada's great winter pastime – is returning to the Town of Blue Mountains with a kick-off event on Easter Weekend 2018. Curling times and lessons will be offered to students, groups, and individuals.

Following a successful Beaver Valley Rocks curling event held in April 2014, a steering committee of the newly formed non profit Blue Mountains Curling Centre has been working with Town Recreation staff and a lot has been accomplished.

- Ice times have been arranged for the kick-off event and for a number of weekends in the 2018/2019 season
- The group has been granted Probationary Membership in the Ontario Curling Association
- Arrangements are in place to help train arena staff to change regular ice to curling ice

With the high costs of managing a curling facility and ice time available at the arena, there is a great opportunity to work with Town Staff to organize local curling events.

The committee is looking for volunteers to help create a viable local curling program. Information will be posted on the website www.bluemountainscurling.ca as we move forward, or call 519-599-3345 for more information.

Beaver Valley Community Centre

58 Alfred Street West, Thornbury

ICE TIME

Non-Prime: \$78.54 Per Hour

(weekdays from 7am to 4pm)

Prime Time: \$152.55 Per Hour

(weekdays after 4pm, weekends and holidays)

Last Minute Ice: \$67.80 Per Hour (Requests 48 hrs prior to ice availability and subject to first available ice)

Party Package: \$113.00 Per Event

(Includes 1 hour of ice time + 4 hour small hall rental with 50 person maximum)

To book ice time please contact 519-599-3131 ext. 350 or email bvcc@thebluemountains.ca

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Exceptions: Dec 25, Jan 1, Mar 21

Parent & Tot - No Charge

Tuesdays (10am - 11am)

Exceptions: Dec 26, Mar 22

Public Skating - No Charge

Saturdays (12pm - 2pm)

Sundays (12pm - 2pm)

Exceptions: Dec 24, Feb 24, 25, Mar 3, 4, 25

Special Sunday Dec 31 (7pm - 9pm)

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Hartman Print of Haines Dam - Winner

The winning ticket number was #163, and the name on the ticket was Ms Kelly Lowes of Clarksburg. Thanks to all involved in making this project a success. Proceeds will be used on local Beaver River Watershed projects.

www.whatwaterwants.org



11am Story time
L.E. Shore Memorial Library

12pm Mrs. Claus' Workshop
The Blue Mountains Town Hall
Cookie Decorating presented by
BM Chamber of Commerce
The Blue Mountains Town Hall
Marshmallow Craft

New Orleans Pizza
Learn to Snowboard!
Burton Riglet Program
Location TBD

Family Skating
Beaver Valley Community Centre
noon until 2pm

1pm Balloon Twisting & Face Painting
Groove Interactive Family Dance
The Blue Mountains Town Hall
Horse Drawn Carriage Rides
Gyles Sails & Marine
Authors in Residence
Jessica's Book Nook
Georgian Life Photo Booth

2pm Santa's Reindeer!
Weather Permitting!
Downtown Thornbury

3pm - 5pm Music with Harbottles
at Maiolos Restaurant

3pm & 4pm Magic Show with Steve Baker
The Blue Mountains Town Hall

5pm - 8pm Rock n Roll with Sebastian Ellis
at Maiolos Restaurant

5:30pm Tree Lighting at Town Hall
The Beaver Valley Pipe & Drums
Hot Cider by Bridges Tavern

6pm Chestnuts Roasted on an Open Fire
They're actually pretty good...
Stop by the fire pits to try one!
Horse Drawn Carriage Rides
Gyles Sails & Marine

6:30pm SANTA ARRIVES!
Visit Santa and his Elves for Candy
Canes at his hut in the Parkette
Catch Scrooge with his chocolate
money as he strolls through town!

8pm Christmas Jazz Concert & Silent Auction Fundraiser for BVO
Marsh Street Centre - Tickets \$30
call 519-599-3345



What's happening at "Events for Life..."

What a wonderful day and sale we had Sat. Nov.18, at Beaver Valley Community School's "Sugar Plum Fair!!" With all of our amazing artisan crafts and handmade art decor, we spent the day selling and visiting with so many of our participants, their families and friends! The sale was a huge success for the program. We sold out of many of our items and even have orders to fill! Thanks to all who came by and supported our program, we are so appreciative. We are looking forward to our next big event.

