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A Time to Be Thankful

This Thanksgiving, we take time to reflect on the many people who have helped make our community a better place to call home.

We give thanks for our volunteers, organizations, businesses, neighbours, friends, and families, who contribute in so many ways throughout the year.

This year with the Municipal Election occurring, we would also like to thank the municipal leaders who have served our community during this past term. To our Mayor and Councillors, thank you for stepping forward to serve, for giving your time, and for representing the people of our community.

Public service requires commitment, time, and a willingness to listen and work together. Whether continuing in office or completing your time on Council, we recognize and appreciate the contribution you have made.

May we always remember that a strong community is built by people who care, contribute, and serve.

Happy Thanksgiving!

The Ravenna Store *by Robert Burcher*

The Ravenna General Store. Eighty years old this year.

I recently met Marlene Walter whose parents built the present store in 1946. At the time it was a true General Store serving all the needs for the local community from binder twine to basic foods to gas and stove oil. Sitting close to the geographic center of the Township of Collingwood and at the intersection of two important roads made for a successful location. But there was a lot of hard work and some rough times for the Walter family to sustain the business until 1966. Marlene shared with me memories of her teenager years pumping gas, working the cash, and as a very young girl learning how to read in the post office cubby hole by sorting mail. Her father also ran one of the rural mail routes as part of his responsibilities.



She remembered vividly important social events in the Township Hall and attending the one room schoolhouse. Marlene is a fount of information on who lived where in the village during the 1950s. I still can't believe that Ravenna previously had three hotels and a tavern but long gone by her time.

A few years ago, two gravestones were discovered buried on the McKinlay farm at the south end of Ravenna. It turned out that they were Marlene's grandparents. This had been the "home farm" for the Walters and when they died, they were buried on their own property. The local Rotary club took the initiative to install the gravestones in the park in Ravenna and built a small pagoda to protect them from further weathering.

The Walter family was one of the earliest settlers in the township arriving from England in 1830. They had 200 acres on the Old Mail Road as it passed through Ravenna, and a brother had another 200 acres in the 11th concession closer to Heathcote. Marlene's mother was a Loughheed, so you would understand that she has deep, deep, family roots in this valley.

The Ravenna General Store is now called a Country Market and is under new ownership this year with Culinary Designs serving up lunches, frozen entrees and good coffee as well. Worth a stop to walk the creaking wood floors and remember the feel of an old-time store.



FALL BACK SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST, 2AM

INDOOR WALKING

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Saturdays: 12pm - 1pm
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Dec. 12, 26, Jan. 16, 23, Feb. 27,
28, Mar. 7

Ages 18+: \$4 per person
Under 18: Free

Adult Skating

Mondays: 10am - 12pm
Wednesdays: 10am - 12pm
Thursdays: 1pm - 3pm
Excluding: Oct. 12, Dec. 24, Feb.
15; \$4 per person; Must be 18
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Mondays: 12pm - 1pm
Wednesdays: 12pm - 1pm
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As the fall leaf colours commence, Tree Trust TBM invites residents and visitors to be sure to visit some of our majestic local trees that are featured on the TBM Tree Trail. The Tree Trail celebrates the beauty of urban forest in the Town of The Blue Mountains in a new way, combining outdoor exploration with local storytelling. At each of the six Tree Trail trees, you can scan a QR code to hear an audio file narrating a unique story and how these special trees contribute to the heritage and character of our community. You can pick up a brochure at local businesses or access the online map tree trust.ca/town-of-the-blue-mountains/#Tree-Trail-2026 which shows where to find these Tree Trail talking trees in and around the community. Each tree is easy to spot – with a plaque located right beside the tree. A great fall experience for the whole family.

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Seniors Matters Today – October 2026

Several free information events for seniors and others are scheduled for the coming months.

BVO starts the month with Powers of Attorney for Property - the Responsibilities, on **Thursday, October 8th**; followed on **Thursday, October 22nd** by Responsibilities of an Executor handling Estate Administration. Angela Yenssen, an elder law lawyer from Grey Bruce Community Clinic, is the featured guest speaker for these Lunch and Learn sessions. They will take place at L. E. Shore Library and run from 12 noon – 2:30 p.m. For more information and to register: seniors@bvo.ca or 519 599 2577, ext. 6.

