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New Craigleith Fire Hall Construction

Fire Hall #2 located at 796338 Grey

Road 19 in Craigleith was originally built in 1989. The building is beginning to showits age, and the Town's 2022 Fire Master Plan identified that the station was due for replacement.

Town Staff have identified a parcel of town-owned land south of 796511 Grey Road 19 that would be a suitable location for a new fire hall. This facility would be built to meet the needs of the expanding population and growth in tourismactivity in this area.

The existing Fire Hall is planned to be retrofitted as a satellite operations centre for the Town's Parks and Trails, and Roads and Drainage Divisions. Staff are also looking to incorporate touch-down workspaces for all Town staff to use in the Craigleith area.

The project budget of \$11.9 million will be funded by the Community Services Asset Replacement Reserve Fund, Roads Equipment Asset Replacement Reserve Fund, Fire Asset Replacement Reserve Fund and Fire Development Charges.

#### Why Now?

The Fire Department has outgrown their existing space in Craigleith, and requires a larger facility to meet the needs of the growing year-round and seasonal activity in the service area.

#### Land clearing to begin week of March 3

Contractors are scheduled to mobilize to the new Craigleith Fire Hall site the week of March 3 to complete brush cutting and clearing. MacPherson Builders will be completing some additional clearing on an adjacent site at the same time in anticipation of future development. A draft tree restoration and landscaping plan for the Fire Hall site has been completed.

As part of the construction plan, the Town will restore extensive naturalized areas across the site, enhancing privacy and preserving the natural heritage. This initiative, combined with previously designated protected lands, will help safeguard local ecosystems and ensure their long-term sustainability.

The Town is in the process of pre-qualifying contractors for construction of the new Fire Hall, and expects to award the final construction tender before the end of April 2025.

#### **Watershed Conditions Statement - Flood Outlook**

The recent weather has helped reduce the snowpack over the past two weeks, but the amount of snow and water content still varies across our watersheds. The remaining snow holds between 50 mm (2") and 125 mm (5") of water. With the expected warmer weather this weekend, the existing snowpack will be significantly reduced through the weekend. In addition, approximately 10 to 15 mm of rain is forecast to fall on Saturday night through Sunday before temperatures drop again on Sunday night. As the snow begins to melt, soils become saturated under the snow and additional snow melt will quickly run off into ditches, streams and rivers. Flows will increase and may exceed average/normal spring runoff levels through the weekend and into early next week. Seasonal flooding of low-lying areas will continue.

Grey Sauble Staff have noted very little ice cover within major watercourses throughout our watersheds, thanks to the recent warm temperatures over the past two weeks. Therefore, the risk of ice jamming appears to be low at this time. We will continue to monitor and advise of any changes.

Grey Sauble Conservation Authority would like to remind everyone that during spring runoff events, potential conditions exist that could pose a risk to personal safety. High flows, unsafe banks, melting ice or other factors could be dangerous for recreational users such as anglers, canoeists, hikers, children, pets, etc.

Grey Sauble staff will continue to monitor the weather and the flows and provide additional updates as needed. Watershed residents can access snow, stream flow and rain gauge data through our Watershed Conditions page on our website: www.greysauble.on.ca/water-management/current-watershed-conditions/

This Statement expires on Tuesday, March 18th, 2025 at 1:00pm unless replaced by further updates. Contact: Ian Eriksen, Acting Flood Duty Officer, i.eriksen@greysauble.on.ca, tel. 548-877-0701





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2nd & 4th Sunday 9am

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Rector Jeff Kischak 519-770-7979

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**Public Notice** Per section 162 of the RTA - this is notice of intent to dispose of the park model trailer located at 46 Admirals Trail in Thornbury. For any questions please contact Pinder at 416.749.6857 ext. 264.

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

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

#### **BID EUCHRE**

Wednesday & Thursday, 12:50-3:30pm \$2 per day, Small Hall Beaver Valley Community Centre Lessons Available -

Bev 705-507-0563 or Dorothy 519-599-5044

# REDUCED LOAD RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT

Where Axle Weight Restrictions signs are in place, in The Blue Mountains, the Bylaw is in full force and effect. Half-load restrictions may be extended beyond May 31, 2025, depending on weather and road conditions.

Town Operations Department 519-599-3131 276.

