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*Grey Road 119 at Banks*

## Ice Storm 2025

This is the most devastating and widespread damage the province has faced since the ice storm in 1998. Hydro One is restoring power to the thousands of customers that remain without power and working with communities to support their needs. Since the start of the storm (March 28, 11 p.m.), crews have restored power to more than 83 per cent of customers however, significant damage continues to be discovered as crews continue restoration. To date, crews have identified 1,826 broken poles.

Additional resources joined in through Mutual Assistance agreements bringing the total to 3,800 Hydro One team members, contractors and other LDC resources on the ground supporting the restoration efforts.

Restoration in the hardest hit areas will continue in the coming days, with most customers back online by the weekend. Road access continues to be a challenge in the most impacted areas, along with safety concerns of tree branches and limbs coming down.

For your safety, please remember:

- To turn off the stove or any elements that may have been in use when the power went out.
- If flooding occurs at home and water starts to reach electrical outlets, baseboard heaters or furnace, customers should call us at 1-800-434-1235 to have power safely turned off. Do not enter any flooded areas, such as the basement, until power is disconnected.

## Federal Election Day: Monday, April 28, 9am-9pm

### Vote in person

You can vote in person at any Elections Canada office across the country, any time before 6 p.m. on April 22.

425 River Road W, Wasaga Beach, Toll-free phone : 1 866 281-5091

### Hours of operation

Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Vote by mail

You can vote by mail if you apply by April 22, 6 p.m.

### Advance voting takes place on :

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, April 18 - April 21; 9am-9pm  
Georgian Bay Hotel, 10 Vacation Inn Drive, Collingwood

### Voter's card

If you don't receive your voter information card by April 11, or the information on it is incorrect, use the Online Voter Registration Service to check your registration, register or update your address, or call us at 1-800-463-6868 or 1-800-361-8935 (TTY) for assistance. Voters should be registered by April 22 to vote, however, it can also be done at your assigned polling station on election day. Just bring along proper identification, such as a driver's licence, or utility bill or student ID card.

### Simcoe Grey Candidates

**Conservative Party of Canada: Terry Dowdall**

**Liberal Party of Canada: Bren Munro**

The close of nominations for candidates is Monday, April 7th. The complete list of confirmed candidates will be available on Wednesday, April 9, 2025.

<https://www.elections.ca/>

## O Canada

Councillor Maxwell introduced a Notice of Motion at the March 10th Council Meeting, regarding the playing of "O Canada" at the commencement of all regular Council meetings.

He noted that playing Canada's national anthem is an expression of civic pride, unity, and respect for Canada and its democratic institution.

Motion was approved.

Please resist the urge to clean up your garden until temperatures are consistently above 50F (10C). Many pollinators are currently overwintering in the dead leaves and hollowed out stems of last year's plants. If you clear these now, you will literally be throwing away this year's butterflies, bees and other beneficial pollinators.







## St. James' Fairmount Anglican Church

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**1st & 3rd Sunday 9am**

Holy Eucharist BCP

**2nd & 4th Sunday 9am**

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**5th Sunday 4pm Evensong BCP**

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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,  
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rubber feet and walkers is  
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### Matt's Millennial Support Companion Services

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email matthew-r@live.com**



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**APRIL 30, 2025**

**BEAVER VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Volunteer Fair - 4 to 7 pm | Awards Ceremony - 5 pm

## Town Announces Winners of 2025 Volunteer Recognition Awards

The Town of The Blue Mountains is excited to announce the winners of the 2025 Volunteer Recognition Awards and extend sincere gratitude and appreciation to the individuals and groups who volunteer their time to support the community.

The Volunteer Recognition Awards acknowledges outstanding volunteers across different categories, highlighting diverse community contributions. The Town congratulates this year's award recipients:

**Sustainability Award:** Jacob Proctor & Betty Muise

**Sports and Recreation Award:** Sarah Clarke

**Blue Mountains Community Builder Award**

(Youth under 26): Parker Gordon

**Blue Mountains Community Builder Award**

(Adults 26+): Pamela Spence & Tom Kennedy

**Outstanding Community Group Award:**

599 Garden Club & Thornbury Sparks/Ember Unit

To honour this year's recipients, the Town, in partnership with the Seniors Network Blue Mountains and Georgian Bay Youth Roots, will host a Volunteer Recognition Awards Ceremony and Volunteer Fair on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at the Beaver Valley Community Centre.

Members of the public are invited to attend this free event to celebrate the contributions of award winners, connect with local organizations, and learn about volunteer opportunities within the community. The event runs from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., with the awards ceremony beginning at 5:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided. The Town of the Blue Mountains looks forward to celebrating our community's outstanding volunteers with you!

[www.thebluemountains.ca/VolunteerAwards](http://www.thebluemountains.ca/VolunteerAwards) or contact:

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

### Women's Weight Management Support Group

Lindsay Myles NP-PHC

Have you ever felt like weight loss is a battle? Like no one really understands? There is a long history of women's needs not being listened to and it is a common experience voiced amongst my patients. I am a nurse practitioner with an interest and training in obesity management and I hear the story from patients over and over again. Women want to talk about their guilt, shame, challenges and successes in a safe and supportive environment. I am looking for interest in a women's weight management support group. The first meeting will be informal and brainstorming and creating a list of potential topics for future meetings.

**Our first meeting is TUESDAY APRIL 15 in the  
L.E. Shore Library boardroom from 5-6:30pm.**

Please email [lindsaymylesnp@gmail.com](mailto:lindsaymylesnp@gmail.com) if you are  
interested in attending.

### Job Opportunity: Live-in Personal Support Worker (PSW) (30-35 hours/week) - Thornbury

As a Caregiver, you are passionate about caring for the elderly with patience and compassion, have a positive attitude, strong communication skills and focus on a healthy lifestyle. Must be a non-smoker, fully vaccinated and able to work in Canada. Responsibilities: Assist with personal care, prepare meals, housekeeping, laundry, supervise light exercise and walks, and provide social stimulation. Private accommodation with separate entrance available. Both PSW/HSW will be considered. For a full job description and/or inquiries please email [jobs@birchfrog.com](mailto:jobs@birchfrog.com).



## Construction Tender Awarded for Thornbury West Phase 1B Reconstruction

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise residents that Moorefield Excavating has been awarded the construction tender for Phase 1B of the Thornbury West Reconstruction Project. The project area includes full reconstruction of Lorne Street, Park Lane, Elma Street from Louisa Street to Alfred Street, Louisa Street from Bruce Street to Elma Street, and the remaining portion of Alice Street from Bruce Street to the end of the Phase 1A construction limits. In total, Phase 1B covers 1,045 metres of roads and includes replacement of:

- 1,160 metres of sanitary sewer
- 1,180 metres of storm sewer
- 1,220 metres of watermain
- 2,270 metres of curb
- 2,220 metres of sidewalk
- 60 sanitary, storm and water services

Preliminary engineering of the project began in 2016, with construction of Phase 1A being completed in 2023. Phase 1B is expected to be completed by the end of 2025. Town staff and the consulting engineer have made a concerted effort throughout the design process to preserve as many mature trees as possible. Street trees will be replanted following construction, and the Town will also be planting a new urban forest on the south side of Louisa St. West between Bruce St. and Elma St. with hundreds of saplings and shrubs.