On **Friday, October 16th**, from 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., the area's M.P. Terry Dowdall's office staff are offering a **Passport Clinic** for new and renewal passports. This will take place from 10 – 12 noon, in the Gallery of L. E. Shore Library. Each applicant will need to bring the completed application (general or simplified renewal) for a new passport or a renewal, 2 passport photos, supporting identification such as driver's license, current or expired passport, payment (credit card, money order, certified cheque, payable to The Receiver General of Canada) NOTE: Cash cannot be used. Adult \$122.50 - 5 year; \$163.50 - 10 year.

There are 4 options in Collingwood for Passport photos: Gabrielle Photography, 133 Hurontario St.; Shopper's Drug Mart, 175 Birch St. (at First St.), Staples, 15 Balsam Street, (in the mall near First & Balsam); Walmart (10 Cambridge St., behind Metro supermarket). The forms can be found online at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/canadian-passports/renew-adult-passport/submit-form-fees/apply-in-person.html>

The **Canadian Dental Care Plan** (CDCP) continues to be open for applications for the benefit year 2026-27. You can apply if you have never had coverage or forgot to renew your coverage. This coverage has to be renewed every year. Eligible applicants of all ages, must be those who: have no access to private dental insurance, filed their 2025 Canadian tax return, have a family income under \$90,000, are Canadian residents for tax purposes.

You can apply: through your My Service Canada Account, OR online, through [Canada.ca/dentist](https://www.canada.ca/dentist), OR by phone at 1-833-537-4342, or at a Service Canada office.

Tax rebates for eligible low-income seniors or low-income persons with disabilities are available in the Town of The Blue Mountains. The relief provided to an eligible person is the lesser of the amount of the year over year tax increase or \$500. Applications must be made each year, and are due to be submitted by December 31 of the year in which you are claiming a rebate. To find out more about this rebate and to get an application form, call the town tax office at tax@thebluemountains.ca | 519-599-3131 ext. 221.

Want to know more about the **Disability Property Tax Exemption** that provides financial relief on a portion of a property's value if improvements were made to a residential home to accommodate a senior (65 or older) or a person with a disability.

Improvements may include renovations or modifications made to an existing residential home, construction of a custom-built home, or use of a temporary garden suite with a property-specific by-law or order under the Planning Act.

This exemption offers financial relief to property owners, enabling seniors and persons with disabilities to remain in their chosen living spaces.

To take advantage of this exemption, property owners must submit an application to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC). If approved, a portion of the property's value will be exempt from property tax. For more details, contact MPAC at [MPAC.ca/contact](https://www.mpac.ca/contact) or the MPAC Customer Contact Centre: Toll Free 1 866 296-6722 Mon - Fri 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT



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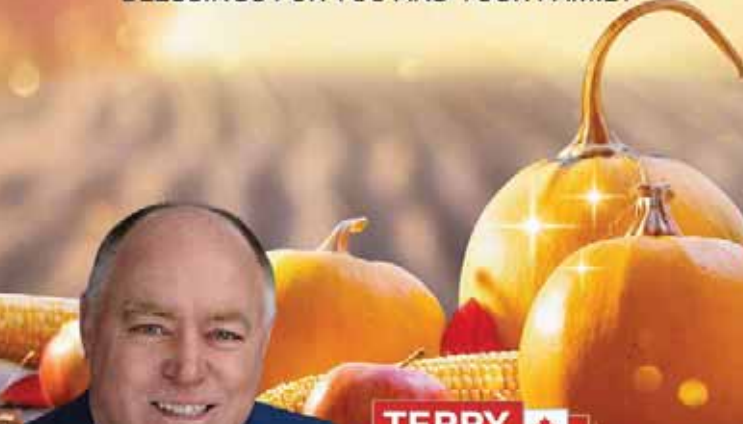


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In Memoriam



PAUL MONTGOMERY MITCHELL

We are sad to announce the passing of Paul Montgomery Mitchell at the Meaford Hospital on Thursday, August 27, 2026 at the age of 89.

Born in Owen Sound on March 14, 1937, a son of the late William and Victoria (nee Scott) Mitchell. Paul was a beloved husband to Carole (nee Seddon) Mitchell for 62 years. He was the proud father of Heath (Brenda) and Trevor (Monique), the much-loved Grandpa to Jason, Natalie (Imran), Kylie (Tyler), Zackary

(Gabby) and Jacob (Lesia).