Reduced load restrictions of 5 tonnes per axle will take effect on many Grey County-owned roads on March 1 to May 1. Roads are at their most vulnerable to damage in the spring. Load restrictions help to extend the lifespan of the road surface by minimizing damage from heavy vehicles. Dates may be adjusted depending on conditions of the year.

Grey County Roads Depart roads@grey ca or call 1-800-567-4739.

#### Matt's Millennial Support Companion Services

Need help with errands and stuff?

I have several years experience supporting seniors to live in their own homes;

I drive and can help with errands & appointments; help with pet care; I am techy, and also can do outdoor/simple "handy man" work.

Call Matt 416-459-0178 or email matthew-r@live.com

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# Deadline Approaching For Volunteer Recognition Award Nominations

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to remind the public that the deadline to submit nominations for the Volunteer Recognition Awards is **Friday, March 14, 2025.** 

Launched in 2022, the Town's annual Volunteer Recognition Awards celebrate the residents and organizations that make The Blue Mountains a welcoming and vibrant community. This year's awards ceremony will take place at the Beaver Valley Community Centre on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. as part of National Volunteer Recognition Week.

In addition to the awards ceremony, the Town will host a Volunteer Fair from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., where local community groups can connect with the public and promote volunteer opportunities. An application form is available for groups interested in participating.

The Volunteer Recognition Awards features six categories that highlight individual volunteers and community groups for their dedication and contributions to the local community:

- Arts & Culture Award
- Blue Mountains Community Builder Award (Youth under 26 and Adults 26+)
- Heritage Award
- Outstanding Community Group Award
- · Sports and Recreation Award
- · Sustainability Award

If you know someone who deserves recognition for their volunteer efforts, please complete the online nomination form by visiting the Volunteer Recognition Awards webpage before the March 14 deadline.

For more information or to register your group for the Volunteer Fair, please contact:

Community Services Department (519) 599-3131 ext. 254

# Town Seeking Nominations for the Ontario Senior of the Year Award

Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains is encouraging residents, local service clubs and community groups to submit nominations for the Province of Ontario Senior of the Year Award!

Established in 1994, the Senior of the Year Award honours one outstanding local senior in each municipality in Ontario to recognize an outstanding senior who, after age 65, enriches the social, cultural or civic life of the community. The nominee must be:

- · At least 65 years of age
- A resident of Ontario
- A living person who has made their community a better place to live
- · Nominated by the Town of The Blue Mountains
- Seniors who qualify for this award may have contributed to any number of fields such as the arts, literature, community service, volunteering, education, environment, fitness and humanitarian activities.

Nominations can be made in the form of a letter, and must be submitted to the Town Clerk by **Wednesday April 16, 2025 at noon**. In the letter please include:

- Nominator's name and contact information
- Nominee's name and contact information
- Details on why the Nominee should be considered for the Ontario Senior of the Year Award for the Town of The Blue Mountains

Council will consider the nominations received at a closed session and the nominee selected will be presented with the Ontario Senior of the Year Award in the month of June.

Please contact the Town Clerk should you have questions regarding the nomination process:

Town Clerk: Corrina Giles (519) 599-3131 ext. 232

To learn more about the Ontario Senior of the Year Award, www.ontario.ca/page/honours-and-awards-community#section-3



### Grey Bruce Public Health Encouraging Residents To Test Their Well Water This Spring

With milder temperatures and rain in the forecast – which are expected to increase snow melts and spring runoff locally – Grey Bruce Public Health is reminding residents on private water systems to test their drinking water this spring.

"Spring is an ideal time for households in Grey-Bruce that draw drinking water from wells or other private systems to have a sample of their water tested for bacterial indicators of contamination," says GBPH Senior Public Health Manager Andrew Barton.

"While Public Health advises residents to test their well water at least three times a year, the best times to test are when the chances of contamination are greatest, such as in early spring, after heavy rains, the spring thaw, or flooding conditions."

Public Health Ontario operates a complimentary well water testing program. Local residents on private systems can take advantage of this program by picking up a sample collection kit and dropping off a water sample at one of the 14 drop-off and pick-up locations throughout Grey-Bruce.

Samples dropped off at the Owen Sound and Walkerton locations are transported each weekday to a PHO laboratory for testing.

Couriers contracted by Public Health also pick up samples at locations along a Bruce County route on Wednesdays and a Grey County route on Fridays. A PHO courier then takes the samples to a PHO lab.

A map of the sample drop-off locations, along with information on when to collect samples and drop them off, is available on GBPH's Private Drinking Water webpage.