To learn more about the project and to subscribe for project updates, please visit the Town's website. [www.thebluemountains.ca](http://www.thebluemountains.ca)

## Resignation of CAO Shawn Everitt

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to notify the public that Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Shawn Everitt has resigned from his position, and will be joining the Municipality of Meaford as the new CAO beginning April 8, 2025. Shawn was hired as Chief Administrative Officer in 2019, after serving as interim CAO since 2017. He started with the Town in 1993 as Manager of the Community Centre before joining the Town's Senior Management team as the Director of Community Services in 2005.

"The Town of The Blue Mountains has been extraordinarily fortunate and has benefited greatly to have Shawn as a dedicated employee for over three decades," said Mayor Andrea Matrosovs. "I would like to thank Shawn for his dedication, passion and leadership in supporting Town initiatives and for guiding and inspiring employees at all levels in the organization. He has helped guide the Town through transformational changes and we are truly grateful for his service."

In Everitt's absence, Adam Smith was named Acting Chief Administrative Officer on Friday, January 10, 2025. Smith has been with the Town since 2022 as the Director of Planning and Development Services. During this time, he has played an integral role in leading the planning and development portfolio and continues to support the Town through stable leadership, strategic planning and innovation.

"Acting CAO Smith has done a tremendous job in his role these past months," said Mayor Matrosovs. "We appreciate the work he has done taking on this additional responsibility as the Town begins a fulsome search for a permanent CAO."

Further updates regarding the Chief Administrative Officer position will be announced by the Town when available.



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# In Memoriam

## EYTON ELIZABETH 'PIXIE' MURRAY

Eyton Elizabeth "Pixie" Murray (nee Bradshaw) passed away unexpectedly but peacefully on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at the age of 75.

She is missed and celebrated by her children, Gregor (April) and Kaitland Murray, and their father, John Murray; her grandchildren Brinnem and Blake; her brother Leo Bradshaw (Suzanne) and her nephew and nieces Daniel, Kelsie and Amy; and her beloved dog, Hannah. She is predeceased by her parents Charles and Eyton (Embury) Bradshaw, and her cousins and partners in crime, Owen and Bill Carsley.

She was loved by so many, and sometimes it seemed like they all had a different name for her. Many knew her as Elizabeth, or Lizzy, or Priscilla, but those who knew her the longest and the best called her Pixie, a nickname that could not have suited her more. Born in Toronto, Pixie graduated from Havergal College and the Seneca College Nursing Program. She spent her summers at her family cottage, Eastbourne, on Lake Simcoe, where her life-long love of golf, swimming, sailing and tennis began. A natural athlete, she was an avid skier and accomplished golfer, winning several trophies including the Junior Ladies Golf Tournament at The Toronto Golf Club. After her marriage, she had the chance to move often and explore new places, living in Princeton, New Jersey, Vancouver, BC, and Chapel Hill, North Carolina, before settling in Ottawa in the early 1980's. She called Ottawa home for nearly 30 years, surrounded by great friends and enjoying her work with children and in the medical field. She moved to Thornbury, in the early 2000's and often spoke of how lucky she was to find this incredible community where she made so many dear friends. They were a source of joy to her and a true highlight of her life.

Pixie had a huge sense of humour, fun and adventure. She loved to laugh, and most memories of her involve something hilarious and absurd. She was known for her kindness, warmth and endless generosity, and will be remembered as one of history's best gift givers. Her deep compassion showed in her tremendous love of animals, and her curiosity and keen wit were reflected in her passion for travel, reading, and a good story. She had a gifted eye for decorating, and enjoyed making things beautiful for everyone around her. Throughout her life, she cherished her time spent in Muskoka, and on the lake was probably where she was the happiest.

According to her wishes, there will be a small, private ceremony held at a later date.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Georgian Triangle Humane Society in Pixie's memory would be greatly appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, ON N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)

## SHIRLEY ANN FULLER

March 14, 1943 - March 20, 2025

Peacefully at Vision Nursing Home in Sarnia on Thursday, March 20, 2025 in her 83rd year, Shirley Ann Fuller (Kingswell).

Beloved wife of the late Douglas G. Fuller (2024) of 65 years. Loving mother of Ronald P. Fuller (Mary), Raymond (late Bonnie), Wes and the late Doug. Grandmother to many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

Shirley and Doug had 25 acres near Heathcote where they ran a successful dog kennel. Shirley enjoyed keeping the grounds looking great with her love of gardening and especially loved to watch birds and squirrels while drinking a Pepsi. Shirley also loved to watch her sons and grandsons play hockey and baseball.

We love you Mom - From your whole Family. Rest in peace.



## SHIRLEY ERNESTINE JACKMAN

Shirley Jackman, formerly of Thornbury and Meaford passed away on March 16, 2025 at the age of 94.

Shirley was born on December 19, 1930 to Ernest and Myrtle Foster in Collingwood Ontario. She grew up in Thornbury, with several brothers and sisters (Kenneth, Melvern, Delbert, Marvin, Aggie, Arlene, Lorna), all of whom predeceased her.

Shirley and Terence Grant Jackman were married on February 20 1954. Shirley and Terry enjoyed many family vacations in Algonquin Park, where Shirley became a local celebrity with her fishing skills, frequently "outfishing" other anglers. They continued to enjoy speckled trout fishing locally throughout the years. Terry predeceased her on December 20, 2016.

Following her high school graduation, Shirley began working in the local apple orchards, followed by a time with the Bell Telephone Company in Thornbury as an operator.

Her passion for flowers and talent for floral design motivated her to establish Thornbury Florists in the 1970s in partnership with her sister Lorna.

Shirley is survived by her four children Terry Jr. (Maxine), Denise, Lori (Bill) and Tracy (Jeff), as well as six grandchildren (Lindsay, Leslie, Kathy, William, Taylor and Jordon) and twelve great grandchildren, all of whom will cherish fond and lasting memories of her.

Family will honor Shirley's passing with a private remembrance gathering. Interment will follow at Thornbury Clarksburg Union Cemetery.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Alzheimer Society of Grey-Bruce would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, ON N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)



## JAMES LANGDALE 'JIM' WHITE

June 14, 1939 - February 10, 2025

The Heathcote Community lost it's longest resident James 'Jim' White, who passed away at his home, the Historic White Rorke Farm, located across the bridge from the Village of Heathcote.

The White Farm has been in the same family since 1847, when the Old Mail Road opened and allowed settlement in the Williamstown (Heathcote) area. Due to the farm's location on the Old Mail Road, the farm house served as the Land Registry and Post Office for the Collingwood Township area for many years.

Jim and his younger brother, Jack, spent much of their childhood roaming the fields and woods of the farm and the outskirts of Heathcote. He was predeceased by his brother John 'Jack' White (Nancy) on October 25, 2024.

Jim spent his entire life running the family farm while caring for his parents, Edith & Gerald White. Along with farming, Jim had many interests, especially photography, canoeing, biking and local history.

Jim and his family were extremely good neighbours, who allowed generations of young village residents to fish, hike and play on the family farm.