Paul was born and raised in Owen Sound. After high school he worked at RBW where he trained in sales and worked in Toronto. He was a self-made business man and opened his own Automotive Chemical Distribution Company.

Paul met Carole, the love of his life, in 1963 on a blind date. He proposed within 2 months and they were married soon after. They couldn't wait to start their life together; they rented an apartment in Cooksville and then purchased a home in Bramalea. After the arrival of Heath in 1966 and then Trevor in 1968, a drive in the country led them to Caledon, where they found their future home of 16 years. Eventually they made their way to Thornbury where they ran a small retail store and enjoyed retirement. Paul enjoyed bird watching and building bird houses. He spent much of his time chasing the squirrels away from the feeders. Paul also had a passion for politics and even ran for Mayor at one point. He treasured the time spent with friends and family, and always looked forward to sharing lots of laughs. He will be remembered fondly and will never be forgotten.

Special thanks to the amazing doctors and nurses at the Meaford Hospital for the kindness and care shown to Paul and his family.

A service of committal and interment will be conducted at Greenwood Cemetery in Owen Sound on Saturday, October 3, 2026 at 11 o'clock. A celebration of Paul's life will follow at the Marsh Street Centre in Clarksburg from 12 noon until 3 p.m.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to Canadian Blood Services would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca



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BETTY HARRIS

January 20, 1932 – September 23, 2026

Betty passed away peacefully at the Campbell House Hospice in Collingwood, ON on September 23, 2026, in her 95th year.

Beloved wife of the late Peter John Harris, her husband of 62 years and her steady companion of seven years before that. Cherished mother of Lisa Stuart (Andrew) and Gregory Harris (Lori). Devoted grandmother of Samantha and Edward "Ted" Stuart, and of Hudson, Holden, and Berkeley Harris.

Daughter of the late Franklin Alexander Ellis and Mary "May" Ellis, and youngest sister of the late James Allen Ellis and John Franklin Ellis.

Born at home on Deloraine Avenue in Toronto, Betty was an honours graduate of Lawrence Park Collegiate Institute and of Toronto Normal School, earning her Permanent First Class Certificate in 1954. Trained as a teacher, Betty taught as a Primary Specialist at Armour Heights Public School in North York for five years and at Culnan Public School with the Etobicoke School Board for three. Betty married her high school sweetheart, Peter J. Harris, and received an honorary 'PhD' degree (Putting Hubby Through) shortly thereafter, supporting their family while he finished his MBA. Soon after welcoming their first child (Lisa), Peter's career took the family to Tokyo, Japan. In Tokyo, Betty served as Protocol Officer for the annual Cherry Blossom Ball, raising funds for Japanese orphanages. While in Japan, Betty welcomed her second child (Greg), before the family relocated to Stamford, Connecticut for one year. Then, it was back to Canada, building a community in Etobicoke.

Betty was an avid perennial gardener, a generous host of dinner parties, and a lover of books, classical music, and above all her family and community. Betty was a Lifetime Member of the Queensway General Hospital Auxiliary. As part of this role, she volunteered as Convenor of the Garden Tour, House Tour, and Designer Showcase, and spent 10 years as a Gift Shop Supervisor. She was also a member of the Humber Valley Book Club for fifty years, a member of the St. George's Church on the Hill Garden Club, and was bestowed the position of 'First Lady' of the Ontario Jaguar Owners' Association. She spent her daughter's youth camping under canvas as a Brownie and Girl Guide leader for seven years. In 1998, she received Canada's Birthday Achievement Award for her lifetime contributions to her community. After years of active involvement in their grandchildren's lives, in 2013 Betty and Peter relocated to South Georgian Bay. They lived with their daughter Lisa and family, later moving to the communities at Raglan Village and the Sunset Suites when Peter entered Sunset Manor. She was devoted to his final years as his caregiver and companion.