#### Friday - Local Route

- · Chatsworth 316837 Highway 6, 9 a.m.
- Meaford, 15 Trowbridge St. W. Meaford, 9:40 a.m.
- Ravenna #628299 Grey County Rd 119, 10 a.m.
- Markdale 206 Toronto Street South, Unit 1, 11a.m.

Water samples must be tested by PHO within 48 hours of collecting the sample. Therefore, residents must collect and drop off their samples as close as possible to the scheduled courier pick-up time.

Public Health Ontario's private drinking water testing program analyzes samples for the presence of bacterial indicators of contamination, specifically E. coli and total coliforms, which can make people sick and can even be fatal. Residents receive test results directly from PHO.

If a test comes back with an adverse result, residents can call Grey Bruce Public Health for assistance.

PHO's water testing program is not for people on municipal water systems.

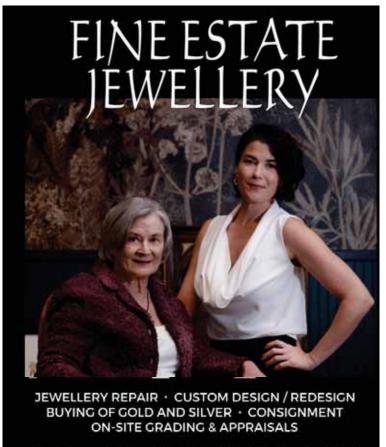
www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca/Your-Environment/Safe-Water/ Private-Drinking-Water#Map Water Dropoff











# Temporary Partial Bypass at Thornbury Wastewater Treatment Plant

March 7, 2025

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to inform the public of a temporary partial bypass that occurred at the Thornbury Wastewater Treatment Plant on March 6, 2025. Between 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., a failure in the Ultraviolet (UV) Disinfection equipment resulted in treated effluent bypassing the UV disinfection stage before being discharged to the Beaver River at the Bay Street East outfall.

The Town's Wastewater Operators have repaired the system and restored UV disinfection treatment. During the bypass event, effluent was still receiving secondary treatment which includes the removal of biodegradable organic matter and suspended solids. Wastewater Operators performed sampling of the bypassed effluent to ensure it was within normal quality limits under the Town's Environmental Compliance Approval. Grey Bruce Public Health and The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks have been notified of the event. Staff have no concerns about any threats to public health or environmental impacts.

For more information, please contact: Town of The Blue Mountains Manager of Water and Wastewater Services (519) 599-3131 ext. 226

# Winter Grooming Ends for Tomahawk & Georgian Trail

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise residents that due to mild weather conditions, winter trail grooming at the Tomahawk Recreational Complex and the Georgian Trail has ended for the season.

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#### **Grey Ag Winter Course Programs!**

Each winter, Grey Ag Services offers courses of interest to producers and rural residents of Grey and Bruce Counties and beyond. Course details and registration information can be found on the Grey Ag website – www.greyagservices.ca or contact Grey Ag Services at: 519-986-3756, info@greyagservices.ca Certified Crop Advisors will be able to obtain CEU credits for some of these courses.

Grey Ag Services - 206 Toronto St S, Markdale

#### For the Home Gardeners - Weeds, Friend or Foe?

Presented by: Grey County Master Gardeners.

Tues. Mar 18, 7:00 - 9:00 pm. In-person course: at Grey Ag Services

#### **Getting Out Alive - A Pathway Through the Lambing Season**

Presented by: Dr. Chris Buschbeck, Markdale Veterinary Services. Wed. Mar 19, 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Hybrid course:

Attend in-person at Grey Ag Services or online through Zoom.

#### "Why Farm Insurance Matters: A Crucial Investment"

Presented by: Representatives from Trillium Mutual, Howick Mutual, and Edge Mutual Insurance Companies.

Thurs. Mar 20, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Hybrid course: Attend in-person at Grey Ag Services or online through Zoom.

### "Take My Breath Away – Conditions Affecting the Equine Respiratory System"

Presented by: Dr. Tee Fox and Dr. Marika Van Schaik, Markdale Veterinary Services.

Tues. Mar 25, 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Hybrid course: Attend in-person at Grey Ag Services or online through Zoom.

#### "Crop Plans for Success, 2025"

Presented by: Deb Campbell, Agronomist, Agronomy Advantage and Carrie Davenport, Agronomist, Georgian View Ag Services Ltd.
Thurs. Mar 27, 1:30 - 4:00 pm. Hybrid course: Attend in-person at Grey Ag Services or online through Zoom.