Christmas Sale and Open House at our own location!

Sat. Dec. 9, 10am-12pm

067547 33rd Sideroad, Thornbury

Our store will be open... you are welcome to tour our new location!

Call for info (519) 270-1538. Please stop by and see our beautiful Christmas crafts and have a tour of our amazing home!

CHRISTMAS JAZZ is coming to Town Dec 9

In 1984 a group of young jazz musicians caught the Holiday spirit and started to perform Christmas music to celebrate the season. The tradition carried on and The WHO'S WHO on the Toronto jazz scene is coming to the Marsh Street Centre on December 9th at 8:00 p.m. to do just that. This year Pat LaBarbera-tenor sax, Brian O'Kane-trumpet, Danny Douglas-trombone, Andy Harasymczuk-guitar, Kieran Overs-bass and Ted Warren-drums will share their own interpretation of the classic Christmas tunes you love to hear.

The Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary Club is hosting this event to raise funds for Beaver Valley Outreach with an on-line Silent Auction at www.christmasjazz.ca from Dec.1 - Dec.9 and continuing at the concert.

Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door, available at Thornbury Pharmasave, Riverside Graphics in Clarksburg and Blue Mountain Music in Collingwood or call 519-599-3345. Don't miss the fun and support Beaver Valley Outreach.

41ST OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS - DEC 9



noon-3 pm
Hotdog & Fries \$5
featuring 41 Toppings
Music by Harbottles



5pm-8pm
Dinner Specials
Music by
Sebastian Ellis



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December 6 - 1:30 P.M.
Christmas Carol-Sing at Errinrung Retirement Home

December 21 - 6:00 P.M.
A Family Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols, Followed by a Lasagna Dinner

December 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE
9:00 A.M.
Fourth Sunday of Advent -Holy Eucharist
5:00 P.M.
Children's Pajama Mass with Cookies and Eggnog
7:00 P.M.
Carol-Sing Eucharist with all the Holiday Favourites!
9:00 P.M.
Traditional Candlelight
Book of Common Prayer
Holy Communion

December 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY
9:00 A.M. - Said Holy Eucharist

December 31 - FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
8:00 A.M. - Said Holy Eucharist
10:00 A.M. - Choral Holy Eucharist

Thornbury Guiding Units Celebrate Enrolment



Those being enrolled are pictured below, left to right: back row -Pathfinders Summer MacDonald, Sophie Reid, Ella Casey; 3rd row Guides – Sophia Howe, Madison Jones, Sophie Plouffe, Elizabeth Howe, Hayley Morimer, Mackenzie Casselman; 2nd row Brownies - Piper Allen, MacKenzie Jones, Alexis Morrison, Lilyann Warmington; and front row Sparks - Freya Sheaves, Mabel Edmonstone, Lia Carter, Charlie Phillips, Alexa Carter, Addison Cox.

The local Thornbury Guiding units enrolled their new members Nov 8th. This is the night girls become official members of their units. There is program work each girl completes to reach this point.

We started our night off with a special presentation! Alicia Noakes, our Administrative Community Leader (ACL) from Kincardine, presented long time Guider Barbara Loucks with her Gold Unit Guider Award. This was a surprise to Barb and the girls alike! It was wonderful to recognize someone who has been an active member of our local Brownie unit.



Each unit did their traditional opening, then we started enrolment with Sparks, then Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders. Yes! This year we do have a small group of Pathfinders! Enrolment for each girl consisted of saying their promise, receiving their appropriate unit pin, having a parent tie their scarf on them for the first time, and receiving an enrolment certificate.

Our evening concluded with traditional closing songs by each unit. We are looking for a woman over 18 yrs. to help in our Spark unit. If you or anyone you know is interested, please have them call Shirley at 519-599-3968. We'd love to hear from someone in our community interested in seeing Guiding continue to grow!

Guides/Pathfinders Decorate the Christmas Sock

To assist Beaver Valley Outreach, the Thornbury Guide/Pathfinder Unit added tags to the annual Christmas Sock. This will be hung at the Thornbury Post Office from now till mid December. This activity is part of their community service work through the year.