After Peter passed in 2019, Betty, in her late 80's, felt a strong desire to revisit the highlights of her childhood. One such highlight was a charming woodland hideaway she enjoyed as a young girl: Killarney Lodge in Algonquin Park. With this came a new annual family tradition wherein Betty, Lisa, Andrew, and the grandkids would spend the Labour Day long weekend on the trails and by the lake. While Betty herself was unable to walk the trails, she had an insatiable desire to relive the stories from the woods after the hikers returned. When Betty was no longer able to travel to Killarney, the family started hosting the weekend at their family home on the Bruce Trail, including a 'hiking BINGO' game she eagerly enjoyed. Living in this time at Raglan Village, Betty was celebrated once again for her volunteerism at their resident library, spending her days reading and cataloguing books, and completing her next 1000 piece puzzle. By her bedside, at the end of her life, Betty kept two books: a July 1945 copy of Douglas Skidmore's *The Valley of the Sky* from an RCAF library, and *The Smiling Land* by Alan Doyle on Newfoundland - a gift from her son Greg.

A service will be held at All Saint's Church, Collingwood on October 24th. Interment to follow at a later date in the Samuel John Harris family plot, Mount Pleasant Cemetery, beside her beloved Peter.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Hospice Georgian Triangle, Campbell House would be gratefully received. Friends may visit Mary's online Book of Memories at www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com





DOROTHY MAY RUSSELL

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Dorothy May Russell (née Parkinson) on September 12, 2026 at the age of 95. Dorothy passed away peacefully in Amica Erin Mills care home in Mississauga.

Dorothy was born in Thornbury, Ontario on August 9, 1931. As an only child, she was adored by her parents Clayton Henry Parkinson and Sarah Ann Parkinson (née Hill). After high

school, Dorothy moved to the big city and earned a degree at the Victoria College, University of Toronto. It was there that she met her husband, Bruce. Together they created a home in Streetsville, a small town which joined the larger city of Mississauga in 1974. Dorothy worked for several years as a French and geography teacher, prior to devoting herself to raising her six beloved children. In her later years she happily retired with her husband to their cottage property on Georgian Bay in her hometown of Thornbury.

Known and adored by many as mom, granny, Parkie, Mrs. Russell, and aunt Dorothy, she will be missed terribly by those whose lives she touched. She was predeceased by her husband, Bruce Francis Russell, and her son, Craig Gillies Russell. She is survived by her children Sarah Anne, John, James and wife Claire, Timothy, and Mary-Ellen. She will be deeply missed by her grandchildren Gayla, Melody, Bowen, Saralyn, Courtney, Dorothy June, Logan, Ava, and Wynn, as well as her great-grandchildren Preston, Elowyn, Freya, and Corbin.

There was always room for one more at Dorothy's table. Friends and family were encouraged to drop in, and were often greeted with a spread that Dorothy had somehow whipped up out of nowhere. Her children fondly recall how many of their friends wanted to come over after school; the neighbourhood kids knew Dorothy would welcome them with a knowing smile and a prepared snack. She had a gift for noticing when one of her children's friends was in need, quietly filling the gap without ever drawing attention to it. More than anything, Dorothy loved a house filled with laughter and conversation, where everyone felt welcome and a part of the family.

Family traditions and lasting relationships were deeply woven into Dorothy's life. She shared a close relationship with the Carscaddens and forged strong bonds with her in-laws. She loved her husband Bruce's siblings and considered them her own brothers and sisters. During Dorothy's years in Streetsville, Labour Day weekend was always a major family occasion, bringing together generations of aunts, uncles, and cousins. At Christmas, the whole extended family gathered again, with each branch taking a turn hosting. In their later years, Dorothy especially enjoyed visiting with family in Grey County, where many of her in-laws had also retired.

Dorothy was a profoundly charitable woman who lived her faith through action. She could often be found volunteering, not for the recognition, but because helping others was part of who she was. She canvassed for the Canadian Cancer Society, volunteered with the Streetsville Neighbourhood Assistance Program, and drove cancer patients to their appointments at Princess Margaret Hospital. She was an active member of the United Church Women (UCW) while living in Streetsville, and then the Anglican Church Women (ACW) after moving to Thornbury. She also volunteered with Beaver Valley Outreach and was deeply involved in her parish at St. George's Anglican Church. In addition, she performed countless unspoken acts of kindness over the years, never seeking acknowledgement for her generosity. Dorothy accepted and supported people from all walks of life without judgment.

Dorothy was a renaissance woman with a mosaic of talents and interests. She was knowledgeable about global affairs and gifted with numbers. She used these skills to follow the stock market closely, even teaching a course named "Investing for Women" in the 1980s. A skilled pianist and vocalist, she also participated in community theatre. