



Irish Heritage Month Canada 2026

The Honourable Marc Miller, Minister of Canadian Identity and Culture and Minister responsible for Official Languages, made the following statement:

"In March, we enthusiastically celebrate Irish Heritage Month. This is an opportunity to showcase the rich socio-cultural heritage of communities of Irish descent and to honour the memory of those who left everything behind to cross the Atlantic in the hope of building a better future here in Canada.

People of Irish descent, including myself, occupy a significant place in this country's history. As early as the 17th century, particularly during the Great Famine that decimated the population of Ireland, large waves of Irish immigrants poured into the territory we now call Canada. Today, nearly 4.4 million Canadians, both English-speaking and French-speaking, Catholic and Protestant, claim Irish ancestry.

Thanks to their courage and determination, these people have contributed to the growth and enrichment of their host country, infusing it with their skills, traditions and values. Today, this heritage continues to shine through in all spheres of our collective life.

March 17 is the highlight of the month, as it is St. Patrick's Day, a celebration that has been observed in this country for over 200 years. We strongly encourage you to take part in the parades and activities happening across the country and to learn more about Irish history and heritage.

Happy Irish Heritage Month and St. Patrick's Day! Sláinte is táinte!"



Temporary Closure - Clendenan Conservation Area

On behalf of the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority, the Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise the public that the Clendenan Conservation Area is closed until further notice due to flooding of the property.

Conservation Authority staff will be installing a barricade and caution tape at the entrance and signing other access areas. The entire property will remain closed until water levels recede and it is safe to reopen.

For property operations updates, please visit:

www.greysauble.on.ca/visiting-conservation-areas/



Blue Mountains Public Library Launches Community Survey for New 10-Year Strategic Plan

The Blue Mountains Public Library (BMPL) Board has begun work on a new 10-year Strategic Plan that will guide the future of the Gallery, Library, Archive, and Museum.

As part of the planning process, the BMPL is inviting residents, visitors, and community members to share their perspectives through a community survey, **now open until Friday, March 20, 2026.**

The survey will help the Board understand how people use its spaces and services today, what barriers may exist, and what the community would like to see over the next decade. Feedback will inform future priorities, service development, partnerships, and long-term planning.

"We want to hear from as many people as possible," said Jennifer Murley, CEO of the Blue Mountains Public Library. "Whether you visit us regularly, occasionally, or have never used our services before, your perspective matters. Understanding both experiences and barriers helps ensure we are planning for the needs of the entire community."

The Blue Mountains Public Library includes two community spaces:

- L.E. Shore Memorial Library & Gallery
- Craigeleith Heritage Depot Museum & Archive

Together, these spaces form the community's local GLAM (Galleries, Libraries, Archives, and Museums), offering access to learning, culture, history, and connection.

The community survey takes approximately 7 minutes to complete and can be accessed online at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BZ3ZQZZ>

Residents who prefer a paper copy can pick one up at:

- L.E. Shore Memorial Library
- Craigeleith Heritage Depot Museum & Archive
- Town Hall

Community input will play an important role in shaping the Library's strategic direction and ensuring its services continue to evolve alongside the needs of a growing and changing community.

For more information, please contact:

Jennifer Murley, CEO

The Blue Mountains Public Library

519-599-3681 ext. 148 or LibraryCEO@TheBlueMountains.ca



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- Weekly bag limit: the first garbage bag is free, the second bag requires one tag, and the third bag requires two tags. Each tag costs \$5.00.
- If you are placing your bins out the night before collection day, they must be placed at the curb after 7:00 p.m.
- All garbage, organics and recycling must be on the curbside by 7:00 a.m. on your collection day.
- The cardboard is to be flattened, cut into 18" x 24" pieces and placed next to your recycle boxes.
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FRIDAY LUNCHES

Drop in for a **hot bowl of soup or chili, bread roll, dessert for \$10, Friday at Noon** through March, while stock lasts.

VETERANS' COFFEE/LUNCH

Starting on **Thursday March 19th from 11.00am**, Branch 281 will host a coffee/lunch, monthly, free of charge, for veterans. All veterans are welcome, whether or not you are a Legion member. Come out for a chat and comradeship.