## "Considering Renting your Farmland? Collaboration on Farmland Rental Agreements for Farmers and Landowners,"

Presented by: Bruce Kelly, Farm & Food Care Ontario. Tues. Apr 1, 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Webinar: Attend on Zoom.

#### "Keep Excellent Farm Records with MS Excel"

Presented by: Emily McKaque, Grey Ag Services.

Thurs. Apr 3, 7:00 – 9:00 pm. In-person: at Grey Ag Services Markdale

#### "Working and Training Livestock Guardian Dogs"

Presented by: Anne Poirier, EMCA.P, IAABC.ADT, CTDI, CCFC, SDJ, AACE, Peartree Animal Wellness Centre.

Sat. Apr 5, 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Hybrid course: Attend in-person at Grey Ag Services or online through Zoom.

### "Design of Beef Cattle Handling Facilities and New Barn Construction Workshop"

Presented by: James Byrne, Beef Cattle Specialist and Rajan Niraula, Senior Engineer, both of OMAFA. Barn tour location to be announced. Wed. Apr 9, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. In-person course: Grey Ag Services

#### "Canva Kickstart"

Presented by: Rebecca Vito, Grey Ag Services. Wed. Apr 9, 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Hybrid course: Attend in-person at Grey Ag Services or online through Zoom.

#### "Canning Kitchen Calamities"

Presented by: Martha Rogers, The Valley Preservery.
Thurs. Apr 10, 7:00 - 9:00 pm. In-person course: Grey Ag Services.

#### "Farm Theft Prevention"

Presented by: Krista Linthorne and Robert Hann, Grey Bruce OPP. Wed. Apr 16, 1 - 2:30 pm. In-person course: at Grey Ag Services Markdale



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# **Grey County Announces Leadership Changes**

Grey County Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Kim Wingrove has given notice she will be stepping down from her role on May 2, 2025. Ms. Wingrove's decision was announced at the end of the March 13 meeting of Council and committee of the whole.



"I want to express my deepest gratitude for the trust and support I have received from Council and the entire staff team over the past nine and half years. My time at Grey County has been immensely rewarding, and I'm proud of all that we have accomplished together," said Ms. Wingrove.

Ms. Wingrove joined Grey County as CAO in September of 2015. In nearly a decade on the job, Ms. Wingrove led staff in delivering services that are essential to residents, businesses and the community. Ms. Wingrove led the county through several significant projects and challenges, including the renovation and expansion of the County Administration Building, the Rockwood Terrace redevelopment project, the formation of Supportive Outreach Services and growth of community paramedicine programs, and the expansion of emergency housing supports. Using her extensive experience in Economic Development, Ms. Wingrove united partners together throughout the region to work on projects which help Grey County thrive. She also led operations and response through the challenging COVID-19 pandemic.

"Kim Wingrove has been a tremendous asset to Grey County and I'm deeply grateful for the knowledge, professionalism and passion she brings to public service," said Grey County Warden Andrea Matrosovs. "Kim is a strategic thinker who leads by example to motivate her team to get the job done. She will be missed, and we wish her all the best in her next chapter."

Grey County Council has appointed Deputy CAO Randy Scherzer to the permanent role of CAO beginning May 2, 2025. Council also directed staff to begin the recruitment process for the Deputy CAO position.

Mr. Scherzer joined the Grey County planning department in 2002. He was appointed the Director of Planning in June of 2010 where he led the department until his appointment to the Deputy CAO position in August of 2021. Mr. Scherzer has a Bachelor of Environmental Studies, Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Waterloo. He is a lifelong Grey County resident and lives just outside of Owen Sound with his wife Lori and three children.

The chief administrative officer is the head administrator of the county. They are responsible for leading staff, setting goals and ensuring programs and services are delivered effectively and efficiently at the service levels set by Grey County Council.





# Grey County named to Smart 21 Intelligent Communities of 2025

For the third consecutive year and fourth time since 2017, Grey County has been named one of the world's Smart21 communities of the year by the Intelligent Communities Forum (ICF). The announcement came on March 6 at the Communities in Transition conference in Hamilton, Ontario.

"We're thrilled to once again be featured on a global stage for the work our communities are doing to leverage technology to make Grey County a great place to call home," said Grey County Warden Andrea Matrosovs. "It's exciting to be part of this process and to continue having the opportunity to learn from other communities around the globe."