Everyone is asked to take a tag and purchase a Christmas gift for a child of that gender and age, placing it under the sock at the post office. BVO members collect them from there. The parcels are then distributed in the hampers of food for those needing assistance at Christmas. This may be the only gift that child gets! Your help is required to help make a child's Christmas a little brighter!

Pictured bottom left to top right are: Hayley Mortimer, Mackenzie Casselman, Elizabeth & Sophia Howe, Madison Jones, Sophie Reid, Summer MacDonald and Cheyenne Dickie.



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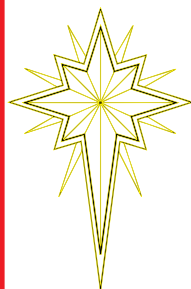
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Christmas Message

The 2017 highlight for January was the Scout Camp in Owen Sound. Lots of fun. The low side of the winter was the passing of Patricia's kitty "Whiskers" and the loss of one of the Lancasters cats and Kay parting with her much loved pet "Buddy". The Horticultural Conference in Niagara Falls afforded me the privilege of some time with Murray, Vicki and family.

At church, Bishop Rostirolla was released and called to served in the High Council of Barrie Stake. Bishop Atkins was sustained. His father and I have been friends for over 50 years. In spite of unusually low snowfall and heavy summer rain our area was blessed with a bounteous harvest. The generosity of growers enabled us to share surplus fresh corn and apples with a lot of people.

Keith and Carol have maintained a phenomenal pace with lawn care, dump runs etc along with their regular jobs. Ila has been able to take Cole to his job at Sunset Grill at Blue Mountain. Athena and Hunter are able to make welcome visits and she is a competent part of the Tim Horton's staff in Owen Sound. Anna - watch out - she now has her G licence!! Her move to Ravenna starts a new chapter in her life. Hard to believe those little rascals Nelson and Cole are far bigger than Grandma and Grandpa!! Next year they will complete as much formal education as old Grandpa. Kahl is a riddle - very gifted in creating and building things but struggling to find his place with formal education. Lucas has made a place for himself with good full time employment and doing very well. Stephanie is struggling to find herself but she is a much loved daughter and granddaughter and things will work out. Kay's trip home was a blessing to all of us as she had the chance to connect with Carol and Ila and families.

Highlight of our year - Carol and Kay looked after the store while Patricia and I flew to PEI and were able to spend time with Marilyn and Hector. Marilyn is the only cousin Patricia has and is now confined to a nursing home. Perfect weather while we visited!!

May the Christmas season bring a piece of mind and comfort to each of us as we face the challenges of life and living it to lift and serve one another.

Sincerely, Patricia and James



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HAMMOND, MICHAEL JOHN 'MIKE'

Born in Collingwood on July 27, 1938, a son of the late Murray and Janet (nee Devereaux) Hammond, Mike passed away in his sleep following a brief illness at the Meaford Hospital on Saturday November 4, 2017 at the age of 79. Mike is remembered as a beloved husband of some 53 years by his loving wife Bonnie (nee Kentner) of Thornbury and as a devoted Dad, father-in-law and Grandpa by his sons Derek and his wife Jen of Thornbury and their children Holly and Hope, and Craig and his wife Tracey of Collingwood and their children Quinn and Cooper. He was a dear brother and brother-in-law to Margaret (late Dan) Kelly of Agincourt and Jim Hammond and his wife Sandra of Kitchener and was predeceased by a brother David Hammond of Clarksburg and sister Elizabeth 'Lib' Hawes of Meaford and will be remembered also by their spouses Karen Hammond and Gary Hawes. He will be recalled with great fondness also by Bonnie's sisters Sharon Kentner of Thunder Bay and Lynn and her husband George Cornfield of Simcoe. He was indeed a special uncle to his several nieces and nephews and their families. He will be recalled by many for his dedication to his work and volunteer efforts as a teacher and vice principal at schools in both Thornbury and Meaford, as a firefighter, as an active participant of many associations and clubs including the curling club, the golf club, the Beaver Valley Athletic Association as a coach, administrator, referee and umpire with local hockey and ball clubs, as an administrator and board member from Minor to Senior hockey with the Ontario Minor Hockey Association, the Ontario Hockey Federation and the Western Ontario Athletic Association. He enjoyed his colleagues and sport and all the participants of all ages and the respect he offered was mutual and returned.

STAFFA, FERDINAND 'FRED'

Fred Staffa of Thornbury passed away peacefully with family by his side on Saturday November 11,

2017 at the age of 81. Cherished husband of Johanna Staffa - happily married for more than 60 years. Devoted father of Isolde Cunningham (Derrick), Bruce Staffa (Sue), and Helge Staffa. 'Opa' adored his grandchildren, Jack and MacKenzie Cunningham. Fred was predeceased by his brother Leo Staffa of Germany.

LOWE, CHRISTOPHER JOHN

It is with heavy hearts and great loss that the family of Christopher John Lowe announce his sudden passing on November 16, 2017 at the age of 37. Chris was born in Meaford, on October 22, 1980. From childhood, Chris was well-liked. He is remembered with only fondness by all who met him. Chris was, above all, the beloved husband of Rebecca (nee Garrah) and devoted Daddy to Payton and Julie.

He was a family man, completely smitten with his girls, and a loyal son to his parents Bryan and Patty Lowe (nee Ramsay) and his parents-in-law Bob and Donna Garrah (nee Bailey). He was a caring big brother to his sister Jennifer and her husband Chris Potts; to his siblings-in-law Roxanne and Jerry Dunlap and Angela Garrah. To his nieces and nephews, he was an uncle they could and will always look up to.

Chris lived his life for others. He could be counted on to help with any kind of favour, and he would smile as he did it. He believed in community and taking care of his friends, neighbours and those in need. To Chris, his friends were the family he chose. Chris was a dreamer, with a drive to be better everyday. He began his career as a volunteer firefighter for The Blue Mountains Fire Department, and worked in the public works department at Town of The Blue Mountains. He dedicated his time, passion and energy to training and eventually achieved his goal of becoming a full-time firefighter when he earned a position on Central York Fire Services. Inspired by his passion, courage and dedication, his fellow recruits named him valedictorian for their class. Chris was proud of his career in service - of his opportunity to protect communities. Losing Chris is a deep and tragic loss. His life was a bright shining light in his community and beyond. Though the days are dark now, we hold tight to the memory of our awesome Chris Lowe, and we count ourselves blessed to have shared 37 years with him. Rest in peace, our beautiful Chris. We will always miss you.



(#GBFW18), in its 52nd year, will run from **Wed, January 3rd to Tues, January 9th**, at the Elmwood Community Centre (# 38 Queen St. W.), 8 km north of Hanover on County Road #10. It is a 7 day Agricultural Conference packed with a most impressive and informative line-up of speakers! The coordinators for this event, Grey County Ag Services, in conjunction with agricultural commodity leaders from Grey and Bruce Counties, have attempted to feature at least one high profile speaker for each day, targeting the issues and challenges facing the farming community today.

For more details on the speakers planned for each day, please refer to the Grey Bruce Farmers' Week pages on the Grey Ag website. www.greyagservices.ca. During the course of the week, the Tradeshow will include over 100 trade show exhibitors from across the province.

Registration Price (at door): Beef, Dairy, Goat, Sheep, Ecological, and Crops Days — \$25 (includes hot roast beef dinner. Goat and Lamb are also served on those respective days). Horse Day — \$20 (includes hot beef on a bun lunch). Cash or Cheque only please. No Pre-registration is required.

New this year, join us by Live Streaming. Go to Eventbrite.ca to pre-register for this online viewing option. \$10/day or \$50/week

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Thornbury Community Gardens

Free Spirit Gardens, a registered charity, in collaboration with the Town of The Blue Mountains, have begun to build the Thornbury Community Gardens at the Beaver Valley Community Centre. Launching in Spring 2018, the Thornbury Community Gardens will host 20 rental plots and one food bank/school plot, all surrounded by a beautiful perennial community garden. There will also be a workshop space and a community seating area.

Free Spirit Gardens will be facilitating the community gardens and they are currently fundraising for more support to finish the build. TD Friends of the Environment have already generously granted funds to start the project. If you, or a group that you know, are interested in donating to help launch the gardens please contact kimberly.edwards@freespiritgardens.org.