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Project Update: New Staff Report Available

Staff Report PBS.26.023 is scheduled to be presented at the March 17, 2026, Committee of the Whole meeting. This report advises Council of legislative changes under Bill 17 that impact the final County approval of the Town's Official Plan 5-Year Review.

Staff Report PBS.25.040 was presented at the June 23, 2025 Council Meeting. This report informs Council that all recommendations made at the May 12, 2025 Council Meeting have been incorporated into the latest Draft Official Plan 5-Year Review. At the meeting, Council voted 7-0 to adopt the proposed changes and authorize Staff to submit the Official Plan to Grey County for final approval.

Staff have prepared a tracked changes version illustrating all the text modifications from the original Official Plan, and a clean version that incorporates all the text changes, along with all schedules and appendix maps. www.thebluemountains.ca



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Fraud is one of the fastest-growing crimes in Canada, but it often goes unnoticed and unreported - hidden behind convincing technology or in everyday online interactions, or crossing international borders.

Data from the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) shows that Canadians lost over \$704 million to fraud in 2025, with reported losses since 2022 now surpassing \$2.4 billion. These losses represent only a fraction of the harm, because only 5% to 10% of frauds are reported.

This March, the Competition Bureau, the CAFC and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) are teaming up again for the 22nd edition of Fraud Prevention Month (FPM) to equip Canadians with the tools to recognize, reject, and report fraud.

The Fraud Prevention Forum partners each bring unique expertise in detecting and preventing different types of fraud, from investment scams and identity theft to romance scams, government official impersonation and more.

By working together, partners are helping Canadians stay protected and encouraging more people to report fraud.

Every year, over 80 organizations across Canada work together to ensure that fraud prevention is top of mind for consumers and businesses. This March, Canadians can join the fight by using #FPM2026 to stay informed about the latest news on fraud.

<https://competition-bureau.canada.ca/en>

How AI Personas Fuel Scams

AI-generated personas use advanced technology to create fake videos that look way too real. Their goal? To deceive, steal data, or spread malware. Let's learn how to spot them.

How to spot scam videos

Question the offer

If it sounds too good to be true or promises easy money for little effort, it probably is.

Check the handle

Look closely at the @handle — even small differences from the real one can mean it's fake.

Watch for odd details

If the creator seems different or the video doesn't match their usual vibe, it's worth a second look.

Read the description

Scam videos often have vague or inconsistent descriptions that don't match the channel's usual tone.

Don't run code or commands

Never follow tech instructions unless you're absolutely sure the source is legitimate.

Learn to identify common online scams and how to protect yourself from scammers. Then, get an online security tool to help defend your devices with powerful anti-scam technology.



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Improving Dementia Care Program

Lee Manor, Grey County's long-term care home in Owen Sound is one of 17 homes selected by the Province of Ontario to participate in the Improving Dementia Care Program in 2026.

The government is investing \$9 million over three years into the program to better support residents living with dementia. The program will expand to nearly 50 homes by 2027-2028.

The new program supports emotion-based models of care and aims to enhance the well-being of long-term care home residents with dementia through care that prioritizes their interests and experiences, fosters relationships, and emphasizes dignity and respect.

At Lee Manor, we will be expanding the Colour It Your Way approach to care, a resident-centred approach which empowers staff to provide compassionate and personalized care tailored to individual needs.

About Colour it Your Way

Emotion-focused care is grounded in Grey County's Colour It Your Way philosophy. We emphasize person-centred, individualized, relational care and we honour the dignity, preferences and emotional well-being of each resident. It extends beyond residents to include staff, designated care partners, families, and friends.

Colour It Your Way builds deep connections between residents, staff and families.

Guiding Principle

Colour It Your Way anchors Grey County's dementia care improvement work by affirming that person-centred care is not one-size-fits all. Dignity, meaning, and well-being are best supported when we adapt our approach to each individual's abilities, history, and lived experiences.

Supporting Partners

Grey County is privileged to have the support of several community partners aiding in our program.

Grey Bruce Alzheimer Society
Behavioural Supports Ontario (BSO)
BSO Lead Agency
Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario
Other - Please specify:
CLRI at Bruyere Health Research Institute,
AdvantAge Ontario,
Brightshores Health System
Healthcare Excellence Canada,
Family Councils of Ontario,
The Ontario Caregiver Organization,
St Joseph's Healthcare London Regional Geriatric Partnership

Blue Mountain Legacy Fund

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

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Location: Virtual

Please RSVP to
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Applications will be accepted until May 15, 2026. Students can apply online through the Business Enterprise Centre webpage at www.grey.ca/bec under the Summer Company tab.