Special thanks to Dan Reid and his family, Brad & Janice Vail, Doug Green and Don Grant who helped support Jim in his later years.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Grey Roots Museum and Archives would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, ON N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)



## DOUGLAS McNEIL 'DOUG' SIMPSON

December 30, 1952 - March 5, 2025

With his family beside him, Doug passed away suddenly on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

The only child of Douglas and Lois Simpson, he is survived by his wife of 47 years, Kate (née Dinsmore), and his children Lindsay (James), Colin (Evelin), Courtney, and Fraser (Allison). Proud "Grampy" to Sam, Maggie, and Cameron.

Doug's lifelong love of Georgian Bay started from an early age. He enjoyed many summers at the cottage in Cognashene, and happily served as the president of the Cognashene Cottager's Association. He especially loved organizing the annual Regatta, with all the fun and chaos that came with it.

Doug spent 21 years with the Canadian Ski Patrol System, first as a patroller at Craigeleith Ski Club, and finishing as the president of the Ontario Division. It was at Craigeleith Ski Club where Doug and Kate met.

Doug loved being involved with his community wherever he was. In Oakville, he spent many years as a Scouts Canada leader. After retiring to Thornbury, Doug shared his love of British cars with the Georgian Bay British Car Club, where he served as President until his passing. Doug and Kate enjoyed many car cruises together around Georgian Bay. Abroad, they also enjoyed travelling the world, visiting several countries on three continents.

Cremation has taken place as were Doug's wishes. A celebration of life will be held at their farm Lioncrest 067381 33rd Sideroad, Thornbury on July 12th from 1-4pm with tributes at 2pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada, the Canadian Cancer Society, or the Georgian Bay Land Trust, as these organizations were all dear to Doug.

Donations may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, ON N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)



## TRUDY HADERER

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden and unexpected passing of Trudy Haderer on March 18, 2025, at her home in Meaford, Ontario.

A beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Trudy will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Predeceased by her late husband, Gerry Haderer, and survived her sister Hannelor Feuersack Gantner and brother Franz Gantner, whom both are in Switzerland. Trudy leaves behind her loving daughter, Donna Grant-Hose, as well as her cherished grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who will forever hold her memory close to their hearts.

Trudy was a pillar of strength and love, always putting family first. Her presence brought comfort, and her laughter brought joy to those around her. While she is no longer with us, her spirit will live on in the love she shared and the bonds she created. Rather than dwell on her passing, we choose to focus on the gift of her life—a life that was well-lived, well-loved, and will never be forgotten.

Private arrangements at this time.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Meaford Hospital or a charity of your choice would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, ON N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)



## NANCY PATRICIA GREEN (nee CRAWFORD)

1948 – 2025

It is with sadness that we announce that Nancy Green passed away peacefully at Meaford Hospital on March 25<sup>th</sup> after a prolonged struggle with lymphoma. She leaves behind her loving husband, Richard Green, her beloved daughter, Deanne and her family – husband, Marc Allcock, "grandest guys", Camden and Hayden, and Pippa, too.

Nancy was raised in Etobicoke by her parents, Doug and Pat Crawford (nee Ballanger). She grew up in this bucolic community with her brothers, Mark (Nancy Sansom) and the late Bryan (Melissa Morrow). She attended Rosethorn Public School, Burnhamthorpe Collegiate, and Laurier University.

With a strong passion for music, Nancy became a teacher with the Etobicoke Board of Education and was enthusiastically involved with children's choirs and sang with the Etobicoke Centennial Choir. She was also an avid supporter of teachers' federations and later became the president of one.

Despite working together, Nancy and Richard really met skiing and they married in 1977. Living in Etobicoke while teaching, their winter lifestyle at the Toronto Ski Club in Collingwood led them to Georgian Bay where they acquired places in Meaford and at the foot of Blue Mountain. After retirement they settled in Thornbury.

We would like to express our gratitude to the Clarksburg Clinic and to Doctor Aboo and the Owen Sound Hospital Cancer Unit for their care and efforts over the years. Thanks also to the wonderful Med-Surg group at the Meaford Hospital whose professional, cheerful, and kind treatment made Nancy's last few weeks as easy as possible.

As requested, there will be no funeral at this time with family and friend gatherings being considered.

In Nancy's memory please consider attending and/or supporting live local music events or donating to school music programs or departments.

All arrangements are being handled by Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, ON N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)



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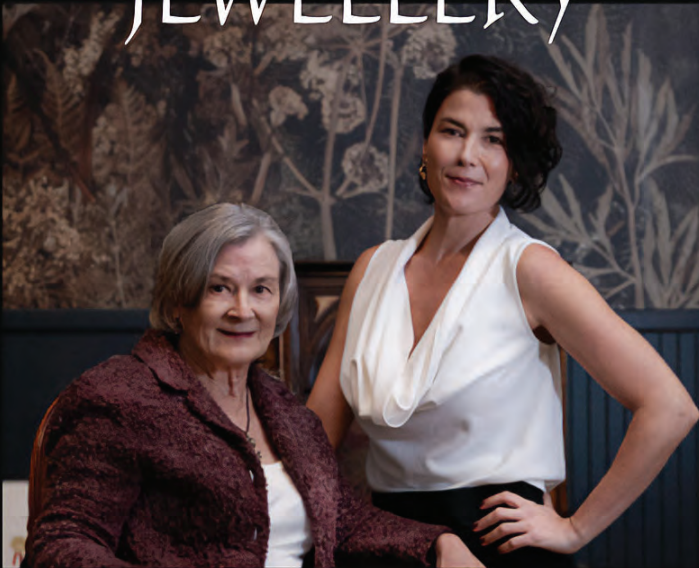
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## Urban Road and Road Exchange Task Force

County staff have recommended the transfer of road sections in Primary and Secondary urban areas, totaling approximately 50 km of urban area roads. The maintenance of County roads in urban areas is complex to manage, requiring coordination of responsibilities with member municipalities for underground infrastructure as well as maintenance of the roadway requiring a disproportionate amount of time. In The Blue Mountains Cty Road 113 (2.1km) and Cty Road 13 through Clarksburg and Thornbury (3.5km) are being considered.

Staff met with each of the nine member municipalities to review the transfers/exchanges. The feedback received consistently highlighted the importance of having conversations with the public about potential road ownership changes, as well as concerns about resources (additional staff, maintenance & capital reconstruction) and financial fairness for those affected by urban transfers. Staff re-evaluated the initial funding formula to address financial concerns brought forward in the meetings.

### NEXT STEPS

1. Present new urban road agreements with transition plans including funding schedule and maintenance support (if required)
2. Host public information sessions
3. Transfer target date of Spring 2026



The Blue Mountains & Area  
**Sustainability  
Summit**



## 2nd Annual Sustainability Summit taking place Thursday April 24th

The Town of The Blue Mountains is hosting the 2nd Annual Blue Mountains and Area Sustainability Summit on Thursday, April 24, at the Beaver Valley Community Centre in Thornbury.

The Sustainability Summit is an essential event for leaders and innovators who are driving the future of sustainability. Pre-registration for the summit is now available on the Town's Eventbrite webpage. The event is free to attend, but pre-registration is required.