The ICF's annual Intelligent Community of the Year competition recognizes communities that embrace technology to realize economic, social, and cultural growth. Intelligent Community nominees are evaluated on six indicators: broadband, knowledge workforce, innovation, digital equality, sustainability, and advocacy.

Grey County's submission to the ICF featured a combination of County-led projects and partner initiatives, including the Sydenham Campus and strategic partnerships with Georgian College. Sydenham Campus is an entrepreneurial and innovation hub supporting workforce and business development, which reached its final milestone with the unveiling of the makerspace and Henry Bernick Entrepreneurship Centre in 2024.

Other organizations and programs supporting Grey County as an intelligent community include the Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT), Grey Bruce Local Immigration Partnership, the YMCA, Nuclear Innovation Institute, Supportive Outreach Services, Short-term Shelter Program, Going Green in Grey and more.

"The Intelligent Communities framework has inspired Grey County's approach to economic development and community building. We appreciate its whole community approach to ensure we work together and leave no one behind," explains Grey County's director of economic development, Savanna Myers. "Being named to the Top21 is a shared achievement for Grey County, its member municipalities and all the people, businesses, institutions and volunteers who are committed to making our region a more prosperous place to call home."

### The Smart21 Communities of 2025 include communities from around the globe including Smart21 of 2025

Alcobendas, Spain Kingston, Ontario, Canada Assaí Paraná, Brazil Konya Metropolitan Municipality, Türkiye Bilbao, Spain Langley City, British Columbia, Canada Las Rozas de Madrid, Spain Pingtung County, Taiwan Brightlands-Limburg, The Netherlands Bursa Metropolitan Municipality, Türkiye Parramatta, New South Wales, Australia Chiayi County, Taiwan Coral Gables, Florida Ponta Grossa, Paraná, Brazil Durham Region, Ontario, Canada Reykjavík, Iceland Fairfield/Jefferson County, Iowa, USA Sant Feliu de Llobregat, Spain Grey County, Ontario, Canada Warner Robins, Georgia, USA Hilliard, Ohio, USA

#### **Awards Process**

The process begins with communities filling out the Index Questionnaire, which asks multiple-choice, short answer and narrative questions. This may be completed and submitted at any time during the year. In the autumn of each year, ICF reviews questionnaires submitted or updated over the most recent three-year period. The analysis scores the quantitative data provided by communities against ICF's standards while an independent team of Analysts reviews answers to the narrative questions and scores them based on the Accelerator Strategy. Nominations close in early January each year.

#### **Smart21 Communities**

At the end of that analysis, ICF announces its Smart21 Communities of the Year®, which are semi-finalists for Intelligent Community of the Year. Prior to the announcement, ICF informs all eligible communities - those whose questionnaire data is three years old or less - that they are under consideration, and we offer an opportunity to either update their information or to be excluded from the current Awards cycle. The Smart21 are announced in February or March each year.

#### **Top7 Communities**

The Smart21 then complete a more extensive and largely narrative questionnaire detailing their opportunities, challenges, and results. ICF's analysts review and score the questionnaires. These scores are combined with the Smart21 scoring to narrow the 21 to the Top7 Intelligent Communities of the Year®. The Top7 receive media coverage both locally and internationally, and become the finalists for ICF's Intelligent Community of the Year award.

#### Intelligent Community of the Year®

Each of the Top7 Communities hosts a visit from an ICF cofounder to validate the data provided in their questionnaire and gain first-hand insight into the key factors in their success as well areas needing further development. The co-founders write reports, which are reviewed by an international team of jurors. Their votes are combined with the scoring from the Smart21 and Top stages to select the Intelligent Community of the Year®, which is named on the closing day of the Global Summit in October of each year.

#### **About the Intelligent Community Forum**

The Intelligent Community Forum is a global network of cities and regions with a thinktank at its centre. Its mission is to help communities use information and communications technology to create inclusive prosperity, tackle social and governance challenges and enrich their quality of life. Learn more at <a href="https://www.intelligentcommunity.org">www.intelligentcommunity.org</a>.



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# Call for Volunteers to participate on the Family Physician Recruitment Working Group

The Town of The Blue Mountains is seeking applications from members of the public for appointment to the new Family Physician Recruitment Working Group.