“Often, the hardest part of getting a business going is covering the initial startup costs,” said Royden Thomson, Grey County Business Development Coordinator. “The Summer Company program helps remove that barrier while also giving students the guidance they need to run a successful business. It’s a great way to test out a business idea knowing that there is support each step of the way.”

As part of the application process, students will submit ideas, participate in a short screening phone call, and develop a business plan. Training sessions are delivered both online and in person. Anyone with questions about the business plan or application process can contact the **Business Enterprise Centre at 519-371-3232 or bec@grey.ca**

To be eligible, students must be returning to high school, college, or university in the fall, must not be working another full-time job during the program, and cannot have participated in Summer Company in previous years.

The Summer Company program is funded by the Province of Ontario and delivered locally by the Grey County Business Enterprise Centre. Students keep all profits earned through their business.



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- How aware you are of our services
 - What barriers exist
- How we can be more inclusive and welcoming
- What our community needs over the next decade

The survey takes 7-10 minutes and is anonymous.

Take the survey here  

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Moreau Park Update



The Town held a Public Meeting on March 10th to receive comments from the community regarding the proposed stop up and closure of the unopened Lansdowne Street South road allowance between Alfred Street and Alice Street. Formally stopping up and closing this road allowance offers several advantages including:

- Creating a unified park parcel, streamlining permits, tendering, and construction processes
- Formalizing existing park activities
- Clarifying maintenance responsibilities, enforcement, and boundary definitions under the parks use by-law
- Facilitating clear design concepts and operational planning
- Methods for submitting comments can be found in the Notice of Public Meeting.

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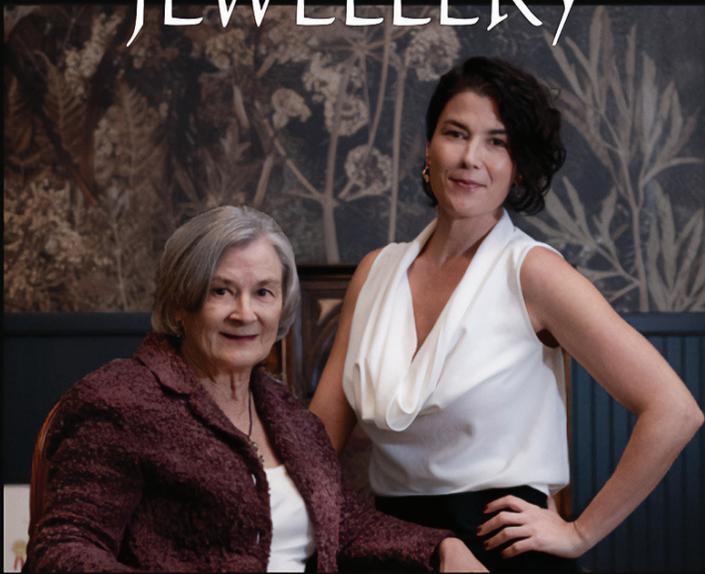
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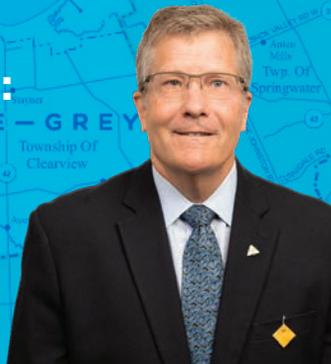
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Hello Bowlers!

We're getting closer to the 46th Annual Bowl for Kids' Sake, and team registrations are already rolling in! If you've been thinking about signing up, now is the perfect time to gather your crew and secure your spot on the lanes.

This year we're throwing it back to the 1980s — so expect neon, big hair, and plenty of retro fun — all in support of local youth in our community.

Every team that joins helps Big Brothers Big Sisters provide free mentorship programs that give local youth the guidance, support, and confidence they need to thrive. Your participation directly helps young people build strong relationships, develop self-confidence, and reach their full potential.