### What's New This Year?

The 2025 Sustainability Summit is a free event that will feature both afternoon and evening sessions, offering an exciting lineup of topics designed to inspire and challenge. Here's what you can look forward to:

#### Afternoon Session (1:00 pm – 4:00 pm):

The afternoon will delve into the theme of Social Sustainability, featuring an engaging panel discussion on energy poverty and equity, diversity, and inclusion in Climate Solutions. This session will be a perfect opportunity to connect over light refreshments and share ideas with fellow changemakers.

#### Evening Session (5:30 pm – 8:00 pm):

The evening will bring the spotlight on the Green Economy Hub pilot, with presentations from forward-thinking experts sharing sustainable business practices that can shape the future. Additionally, a feature film premiere will be showcased, followed by a chance to network with industry leaders and peers over hors d'oeuvres and beverages.

Registration for the event is now open. Participants can register for the afternoon, evening, or both sessions. The Sustainability Summit is a free event, but pre-registration is required. Space is limited, and participants are encouraged to register early to secure their space. With a carefully curated agenda, the Summit will offer valuable insights and opportunities for those committed to sustainability.

For more information about the Sustainability Summit, visit the event webpage or contact:

Jeff Fletcher, Manager of Sustainability and Solid Waste  
Town of The Blue Mountains, (519) 599-3131 ext. 238  
[www.thebluemountains.ca/town-hall/news-notice](http://www.thebluemountains.ca/town-hall/news-notice)





## Circular Materials

Circular Materials is a national not-for-profit producer responsibility organization that helps producers meet their obligations under extended producer responsibility regulations across Canada.

Circular Materials was founded by 17 of Canada's leading food, beverage and consumer products manufacturers, restaurants and retailers.

They are advancing the circular economy – where materials are collected, recycled and returned to producers for use as recycled content in new products and packaging. As an organization focused on building enhanced recycling systems, they ensure more materials are looped into the circular economy, benefiting both people and the environment.

The following are material categories for the purposes of this Regulation:

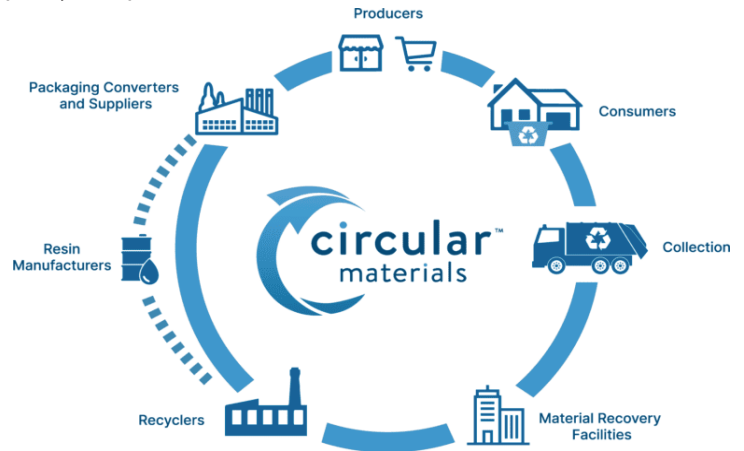
1. Beverage container material category.
2. Glass material category.
3. Flexible plastic material category.
4. Rigid plastic material category.
5. Metal material category.
6. Paper material category.
7. Certified compostable products and packaging material category.

## Ontario's Transition

Circular Materials, Ryse Solutions, H2 Compliance and EnvironFocus Incorporated are the producer responsibility organizations that are operating Ontario's new common collection system. In June 2021, the Province of Ontario released the Blue Box Regulation to shift the financial and operational responsibility of recycling from municipalities to the organizations that produce packaging, paper and packaging-like products.

## Nespresso Green Bag Program

Circular Materials is pleased to collaborate with Nespresso on its Green Bag Recycling Program. This marks another milestone in the journey to provide residents with an easy and convenient solution to recycling. The City of London is the first municipality in Ontario to adopt this innovative recycling solution. Londoners can now place their used capsules in the Nespresso green bag and deposit it in their blue box at home. Once collected, these bags are sent to a sorting center, where the capsules undergo a specialized process to separate the coffee grounds from the aluminum. The aluminum is then recycled, and the coffee grounds are transformed into high-quality compost.



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# Traffic Woes

by Robert Burcher

What if we had another stoplight in Thornbury? What if we could avoid downtown Thornbury on a busy day and still get easy access on to Highway 26? Why not another stoplight at the LCBO corner? With the new and improved Victoria St., we could turn it into a pressure relief valve on our increasing traffic issue to have a stoplight at the highway. No need to run the gauntlet of left turns into the insane traffic. It would give shoppers at the grocery store and the LCBO an easy exit back onto the highway.

The last time I suggested a different traffic flow I was roundly castigated by people who live along the 10<sup>th</sup> line. (I was suggesting that their road would make a good bypass for Thornbury/Clarksburg.) This time I counted only 3 houses that face directly onto Victoria St. who would be inconvenienced by more traffic. But this would be a great exit route from Rankin's Landing, Apple Jack, Thornbury Meadows, the arena, the baseball diamond, the dog park, and the three cul-de-sacs along Victoria St. The rest of us who hate the U-turning idiots in the main block of downtown Thornbury would also be grateful!

We now have excellent sidewalks along Victoria St. from Highway 26 as far as Alfred St. Perhaps extending those improvements of Victoria St. as far as Napier St. would keep the dog walkers of Apple Jack safe.


A four way stop at Alfred would be a nice addition as well to slow the traffic along that busy cross street. Might even take the pressure off the corner at Goldsmith's fruit stand of people trying to go west onto Highway 26. (At the same time, I wish we could have an easy access into Goldsmith's parking lot from the back without having to scoot out onto Highway 26 to then swing back into Goldsmith's.)

No doubt MTO would hate all of my ideas as they try to speed up traffic on Highway 26. But would this be an imposition on the people of the Blue Mountains? So as everything gets snarled this summer



with the reconstruction of Alice, Elma and Louisa Streets, we will all be doing a big detour around that area. Think about it the next time you sit idling behind a line of traffic in downtown Thornbury all trying to get onto the Highway.

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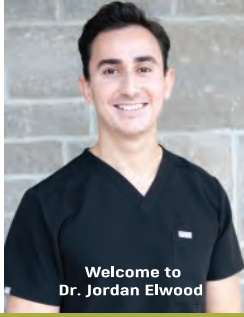


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## 2024 Public Salary Disclosure

In accordance with the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act, 1996, The Town of The Blue Mountains has disclosed and submitted the names, positions, salaries and total taxable benefits of employees paid \$100,000 or more during the 2024 calendar year to the Ministry of Finance.