The applications for rental plots will be posted February 1, 2018 on www.freespiritgardens.org and submissions will be accepted on a first come, first served basis after February 1, 2018. Gardeners will be notified of their plot assignments by March 1, 2018. Stay tuned by following Thornbury Community Gardens on Facebook or keep an eye on Free Spirit Gardens website.

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This new attraction, located at the top of the mountain between Orchard Express and Southern Comfort, next to Scenic Caves is scheduled to open January 2018.

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Will be closed from 4pm to 6pm Fridays and Saturdays for maintenance.
Fri and Sat will have tiki torch illuminated skating from 6-8pm.

Skating Loop Admission 2 hours Youth \$13; Adults \$16

Skating Loop Admission + Rentals 2 hours Youth \$19; Adults \$22

Helmets are recommended.

Light-dependent hours are subject to weather and conditions.

Hours may change without notice.

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The rehabilitation work on the historical Black Bridge, Clark Street, Clarksburg has just recently been completed and after 4 months the road is open. A few cosmetic touches still to come.

Interested in a Policing Career?

Members of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Uniform Recruitment Unit will be holding a Constable Information Session at the Collingwood detachment on December 6 2017 at 7:00pm.

This OPP Information Session provides participants the opportunity to gain knowledge, insight and helpful advice relating to the OPPs recruitment process. The session includes an overview of how to apply, pre-requisites, expectations of an applicant and an overview of how to prepare for each stage of the process. This presentation will benefit those candidates who want to learn more about the OPPs recruitment process, to ensure they are at their competitive best before they apply.

To register for this information session, please use the link below which will take you directly to the registration page. <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/collingwood-constable-information-session-tickets-39617106833>

Contact Provincial Constable Martin Hachey, Media Relations Officer
705-445-4321

2018 Dog Tags

Will be available at Town Hall, 32 Mill Street Thornbury as of Dec. 1st
Hours Monday to Friday from 8:30 - 4:30 In accordance with the Town By-law No. 2006-32, every person who harbours or shelters a dog in the Town for a period in excess of seven (7) days in a calendar year, shall register their dog with the Town on or before March 15th of each year and pay the fee as prescribed. Dog tags are used in the event that a licenced dog is found at-large. The Town will make every effort to reunite owners with their dog. Licencing fees also support initiatives such as feeding and sheltering of stray dogs, providing emergency medical care for sick or injured stray dogs, immunization control and enforcement, enforcement of the Dog Owner's Liability Act, long-term impounding/sheltering of unclaimed dogs, and administration. By-law Services: (519) 599-3131 Ext 249; Dog Impound: (519) 599-7777



MAGIC SHOW

December 30th
10:30 - 11:15 AM
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BVO's Bruce Street Building Sold!



Beaver Valley Outreach is pleased to announce that its current headquarters at 64 Bruce St. South has been sold – an important step in the organization's move to its new home at 54 King Street in Thornbury.

"Earlier this year, after careful consideration of the options available to us to overcome our space, accessibility and efficiency issues, we seized the opportunity to purchase the former Piper's property on King Street," says BVO Executive Director Carolyn Letourneau. "Now that our current building is sold, we are able to move forward with renovating the new space to suit our needs. Very soon, we will be choosing a contractor, and hope to be moved in just after Easter in 2018."

Representing an exciting chapter in its 30-year history, BVO's new location will offer an efficient and functional space from which to continue "making good things happen in our community", including single level accessibility, plenty of parking, on-site storage, volunteer gathering/meeting space, staff office space, and both a retail and sorting space for the Treasure Shop.

The sale of BVO's current building - mortgage-free and owned by

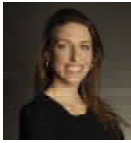
the organization - will help to considerably pay down a mortgage required for the purchase of the King Street property. BVO has launched a relocation fundraising campaign to further pay down this mortgage and renovate the new site. Donations to this fund will be used solely for this purpose.



"This is such an exciting move for BVO!" says Carolyn Letourneau. "We are thrilled about the increased accessibility and the added convenience that customers and visitors will experience. I am confident that it will be the best place for BVO forever!"

For more information on BVO's transition or to donate to BVO's Relocation Fund, please contact Carolyn Letourneau @ 519-599-2577 ext 21, email executivedir@bvo.ca or visit www.bvo.ca.

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