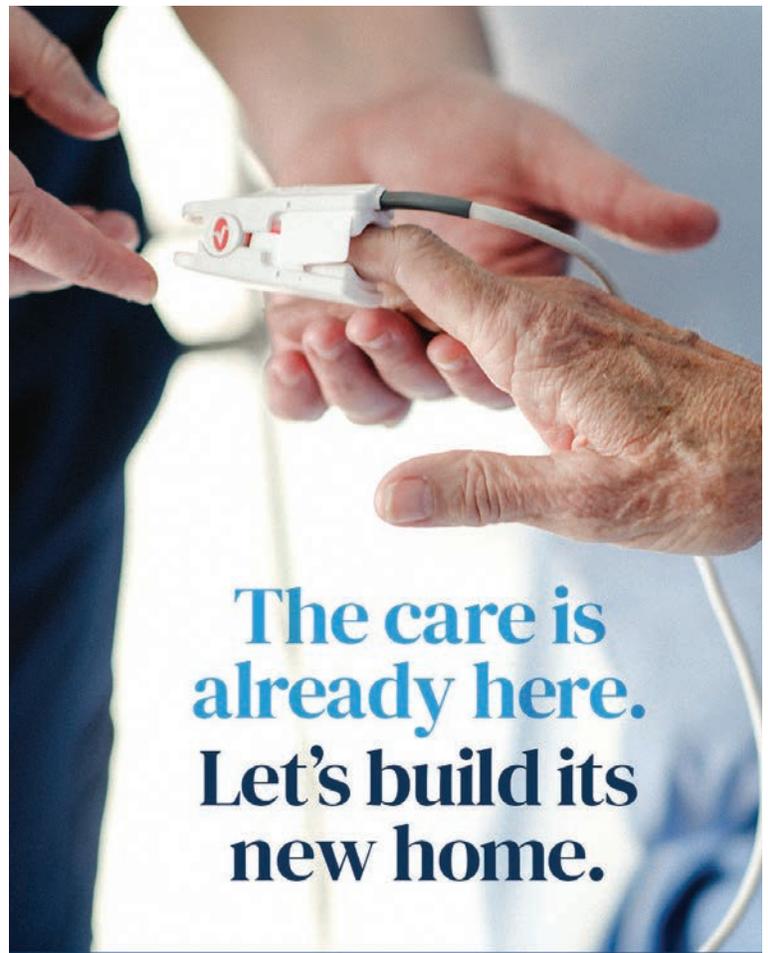
Registering your team is simple, and every bowler brings us one step closer to our fundraising goal. To make sure your team is ready to roll, please complete both Step 1 and Step 2 on the registration page. This ensures everyone is fully registered and ready to have an unforgettable time on the lanes, all while supporting children, youth and families in our community.

Whether you're returning with last year's team or bringing a new group of friends or coworkers, we would love to see you there.

Want to fundraise the old-fashioned way? No problem! Please email Emma at emma.fryday@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca to register your team and receive hard-copy pledge sheets.

Thank you for continuing to support mentorship and the incredible young people in our community. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