The full list showing Town employees who were paid \$100,000+

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SALARY	BENEFIT
Campbell	Michael	Senior Infrastructure Capital Project Coordinator	114633.48	1400.61
Conn	Stephen	Fire Chief	145217.63	1580.6
Desai	Pruthvi	Manager of Capital Projects	110714.23	1315.66
Everitt	Shawn	Chief Administrative Officer	239408.86	1580.6
Farr	Adam	Senior Planner	112657.58	1344.84
Fletcher	Jeffery	Manager of Sustainability and Solid Waste	120236.94	1350.84
Gibbons	Ryan	Director of Community Services	164532.73	1555.7
Gilchrist	Rob	Water Supervisor	107760.37	2504.78
Giles	Corrina	Town Clerk	137091.13	1580.6
Hancock	Evan	Development Engineering Reviewer	102019.98	1127.59
Hendry	Timothy	Director of Strategic Initiatives	133573.48	1580.6
Humphries	Michael	Senior Infrastructure Capital Project Coordinator	100316.48	1226.87
Johnston	Darren	Training Officer / Suppression	116764.4	1456.49
Keeling	Mike	Fire Prevention Officer / Suppression	139367.21	1456.49
Kershaw	Allison	Manager of Water and Wastewater Services	125707.93	1543.34
Laythorpe	Nancy	Deputy Chief Building Official	100515.12	1433.65
Marritt	Scott	Fire Prevention Inspector/Suppression	109095.08	1149.27
Mc Cannell	James	Manager of Roads and Drainage	126656.28	4893.59
McMullen	Aaron	Manager Beaver Valley Community Centre, Facilities, Tomahawk Golf Course	126656.28	1531.01
Moore	Amy	Manager of Revenue	119619.47	1344.84
Murawsky	Timothy	Manager Building Services Chief Building Official	134021.13	1580.6
Murley	Jennifer	Chief Executive Officer Library	125989.19	1512.36
Pacheco	Alan	Director of Operations	100313.82	888.7
Pesek	Phillip	Manager Fleet and Facility	114308.68	1344.84
Postma	Shawn	Manager of Community Planning	108350.94	1383.24
Service	Mark	Wastewater Supervisor	107033.18	1332.37
Smith	Cameron	Deputy Fire Chief	129595.03	1580.6
Smith	Adam	Director of Planning and Development Services	158110.23	1580.6
Traynor	Sarah	Manager of Human Resources	134021.13	1580.6
Walsh	John	Information Technology Infrastructure and Security Supervisor	104172.37	1226.87
Wilgress	Serena	Manager of Purchasing and Risk Management	100316.48	1226.87
Worsley	Brian	Manager of Development Engineering	125707.93	1543.34
Wray	William	Manager of Information Technology	112806.58	1295.11
Young	Debra-Ann	Manager of By-Law and Licensing	100247.18	1197.69



# Seniors Matters Today - April 2025

supported by Seniors Network-Blue Mountains

April may be taken up with getting your income tax return filed on time (by April 30th). It's essential if you receive benefits such as the Guaranteed Income Supplement, (federal), or Guaranteed Annual Income Supplement (provincial). Filing on time means that your benefits can continue without a break if you still qualify. You don't need to reapply every year for those benefits, as long as you file your income tax by the deadline.

The new **Canada Dental Care Program**, (CDCP) is different. Anyone who is covered by this plan, must reapply each year. The deadline to renew JUNE 1, 2025. You can reapply when: you have filed your 2024 tax return, AND received your Notice of Assessment from the Canada

Revenue Agency. You can apply to renew after June 1st, but there will be an interruption in your coverage.

Renewing your dental coverage can be done: Online, OR in your My Service Canada account, OR through an automated phone service available 24hours a day, 7 days a week. Call the CDCP contact centre at 1- 833-537-4342, visit a Service Canada Centre (1350 16th St. E., Owen Sound or 44 Hurontario St., Collingwood) or check [canada.ca/en/services/benefits/dental/dental-care-plan/renew.html](https://canada.ca/en/services/benefits/dental/dental-care-plan/renew.html)

The **Grey Bruce Ontario Health Team** comes to the L. E. Shore Library, on Wednesday, April 16th, from 12:30 – 3:30 for an interactive workshop, Aging Well in Grey Bruce. Learn about working together to support aging well in our region. The GBOHT invites Older Adults, Caregivers, Local Health and Social Service providers to join the workshop that includes a light lunch. To register contact Sarah Steeves at [ssteeves@brightshores.ca](mailto:ssteeves@brightshores.ca) or call 226-379-33591.

In April, **BVO's Seniors Centre Without Walls** (SCWW) will host several information sessions in the Gallery of L. E. Shore Library. The featured topics include Sandra Hong, Alzheimer, Grey Bruce, about Brain Health (Tuesday, April 22, 1 p.m.), All About Hearing Care, with Ross Hart, of Canadian Hearing Services (Thursday, April 24, 1p.m.) and Barbara Osei of VON explaining the CoolAid Program that helps paramedics provide vital care in your home when there's an emergency (Tuesday, April 29, 1 p.m.) Call the SCWW at 519 599 2577, ext. 6 or e mail [seniors@bvo.ca](mailto:seniors@bvo.ca) to register for these sessions or to get the full April calendar of events.

Wednesday, April 30th from 4 pm–7pm. Enjoy the Town of The Blue Mountains **Volunteer Fair & Awards Ceremony** at the Beaver Valley Community Centre. This is a time for the community to recognize and celebrate the town's volunteers and to meet with representatives from many local organizations offering opportunities for becoming a volunteer. The Volunteer Fair starts at 4p.m. and will pause at 5 p.m. for the Volunteer Awards Ceremony.

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To Participate in a session: Dial: **1-866-261-6767**  
Enter the Passcode: **1371440** then # and wait to be admitted into the session.

Seniors Centre Without Walls (SCWW)  
[sswwphone@bvo.ca](mailto:sswwphone@bvo.ca)

April 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	8	9	10	11
<b>Yellow – IN PERSON</b>	<b>10:00 PHONE</b> What's up around the Bay	<b>10:00 Phone</b> Chair Exercise	<b>10:00 PHONE</b> Mindful Meditation	
<b>RED - PHONE</b>	<b>10:30 PHONE BINGO!</b>	<b>10:30 Phone Education</b> Making a plan to retire from driving – Mc Master		
14	15	16	17	18
<b>Speakers:</b>	<b>10:00 PHONE</b> Gardening Tips	<b>10:00 Phone</b> Chair Exercise and Stretching	<b>10:00 PHONE</b> Mindful Meditation	
<b>Shannon Frye – Pharmacist</b>	<b>10:30 PHONE BINGO!</b>	<b>10:30 PHONE Education</b> Delirium	<b>11:00 PHONE</b> Meet the Pharmacist	
21	22	23	24	25
<b>Speakers:</b>	<b>10:00 PHONE</b> What's up around The Bay	<b>10:00 Phone</b> Chair Exercise	<b>10:00 PHONE</b> Mindful Meditation	
<b>Sandra Hong – Alzheimer's Society</b>	<b>10:30 PHONE BINGO!</b>	<b>10:30 Phone Education:</b> Anxiety Disorders : McMaster University	<b>1pm LE SHORE LIBRARY</b> Hearing Care with Ross Hart	
<b>Ross Hart- Hearing Care Counsellor from the Canadian Hearing Services</b>	<b>1pm LE SHORE LIBRARY</b> BRAIN Health with Sandra Hong			
28	29	30	May 1	2
<b>Speakers:</b>	<b>10:00 PHONE</b> Gardening Tips	<b>10:00 Phone</b> Chair Exercise	<b>10:00 PHONE</b> Mindful Meditation	
<b>Barbara Osei – VON</b>	<b>10:30 PHONE BINGO!</b>	<b>10:30 Phone Education:</b> Dementia Risk Reduction – McMaster Univeristy		
	<b>1pm LE SHORE LIBRARY</b> VON COOL Aid Presentaion			



## The Master Gardener's Corner

Things to do in your garden each month taken from the Ontario Master Gardener Calendar by John Hethrington, Past President, Master Gardeners of Ontario. For information, or your copy of the 11" x 17" calendar of the full year's Master Gardener's tips for a \$2 contribution to Master Gardeners, call 519-599-5846 or e-mail to [casacarolejohn@gmail.com](mailto:casacarolejohn@gmail.com).



### There are lots more things to do in your garden in April 2025

- Make sure you've done everything you were supposed to do on the March 2025 MG List, or ask for a new copy. See email above. Spring had started to arrive by mid March, and the snow then melted away quickly, but then there was the ice storm to close out the month.
- Start off the new gardening season with a few bend and stretch exercises every time before you start in the garden. I find skiing muscles have nothing to do with gardening muscles. Take it easy. There are a lot of gardening days before the next ski season.
- If you can find them, buy and plant frost-resistant pansies early in the month for spring colour.
- A NEW PROGRAM FOR SPREADING TRIPLE-19 FERTILIZER. I have learned from the Guelph- educated agronomist at Mid-West Co-Op in Markdale that you should NOT spread 19-19-19 general purpose fertilizer over the snow on all your flower beds and shrub borders, as I used to recommend. You will lose the Nitrogen as it will melt away. So, after the snow has gone, and new leaves have not yet appeared on your plants, you should spread it just in your flower beds. Triple-19 fertilizer is available now at the Mid-West Co-Op just south of Markdale on Hwy10 @ \$34.20 a bag.
- Organize your compost pile for the new season. Start a new one with the top foot or so of compost material from last year's pile as a base. Take the top off down to the new compost you have created and start a new pile with the stuff from the top 12 to 24 inches of the old pile.
- As the weather warms and the ground dries, prune back perennials and ornamental grasses to 1" to 2" from the ground. Collect dead material, shred, if possible, and put it on your new pile.

- Push any plants that the frost has heaved out of the ground back into place.
- Prepare your garden beds for planting. Dig in compost, and/or manure, and/or other organic material around each perennial plant. Remove weeds that have come through from last fall. When you have cleaned up the beds, add 3" to 4" of mulch to control weeds this summer. For mulch try 13/40 Landscape Supplies on Grey Rd 40 for a variety of mulches - 519-599 1340.
- Remove winter rose protection. For Hybrid Teas, prune back to 6" or 8" and apply dormant oil spray before the buds break.
- Apply dormant oil spray to shrubs like euonymus that may have suffered from scale last year. Do it before the buds break.
- Prepare your vegetable garden with a good digging. Dig in compost and manure. Mid-month, plant the seeds of cool-weather vegetables like peas, spinach, lettuce, onions and beets. Plant seeds of frost-resistant annuals like larkspur, sweet peas and calendulas.
- When you can't see your footprints in the lawn, it's dry enough to rake it vigorously to remove any thatch. Repair damage with weed-free topsoil. Add grass seed to bare spots & keep moist.
- Fertilize your lawn with slow-release high-nitrogen fertilizer (the first of the 3 numbers on the bag). Slow-release urea costs more, but it's worth it, as it should last until the fall.
- Apply crabgrass pre-emergent herbicide to your lawn, if required.
- When spring finally arrives, plant new trees, shrubs, perennials and biennials in your garden. No need to wait until the end of May for perennials and shrubs, that's for annuals. Up here, June 1<sup>st</sup> is the date to safely plant frost-tender annuals. With a late frost forecast, cover annuals with a bedsheet at night.
- Re-fill your pots and planters with compost. But first, put empty plastic bottles with tops on at the bottom of large pots. You will need less soil and they will be lighter and easier to move. Add slow-release plant food to the top 4 inches.
- Start mowing your lawn only as needed. Keep it long to crowd out any weeds.
- And finally, if there are any students out there who are interested in garden work after school this spring, as well as during the summer months, please get in touch NOW. There are lots of well paid jobs available. Contact John Hethrington [casacarolejohn@gmail.com](mailto:casacarolejohn@gmail.com)

## "The cat came back, we thought he was a goner" by Robert Burcher

That song was playing in my head when I recently discovered a website called Mountain Lions in Ontario. Oh my! Yes, once again the cougar story is alive and well in our fair province. I am delighted that a young millennial kid has taken up the story and is giving it his full due on the Internet.

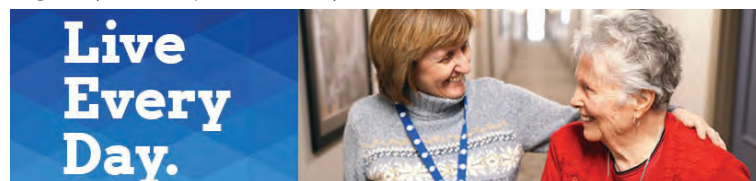
Back in the 1990s I got fascinated by the rumours that cougars were being sighted in the Beaver Valley. I started following all the leads which all seemed very credible and finally I did see a cougar on a warm October afternoon in the Loree Forest area. Yes, I am a believer and so are a very select group of people who have also seen a cougar in this valley. But this new website has expanded the search to cover the whole province. The young man has created interactive maps and adds photos and videos from various locations and theorizes on their movements. You also get the whole range of comments as well. What an amazing use of the Internet and a great resource for all of us who have phones with great video capabilities to prove our point when we see a cougar.

The provincial MNR steadfastly refuse to recognize that cougars are living in our province. But they grudgingly accept that there are stray cougars that are on the move. It is hard to ignore that fact when a cougar is periodically killed by being shot by a policeman or hit by a car in Ontario. Only a matter of time before someone finds a den, gets that one crucial photo and proves the point of a cougar with kittens living here.

One last curious element that you will see on this website is images of Black Cougars! No, they aren't supposed to exist, so the theory is that they are actually escaped Pumas that have been smuggled into Ontario to be used on private hunting reserves so that wealthy

hunters can shoot an "exotic" without the hassle of having to go to South America! Check out this website which is called Fishing Urban Ontario and look for his submenu on Mountain Lions of Ontario.

And keep your eyes open, one respondent saw a cougar along Highway 26 this past February!



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If you or someone you know could benefit from this program, please don't hesitate to call 519-376-5895 (ext. 2).

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## Creating A Garden Buzz !!

Pollinate The Blue Mountains is gearing up for a busy eco-friendly gardening season. We are a grass roots local volunteer group supporting the planting of native pollinator friendly plants and helping our community to learn about their importance.

### WHY POLLINATORS?

Native plants that support butterflies, bees, moths, and other insects are disappearing because of clearing and habitat loss. Pollinators ensure reproduction for more than 90% of our flowering plants. Scientists have documented that over 45% of insects are threatened with extinction, BUT they also say that we can all play a role in their survival by creating habitat in our yards and neighborhood.

### HOW TO HELP

Many of our gardens are filled with grass or plants that are not local to our area and even sterile with no pollen. Annuals



we buy every year look great, but do not have much ecological value. Why not plant native perennial wildflowers that also look good and provide habitat for our local insects? It's a different way of approaching your garden - let's help our local ecosystem!

### CANOE GARDENS

Over the past 4 to 5 years we have planted about 10 recycled canoes with native pollinator wildflowers to give an example of what a small area of a garden could look like. These can be found along the Georgian Trail, in front of the library and school, as well as other locations around town.

### WANT TO LEARN AND HELP?

- Look on our website: [www.pollinateTBM.ca](http://www.pollinateTBM.ca) for general information
- Visit one of the canoes when things get growing and get some information
- Volunteer to be a Canoe Captain or part time helper to tend one of the canoes (send an e-mail to [pollinatetbm@gmail.com](mailto:pollinatetbm@gmail.com))
- Attend a pop-up event later this summer at one of our canoes or gardens

Pollinate The Blue Mountains is led by a small group of volunteers who meet 6 times a year. We are looking for a few more helping hands who can assist with communication, social media and membership components. Gardening expertise is not critical, just interest and enthusiasm.

If this appeals to you, send an e-mail to [pollinatetbm@gmail.com](mailto:pollinatetbm@gmail.com)



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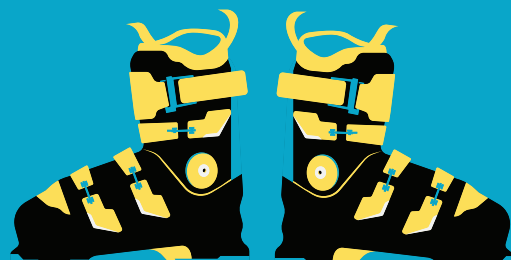
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### Notice: Nominate a Resident for the Ontario Senior of the Year Award

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

**Phone:** (519) 599-3131 ext. 232

**Email:** [townclerk@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:townclerk@thebluemountains.ca)



To learn more about the Ontario Senior of the Year Award, please visit: [www.ontario.ca/page/honours-and-awards-community#section-3](http://www.ontario.ca/page/honours-and-awards-community#section-3)

### Volunteer Recognition Awards & Fair

Help us celebrate the volunteers making a difference in The Blue Mountains!

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025**

Beaver Valley Community Centre

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (Volunteer Fair)

5:00 p.m. (Volunteer Recognition Awards Ceremony)



For more information, visit:

[www.thebluemountains.ca/volunteerawards](http://www.thebluemountains.ca/volunteerawards)



The Blue Mountains & Area

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**April 24, 2025**

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Join us for the 2nd Annual Blue Mountains and Area 2025 Sustainability Summit, a free event that will bring together leaders and innovators to explore critical topics in Social Sustainability and the Green Economy. Enjoy networking opportunities with changemakers, industry leaders, and peers throughout the event.

**Afternoon Session:**

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A local success story highlights the value of alternative investments. AGNORA, a Collingwood-based leader in oversized architectural glass fabrication, received backing from the Kensington Private Equity Fund. This partnership not only supported AGNORA's growth but also offered investors access to a high-performing private company. Such opportunities demonstrate how private equity can drive both community development and portfolio resilience.

By incorporating alternatives into your portfolio, you can enhance diversification, protect against inflation, and potentially achieve higher risk-adjusted returns—all crucial in uncertain times.

To learn more about how alternative investments may help with your financial future, please give me a call. We'll explore strategies tailored to our local economy and discuss how alternative investments may benefit you.

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## Zen and the Art of Flyfishing *by Bob Koven*



*Flyfishing Bob is a local fly guide and environmentalist. He teaches fly casting and promotes catch-and-release to keep our rivers and fish vibrant.*

I faithfully practice mindfulness and I'm also a fly fisherman. Do these passions have a common element? Spring in our four-season playground brings the return of multiple quiet outdoor activities that can turn hours into minutes: hiking, biking, kayaking, canoeing—and fly fishing.

With the seasonal melt, our world-class rivers are primed again for trout fishing. The Mad, Pretty, Nottawasaga, Beaver, Bighead and Sydenham flow east into Georgian Bay while the Saugeen, Rocky Saugeen, Maitland and Grand flow west into Lake Huron. Trout season—brown, speckled, rainbow and brook—opens the last Saturday in April.

Whether you're fishing the headwaters, your secret spot or the river mouths, the first trout of the year is always memorable. In fly fishing, the size of the catch does not matter; big or small, they all count. As the water is colder and faster at this time of year, I use a nine-foot rod (8-weight) and tie my own flies with bead heads, a lot of purple marabou and maybe some split shot. I recommend fishing the prime water (feeding lanes), getting your flies deep and keeping a tight line to set the hook. Woolly Buggers (hook size 12-14) are my spring go-to fly.



If you're fishing early in the season, most biting flies are at their nymph stage. But wearing a hat will help protect you from other bugs, the sun and that odd stray fly that might strike you in the head (whether it's windy or you're out of practice). Adding a pair of polarized sunglasses will allow you to see the trout. Good waders and boots are a necessity and of course that cigar (or two) to keep the bugs away (cigar smokers will use any excuse). I don't wear a watch but use the cigar and sun as nature's timepiece.

And of course, you'll need a fishing license unless you're 65 or older. At this time of year, the fish are hungry due to a long winter of really doing nothing, but they call it fishing, not catching, so enjoy the journey. As with mindfulness, hours turn into minutes and typically I fish alone, enjoying my Zen time.

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## Federal Government Unveils Designs as Part of The Housing Design Catalogue

The federal government released the final renderings, floor plan layouts, and key building details as part of the Housing Design Catalogue, an initiative under Canada's Housing Plan. The catalogue features some 50 standardized housing designs for rowhouses, fourplexes, sixplexes, and accessory dwelling units across the country.

The release provides a head start for homeowners, builders, and communities in their planning processes. The designs were developed by regional architecture and engineering teams, and focus on creating gentle density and infill development in existing neighbourhoods in all regions of the country. The final architectural design packages will be released this spring.

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## Georgian Shores Lightning Capture Championship, Set Sights on OMHAs

The Georgian Shores Lightning U15 and U11 Rep teams have given their communities of Thornbury and Meaford plenty to be proud of. Through hard work, teamwork, and dedication, both squads captured their respective pivotal wins this past week, proving that success is built step by step through learning and growth.

For the U15 team, their championship win over Collingwood was the culmination of a season of steady improvement. With a 5-1 victory, they showed just how far they had come, playing with confidence, discipline, and the same team-first mentality that had been their foundation all year. Every player contributed, from timely goals to key defensive plays, and it was clear that their efforts as a group had led them to this moment.

The U11 team also added to the organization's success, securing a place of their own. Under the leadership of head coach Chris Parrish, assistant coaches Pat Clancy and Luke Parrish and trainers Brittany Sheridan and Sam Goodman, the U11s have demonstrated dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the season. Their grit and determination saw them battle back from deficits to secure countless important "come from behind" wins. They secured their position at the OMHA finals by sweeping a team that placed above them in the final standings. One thing is certain: their hard work and commitment to developing as a team have transformed them into a group of young athletes you should never count out. They know these attributes will serve them well as they head off to Kingston on April 4th-6th in pursuit of a Provincial championship.