The Working Group will play a pivotal role in actively tackling key challenges and developing strategic solutions for Family Physician recruitment. Its primary objective is to attract new physicians, supporting the local community's needs by utilizing the Town's municipal authority to address healthcare access.

The mandate of the working group includes:

- · Conducting detailed analysis and strategic planning
- Developing programs and partnerships
- Enhancing intergovernmental collaboration
- · Exploring funding strategies
- Leading advocacy and policy development
- Engaging with and supporting the community

The Working Group will consistently update Town Council on its progress and present well-considered recommendations for Council's action.

The membership will comprise representatives from Town staff, Directors from the North East Grey Health Clinics, four public resident members, and one designated Council member who will chair and lead the Working Group's efforts.

Applicants are encouraged to complete the Application Form and include a resume, cover letter or any other background information and any special qualifications or interests related/applicable to the mandate of the Working Group. Shortlisted applicants will be confirmed on Monday, March 24, 2025 and will be invited to participate in an informal interview on either Thursday, March 27 or Friday, March 28, 2025.

NOTE: Applicants shall be qualified electors within the Town of The Blue Mountains.

All Applications should be submitted no later than Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 1:00 pm to:

Town of The Blue Mountains Attention: Town Clerk

32 Mill Street, Thornbury, Ontario NOH 2P0 Email: townclerk@thebluemountains.ca

Personal information provided by the applicant is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001 and will be used for the purpose of candidate selection. The Town of The Blue Mountains is an equal opportunity organization. Accommodation will be provided in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code







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#### **Notice**

Pursuant to Section 295.1 of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001 c.25, please be advised that the audited 2023 Consolidated Financial Statements for the Corporation of The Town of The Blue Mountains have been received.

The Financial Statements can be accessed on our website at www.thebluemountains.ca/financial-reporting or, upon request, from the Finance Department at 32 Mill Street, P.O. Box 310, Thornbury, ON, NOH 2PO.

Monica Quinlan Director of Corporate and Financial Services Treasurer

# The Blue Mountains 2024 Annual Water Report

In accordance with Ontario Regulation 170/03, please be advised that the Annual Water Report prepared for the Blue Mountains Drinking Water System is available for viewing at Town Hall or by visiting www.thebluemountains.ca

Rob Gilchrist, Water Supervisor Thornbury Water Treatment Plant



Meeting Date
March 28, 2025, Marsh Street Centre

www.thebluemountains.ca

# **Volunteer Recognition**Awards and Fair

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025
BEAVER VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Nominations for the Volunteer Recognition Awards and applications to have a booth at the fair will be open until March 14, 2025.











#### **EARTHDAY.ORG (EDO)**

is excited to announce the official Earth Day 2025 Poster, designed by renowned artist Alexis Rockman, to mark Earth Day's 55th anniversary, on April 22, 2025.

Rockman's artwork perfectly captures Earth Day's 2025 theme Our Power, Our Planet, with a solar panel rising above a celebratory crowd of people. The imagery is designed to invoke hope, combining the beauty of nature with the promise of a cleaner, greener future for all.

The theme for Earth Day 2025 is OUR POWER, OUR PLANET, inviting everyone around the globe to unite behind renewable energy, and to triple the global generation of clean electricity by 2030.

How? By joining us in Earth Action Day, encouraging all to take action—educate, advocate, and mobilize. Pledge an Earth Action on social media.

Attend/plan/register a local event. Integrate Earth Day lessons into your curricula. Donate to support our efforts. On our website you will find resources (plus quizzes, fact sheets, articles and more) to help you take action this Earth Day, April 22nd, and every day.

**EARTHDAY.ORG** 

Beaver Valley



#### All Welcome

202 Marsh St, Clarksburg 519-599-3555

Thank you for supporting our winter lunches.

We will be back in the spring with our Friday BBQ's, 5-7 pm

### Welcome

Dr. Mike Budrewicz and Dr. Frank Gigone would like to welcome Dr. Jordan Elwood to Thornbury Dental. Dr. Elwood graduated from Western University's Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry, with Distinction. Prior to attending dental school, Dr. Elwood completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, while also competing for the NCAA men's varsity hockey team. He is a member of the Ontario Dental Association and the Canadian Dental Association.

Through various volunteering efforts, Dr. Elwood has been afforded the opportunity to work with a diverse patient base. He has travelled to Whitehouse, Jamaica, to provide free dental care to the community during an outreach trip. He has also travelled to Moose Factory, Ontario, where he provided free dental care to members of the Moose Cree First Nation at the Weeneebayko General Hospital.

These efforts have provided Dr. Elwood with valuable experience in a wide range of general dentistry - including working with children. He is involved and treats in all aspects of general dentistry.

Dr. Elwood lives in the Blue Mountains with his wife and their black Labrador retriever, Moose. In his spare time, he enjoys skiing, biking, golfing, and spending time at the many beaches the Georgian Triangle has to offer.

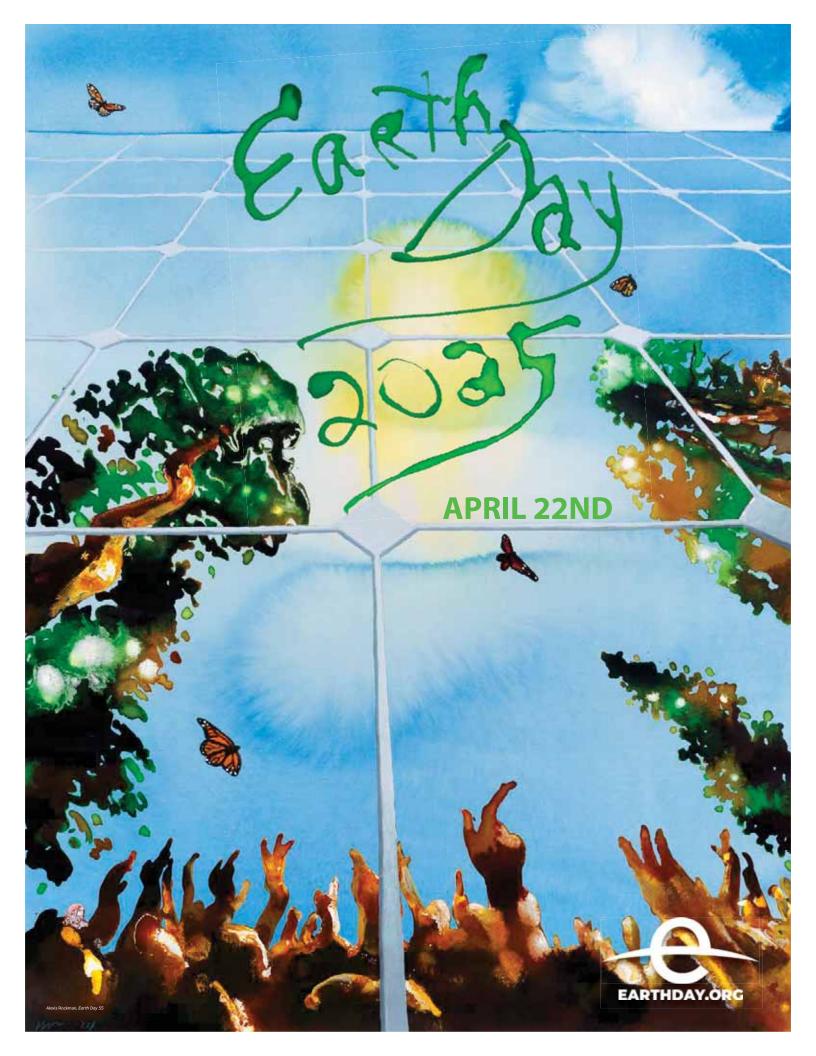
Dr. Elwood joined the practice in October 2024 and is seeing patients on a full-time basis. He is accepting new patients as he looks forward to meeting many new people and being an active member of our wonderful community.





Dr. Jordan Elwood

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# Garden Stories

The world as seen through your garden.... **EXHIBITION MAR 1 - APR 2** (reception March 15, 2-4pm)

# THE A-Z OF STARTING YOUR GARDEN







#### PART 1

KNOWING WHAT YOU HAVE & WHAT YOU WANT

Build a dream board Evaluate your space Learn design guidelines

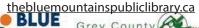
#### PART 2

TURNING IDEAS INTO

Garden with a budget Your growing calendar Build a plant list

#### GETTING THE MOST FROM YOUR GARDEN

Plant selection Succession planting Keep them alive









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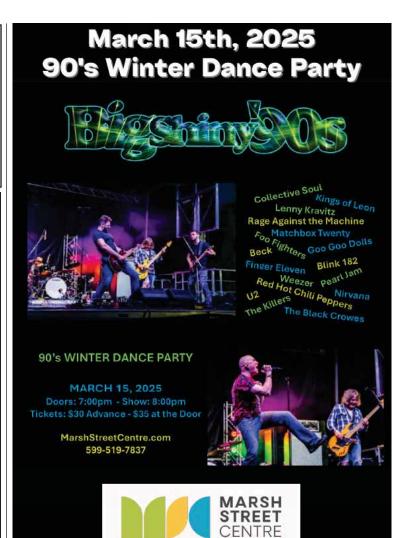


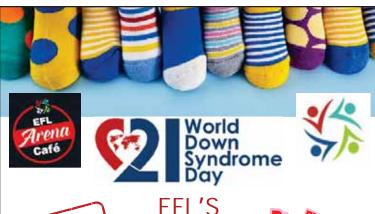
Come join us for lunch 11:00 am to 1:00 pm Monday to Friday





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ANNUAL

**SOCK HOP** 



Thursday, March 20th, 2025

4:30 - 6:30

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SATURDAY 22ND MARCH 2025: | 8:30PM

# LUNCH BUNCH 4th Tuesday

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Tickets: \$25.00 plus tax

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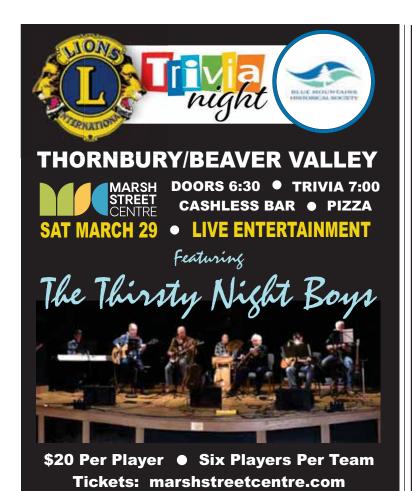




Meeting Date
March 28, 2025, Marsh Street Centre

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# ODIN QUARTET

with special guest Daniel Vnukowski, pianist



### Saturday April 5th, 3:00pm GRACE UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday, March 30th, 2025, 1-4 pm L.E. Shore Library, Thornbury



#### Guest Speaker CHRISTOPHER E. PEARSON, Ph.D.

Human Molecular Neurogeneticist, Senior Scientist, The Hospital for Sick Children, Genetics & Genome Biology Full-Professor, University of Toronto, Department of Molecular Genetics

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 Refreshments will be served Space is limited - R.S.V.P. online at www.livingbetterwithparkinsons.ca or Contact Sarah Rody (705) 607-6933 Recommended Donation \$20

# Exhibit: It All Starts with a Scribble Sat Apr 5th 2pm - 4pm; The Gallery at the L.E. Shore Library

**Beverley Smith** presents a new exhibit that dives into the excitement of creating and experimenting. Featuring vibrant mixed media works that fuse woven beadwork, paints, markers, and a whole lot of energetic scribbling. The show runs from April 5-30, the opening will be on April 5 from 2:00-4:00pm. Enjoy refreshments, grab a chat with Beverley and take part in an interactive art display where you will replicate Beverley's process, creating your own scribbles right on the gallery walls.



Style Sip

Join us for an afternoon of Shopping, Camaraderie, Music & Mocktalls

Sat April 5 1-4pm

TWO CROWS

CONCERT: Fluteology | What Music Has Taught Me About Living Tuesday, April 8th, 7 - 8pm, L.E. Shore Library

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At first listen, these pieces may seem unrelated, but for Karen, they are like old friends—each one offering comfort through challenging times and imparting valuable life lessons. In a time where much is uncertain, they provide an opportunity to contribute some beauty to the world.

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**SATURDAY APRIL 12 2025** 

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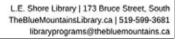
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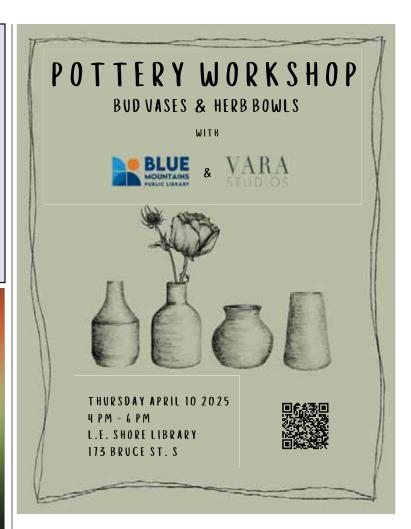
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