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2025 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 2025 calendar year to the Ministry of Finance.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SALARY	BENEFIT
Campbell	Michael	Senior Infrastructure Capital Project Coordinator	122367.43	1157.59
Cole	Stephanie	Senior Water Operator	105423.73	869.88
Conn	Stephen	Fire Chief	170543.28	1180.79
Desai	Pruthvi	Manager of Capital Projects	119229.21	1108.86
Doherty	Ian	Roads and Drainage Supervisor	101231.13	918.6
Farr	Adam	Senior Planner	119278.33	1129.73
Fletcher	Jeffery	Manager of Sustainability and Solid Waste	119229.21	1129.73
Gibbons	Ryan	Director of Community Services	179370.59	1180.79
Gibbons	Allan	Manager of Communications and Customer Service	101777.19	907.08
Gilchrist	Rob	Water Supervisor	119050.64	1222
Giles	Corrina	Town Clerk	145306.37	1180.79
Green	Terry	Manager of Parks and Trails	110590.5	136.08
Hancock	Evan	Development Engineering Reviewer	112329.69	1018.4
Hendry	Timothy	Director of Strategic Initiatives	165836.08	1180.79
Humphries	Michael	Senior Infrastructure Capital Project Coordinator	107092.59	1018.4
Johnston	Darren	Training Officer / Suppression	161536.9	1180.79
Keeling	Mike	Fire Prevention Officer / Suppression	175100.35	1180.79
Kershaw	Allison	Manager of Water and Wastewater Services	133155.28	1180.79
Khalil	Ahmed	Development Engineering Reviewer	108545.28	917.28
Laythorpe	Nancy	Deputy Chief Building Official	107269.06	1018.4
MacKay	Robert	Fire Prevention Inspector/Suppression	137580.89	999.87
Marritt	Scott	Fire Prevention Inspector/Suppression	128666.57	1015.34
Mc Cannell	James	Manager of Roads and Drainage	136247.25	6013.13
McGuire	Kevin	Senior Water Operator	100976.74	2356.74
McMullen	Aaron	Manager Beaver Valley Community Centre, Facilities, Tomahawk	136247.25	1180.79
McPhie	Marjorie	Senior Geographical Information Systems Specialist	107092.59	1018.4
Moore	Amy	Manager of Revenue	119229.21	1129.73
Murawsky	Timothy	Manager Building Services Chief Building Official	157824.12	1180.79
Murley	Jennifer	Chief Executive Officer Library	139835.51	1185.08
O'Brien	Jon	Solid Waste Disposal Supervisor	108915.02	869.88
Pacheco	Alan	Director of Operations	179370.59	1180.79
Patton	Jennifer	Health and Safety/Human Resources Advisor	106984.3	997.53
Pesek	Phillip	Manager Fleet and Facility	119229.21	1129.73
Postma	Shawn	Manager of Community Planning	133155.28	1353.76
Quinlan	Monica	Director of Corporate and Financial Services	179370.59	1180.79
Raynsford	Chris	Fire Prevention Officer / Suppression	134750.62	1106.53
Smith	Adam	Chief Administrative Officer	206973.94	1180.79
Smith	Cameron	Deputy Fire Chief	154925.17	1180.79
Switzer	Michael	Deputy Treasurer Manager of Budgets and Accounting	123606.23	1082.39
Traynor	Sarah	Manager of Human Resources	144471.37	1180.79
Walsh	John	Information Technology Infrastructure and Security Supervisor	110004.41	1018.4
Wilgress	Serena	Manager of Purchasing and Risk Management	107092.59	1018.4
Windebank	Michael	Fire Prevention Inspector/Suppression	138698.58	999.87
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Wray	William	Manager of Information Technology	133008.53	1180.79
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Notice of Public Meetings

Application for Zoning By-law Amendment

Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

Hybrid Format: In-Person AND Virtual/Online

Town Hall, Council Chambers

32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

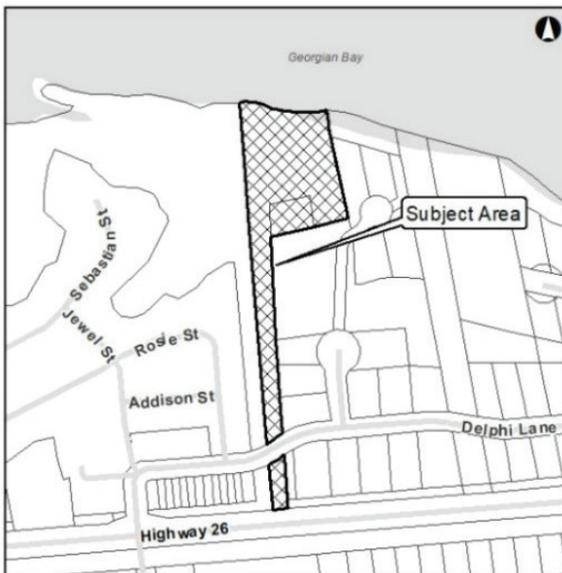


What is being proposed?

This proposal involves rezoning two properties located north and south of Delphi Lane.

The property north of Delphi Lane is currently zoned Development (D) and Hazard (H). It is proposed to be rezoned to Open Space (OS) and Residential One (R1-1-X) Exception Zone to facilitate the construction of a replacement dwelling, as well as an addition to the existing dwelling.

The property south of Delphi Lane is currently zoned Hazard (H) and is proposed to be rezoned to Residential One (R1-1) Zone to allow for the future construction of a dwelling.



Where do I find more information?

To view the complete Notice of Public Meeting or learn more about the project, including information about appeal rights, visit www.thebluemountains.ca/DelphiLaneZBA or scan the QR code above.

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

Parkland Dedication By-law Update

Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

Hybrid Format: In-Person AND Virtual/Online

Town Hall, Council Chambers

32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0



What is being proposed?

The Town of The Blue Mountains has initiated a review to update and replace its existing Parkland Dedication By-law 2003-31.

The Town's current Parkland Dedication By-law was approved in 2003. Since then, legislative changes have been made to the Planning Act, and this update is needed to ensure the Town's By-law reflects these changes.

The proposed By-law will incorporate new provincial requirements and provide clearer direction on how parkland dedication is calculated for different types of development and land uses. Additional updates include proposed exemptions for certain development types, such as on-farm diversified uses, reduced requirements for affordable housing, and a simplified flat-rate approach for residential severances.

The proposed Parkland Dedication By-law applies to all lands within the Town of The Blue Mountains. A key map has not been included in this notice as the proposed amendment applies to the entire municipality.

Where do I find more information?

To view the complete Notice of Public Meeting or learn more about the project, including information about appeal rights, visit www.thebluemountains.ca/ParklandDedication or scan the QR code above.

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

The Blue Mountains 2025 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



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Notice of Public Meeting

Proposed Backyard Hens By-law

Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.
Hybrid Format: In-Person AND Virtual/Online
Town Hall, Council Chambers
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

What is being proposed?

A new Backyard Hens By-law is proposed to allow and regulate the keeping of chicken (hens and pullets), excluding roosters, on residentially zoned properties (R1, R2, R3) in the Town's urban settlement areas, as well as residentially zoned properties in the rural area and hamlets where agricultural uses are currently not permitted. The proposed Backyard Hens By-law does not in any way change or affect the keeping of chickens in zones where agricultural uses are already permitted, including Agriculture (A), Special Agriculture (SA), and Rural (RU) zones.

Many communities have adopted by-laws that permit owners to keep a limited number of backyard hens on residential properties. The proposed Backyard Hens By-law is a response to public interest in doing so as part of a movement toward sustainable living, greater self-sufficiency, and healthy eating.

The Backyard Hens By-law would allow the keeping of hens with rules to mitigate potential risks such as noise, smell, or the potential spread of avian-borne illnesses while ensuring animal wellbeing, and would apply Administrative Monetary Penalties (AMPs) for non-compliance.

Additional information regarding the proposed Backyard Hens By-law, including a February 3, 2026 staff report and the draft by-law, can be found at www.thebluemountains.ca/hens-by-law.

For more information, please contact:

Nicholas Cloet, Sustainability Coordinator,
sustainability@thebluemountains.ca | (519) 599-3131 ext. 235

Fire Prevention Reminder

With SPRING just around the corner, TBM Fire Prevention would like to remind you to take the time to prepare and protect yourself. Have you heard of Readyfor72.ca? There are resources and tips for everyone available for you to help you be prepared, not scared. If you have questions or concerns regarding fire safety, please reach out to TBM Fire Prevention at: fireprevention@thebluemountains.ca
TBM Fire Prevention phone: 519-599-3131 ext. 9016

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 **Thursday, March 26, 2026** at 1:00 p.m. 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

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

The Arts & Culture Council Presents...

Abstracted Realities

Viz Saraby | Simon Kattar



OPENING

March 7, 2026
2:00-4:00pm

RUNS

Mar 7-Apr 1, 2026

Abstracted Realities transforms everyday experiences into something entirely new. Together, Viz Saraby and Simon Kattar's works invite viewers to explore a world where reality is just the starting point - sometimes strange, sometimes funny, always thought-provoking.



The Gallery
at L.E. Shore

TheGallery@TheBlueMountains.ca
TheBlueMountainsLibrary.ca | 519-599-3681
173 Bruce Street South | Thornbury, Ontario

ARTS & CULTURE COUNCIL PRESENTS

AN ART CRITIQUE WORKSHOP

With Michelle Fleming



When:

SAT, MAR 14, 2026
1:00PM - 3:00PM

Who:

All ages and levels of ability!

Registration:

This is a FREE workshop. Contact us to register!

The Workshop

Bring your paintings to the library (or come as an observer!) and have them critiqued by local art teacher Michelle Fleming! Michelle will provide feedback on your work, identifying strengths and areas for improvement. You will have a chance to provide input too!

Michelle will also review the fundamentals of painting, providing a deeper understanding of the building blocks that create a successful painting.

We will not be painting in this workshop, so please bring your sketchbook to make notes!

About the Instructor

Michelle has taught art for over 30 years in private schools, public schools and her own art school, The Bay School of Art, in Collingwood, Ontario.



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173 Bruce Street South | Thornbury, Ontario

SATURDAY MARCH 14, 2026



MAGGIE'S WAKE

DOORS 6:30
SHOW 7:30
TICKETS
\$35 ADVANCE
\$40 DOORS



ON SALE NOW AT
WWW.MARSHSTREETCENTRE.COM

MARCH BREAK

At L.E. Shore Library

NO-BAKE BAKE OFF

Join us all March Break long and learn some delicious recipes!
Ages 8+ | Registration Required

16 MON	CUPCAKE DECORATING 11AM - 12PM
17 TUE	BUGS IN DIRT 1PM - 2PM
18 WED	ICEBOX CAKE 11AM - 12PM
19 THU	NO BAKE CHEESECAKE 11AM - 12PM
20 FRI	CHOCOLATE LASAGNA 11AM - 12PM



L.E. Shore Memorial Library
519-599-3681
thebluemountainslibrary.ca

Events for Life Women's Clothing Sale

DROP OFF DETAILS

EVENTS FOR LIFE, BEAVER CREEK FARMS,
067547 33RD SIDEROAD
(GARAGE BY RED BRICK HOUSE)

9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

MARCH 6TH, MARCH 20TH, MARCH 27TH

(MORE DROP OFF DATES WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN APRIL)

PLEASE BRING ITEMS IN PLASTIC CONTAINERS,
GARBAGE OR GARMENT BAGS

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO EVENTS FOR LIFE
A YEAR-ROUND PROGRAM FOR ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS



WWW.EVENTSFOR.LIFE





THUR MARCH 12
MARY HINDLE,
FIREFIGHTER



THUR MARCH 19
DR. ZIMMERMAN,
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST



THUR MARCH 26
WOMEN OF THE BLUE
MOUNTAIN CHAMBER



THUR APRIL 2
MAJ. BRASSEUR, FIRST CAN
WOMAN FIGHTER PILOT

Lead Like Her

INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY SPEAKER SERIES

ADULTS \$15 STUDENTS \$5
PURCHASE ALL 4 EVENTS FOR \$45

KICK OFF the series with a concert on March 8th by Krista Blodin celebrating Canadian women in music at the MSC!

FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO PURCHASE TICKETS VISIT
MARSHSTREETCENTRE.COM



DEADLINE: MARCH 27th, 2026

SIMCOE—GREY MP COMMUNITY LEADER AWARDS

Recognizing Volunteer
Excellence in Simcoe—Grey

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DOWDALL ^{MP}
SIMCOE—GREY



Recognize a deserving volunteer in your community
by nominating them for the Simcoe—Grey
MP Community Leader Award!

Contact my office for more information or
to request a nomination form.

1-866-435-1809 Terry.Dowdall@parl.gc.ca

SEED STARTING AND PROPAGATION

March 23rd from 1-3pm

Register on thebluemountainslibrary.ca



L.E. Shore Memorial Library
thebluemountainslibrary.ca
173 Bruce St S, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0



Notice of Community Engagement Session

The Town of The Blue Mountains is holding a Community Engagement Session to introduce a project which will see the creation of a Green Burial Area at the Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery. All those interested in the project are invited to attend the Community Engagement Session. The event will include a presentation and Q&A session. The meetings will be recorded and posted to the project page for anyone unable to attend in person.

Tuesday, March 24, 1-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.
Town Hall, 32 Mill St., Thornbury

LUNCH BUNCH

4th Tuesday

MARCH 24TH AT NOON

Come for lunch and bring a friend. Min. \$10 donation
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 165 Russell St. E., Thornbury

Sewing Foundations



Sewing Machine Basics

March 24th from 1-4pm

\$10/participant. Ages 16 and up. Very small class size.
Registration required - Register online
www.thebluemountainslibrary.ca



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GRACE UNITED CHURCH, 140 BRUCE STREET S., THORNBURY

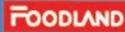
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DEAN HOLLIN QUARTET

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Jazz Takes the Stage for World Theatre Day*

ADMISSION \$30 PROCEEDS SUPPORT STUDENT MUSIC EDUCATION

Purchase tickets by email - thornburyjazz@gmail.com
Thornbury Pharmasave, 45 Arthur St. W., Thornbury
Gabriele Photography, 133 Hurontario St., Collingwood
AT THE DOOR (CASH ONLY)



www.thornburyjazz.com



**24 HOUR TEAM
RELAY CHALLENGE**

MARCH 27-29, 2026

IT'S ALL ABOUT GIVING BACK

IN SUPPORT OF



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Let's get family and friends together to celebrate Mother Earth!
Turn Off The Lights and Join CANN For Earth Hour
Saturday, MARCH 28th - 8:30-9:30pm

Grace United Church Parking Lot

140 Bruce Street S Thornbury

Bonfire - Hot Chocolate - S'mores

All welcome - Bring a flashlight
and turn off devices



TBM Repair Café

140 Bruce St. S. Thornbury

Saturday, March 28

9am-Noon

Bring broken items for free repair
and enjoy a snack.

Go **Green** for a better **Blue!**

www.repaircafethebluemountains.ca

**Shoreline Chorus Presents
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Featuring a wide-range of Canadian repertoire including...

'Let Us Cheer The Weary Traveler' by Nathaniel Dett

'Hymn to Freedom' by Oscar Peterson

'Anthem' by Leonard Cohen

'O Source of All' by Brian Tate

Saturday March 28, 2026

at 3:00pm

St. George's Anglican Church

166 Russell Street, Clarksburg

Admission by donation

For information please call 519-599-2710



Boot Skatin' Boogie



**March 29, 2026
2PM SHOWTIME**

Beaver Valley Arena
58 Alfred St.W, Thornbury

END OF SEASON ICE SHOW

CLARKSBURG EASTER EGG HUNT



**SATURDAY APRIL 4
11AM SHARP**

Come and enjoy delicious treats and goodies,
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www.experienceclarksburg.ca

Proudly presented by The Arts & Culture Council for The Gallery at L.E. Shore, **A Closer Look's opening reception will take place on April 11 from 2:00 – 4:00pm.** Drop by to meet the artists and enjoy an art-filled afternoon! Complementary refreshments provided.

Step away from the panoramic and take a closer look at the familiar in a new exhibition by Bonnie Hastings and Wanda Haayen. From the bold, intricate details of a flower petal to a garden caught in late afternoon light, their work reflects the quiet beauty of small moments. This exhibition runs April 4-29



POLAND

Polish Spring Dinner w. Perogies and Pork schnitzel

- *TRADITIONAL PEROGIES
- *PORK SCHNITZEL
- *CABBAGE ROLLS
- *DESSERT

Adults: \$30
Kids 12 & under: \$15

April **17** | 6:00PM
2026
Friday

Get tickets at Pharmasave Thornbury
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phone 519 599 6645

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church
165 Russell Street, Thornbury

Volunteer Recognition Awards & Fair

You're Invited



Beaver Valley Community Centre
Wednesday, April 22nd
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Volunteer Fair
5:30 p.m. Volunteer Recognition Awards



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or Inner Worx Unit 2, 53 Arthur St. W., Thornbury



SATURDAY
MAY 30th, 2026

6TH ANNUAL

LOBSTER FEST
TAKE OUT



EAST COAST LOBSTER BASIC DINNER

1 1/2 lb Lobster, Chicken/Ribs, Baked Potato - \$60 Pickup time 4:30

EAST COAST LOBSTER DINNER

1 1/2 lb Lobster, Ribs/Chicken, Baked Potato, Salad & Dessert - \$80

SINGLE LOBSTER - \$40

Order online - Pickup Times 5:00; 5:30; 6:00; 6:30pm
Beaver Valley Community Centre, Thornbury
Proceeds to support The Blue Mountain Legacy Fund

FOR INFORMATION CALL 519-599-3345

www.lobsterfestblue.ca

josh@joshdolan.com

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schedule



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Friday the 13th Rail Jam



Roaming Entertainment



The Amazing Race



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Hula Hoop Show & Workshop



Sonshine & Broccoli



Groove Dancing



The Connors Brothers



Birds of Prey Show