Now, both teams are preparing to represent their community at the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) provincial championships, an achievement that speaks to the time and effort put in by the players, their coaches, trainers, and their families. For the U15s, none of this would have been possible without the leadership of head coach Scott Eagles, assistant coach Rick Doran, head trainer Ryan Sprague, trainer Darren Kingston, and the rest of the dedicated staff. Their guidance and commitment helped the players develop not just as hockey players but as teammates and young athletes who understand the value of hard work.

While winning a championship is a special moment, this is just another step in the journey. The focus now shifts to the OMHAs, where the Lightning will have the chance to test themselves against the best teams in the province.

No matter what happens next, they have already made their hometowns proud!



## Happy 95th

Elizabeth Ross would like to thank all those who helped celebrate her 95th Birthday. Special thanks to Marti Bagworth, Jo-Ann Sublett and Sue Dunn.



## Thank You!

Thornbury Guiding Units would like to take this opportunity to thank the Beaver Valley Fall Fair Jr. Ambassador Eva Hindle for serving beverages at our annual Thinking Day Tea & Bake Sale. In February it is wonderful to have these representatives participate, bringing our community together! Eva was a past member of Girl Guides, so it was an excellent way for current members to see positive results from their Guiding experience. Eva was such fun work with that day as well.

Thornbury Girl Guides would like to also extend an invitation to the community to visit our Cookie Drive Thru on Saturday May 3rd 11am to 2pm, set up in the parking lot of Thornbury Pharmasave. We will have the Classic cookie (half chocolate, half vanilla box). They are \$6.00 a box. Supporting Girls in Guiding. Look for our signs and energetic girls promoting the Drive Thru that day!

We are looking for new adult leaders as well as girls. If you are interested, please call 519 599 3968.





## Best Wishes

Ken Haigh has retired from the Library. As you may know, Ken was the first librarian at the new L.E. Shore Library when it opened 30 years ago, in 1995. Before returning to Thornbury as a part-time librarian, Ken also served as the Head Librarian in Collingwood for several years.

In between his library roles, he dedicated time to his family and writing.

To celebrate his retirement, the library staff gathered for a farewell photo with Ken on his last day. He is now embarking on a hiking trip in Japan and is planning to write another book upon his return from Japan and Korea. *by Robert Burcher*



## Clarksburg Coffee Shop - Enduro Espresso

Abby at the Market on Marsh has a new coffee bar inside her store. It's a new venture led by Tonia Piunno, who is originally from St. Catherines and now resides in Craigleith. Tonia's background is quite interesting; she has worked in the film industry as a camera operator and, before that, as a barista during her teenage years.



**The Beaver Valley Figure Skating Club** held their end of season exhibition on March 24th with over 94 participants. Congatulations to all the skaters and the Club Coaches Karen Verbrugge and Erika Engel. *photos by Karen*







Branch 281, Beaver Valley, held an honours and awards dinner in conjunction with their February general meeting. Various members were recognised for service to the legion and for years of membership. Some of the long service awards, presented by branch president Eobhann Bruce are pictured here.



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## Winter Is Over-Here Comes Spring! *by Alice Otrysko*

As I am looking out at the sun brightly shining and the snow quickly melting, I reflect on how I survived this past winter. Winter is my least favourite time of the year and this past winter has been a tough one. I don't remember getting as much snow. The snow just kept coming and coming and piling up higher and higher out front and on my deck and all over the back yard. Every day my husband would go out and shovel it. I suggested hiring someone to blow it out but he said he liked it and it was good exercise.

I found it depressing. I don't ski and don't participate in any activities that involve snow. I know there are people who loved this past winter. There are ardent skiers out there, snowmobilers and others who love the cold, bundling up and sliding along the snow. I was born in Africa, after all. (not that I love extreme heat either).

So what does one do when the outdoors don't beckon. The T.V. was on a lot and Daniel Wnukowski's Classical music played as well. I read but you can't read all the time. Cleaning! We cleaned and cleaned every nook and cranny of the house. We aired out, in the freezing temperatures, bedding, rugs, cushions and whatever else could be hanged out on our line. We painted doors, cabinets. We redecorated the ensuite bathroom. I cooked of course.

I developed a routine with Zack where I took him into the open garage each day for a thorough brushing and a short walk together up and down the driveway. He loved that. The walking is what I would be doing a year ago. I love walking and I walked and walked, rode my horse in the snow when we had the horse farm, rode through the woods with Chessie, my dog, leading the way. Often others would ride with me. In the big city after work I de-stressed from my job as a principal, by walking, winter and summer.

Now it hurts to walk and my other condition has weakened me. All the ways I would occupy my time involving being with people,



doing yoga and such, I can't handle very well. Health gets in the way. So I await Spring when I can do some gardening. I already bought my seeds and they are waiting for me to plant them. But for now, when the wind whistles cold, there are warmer days and the melting has begun. And all the winter blues are slowly fading and some of the birds have returned to the feeder. Warmth is coming and with it green is replacing white. Another winter is soon over.



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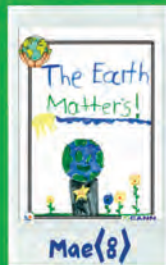
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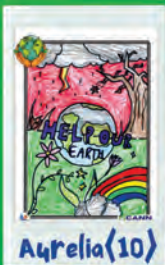
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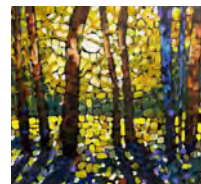
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**Saturday, May 3rd 2-4pm**  
Holly Kee and Delia Eastwood  
strive to honour the beauty of  
their home's lakes, rocks and  
trees through drawing and  
painting.  
The show runs May 3-28.

**SAVE THE DATE - THURSDAY, MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> 7:00PM**

**VIKINGS in VINLAND, L. E. SHORE LIBRARY**

Robert Burcher will present his incredible discovery of the  
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## The Platter of April

As Mother Nature snuffs winter's mantle, and clouds gently weep their patter,

The platter of spring displays offerings to delight the eye, cornucopia indeed.

Gone the cackles of ice that grinned to our grimace, gone the piercing gusts,

Sands and salts are flushed to their underworld, batons of snow conduct no more.

A new land of earthy vintage is landscape restored, homage to time immemorial,

Breathes all our hope into the freshening buds that harbour nutrient to body and soul.

Rising dawn and setting rays redraw the lengthways Of daylight's invitation,

One we accept, a season to till, to prepare fitness of soil, pressing seed with grace,

All the while reflecting how the platter of nature is land's glitter to offerings aplenty.

So to human parallels let us inscribe our intent, humbly drafting a spirit of imitation,

First wash away the scars of winter's surgery, transforming into a beauty of thought,

Then with soul emptied of contempting spite, flushed from the debris of angry claw,

Our platter of human landscape is tilled, blessed with Nature's delighting morsels,

Glittering, our offering seeds love, kindness and dignity into a harvest of hope, of joy.

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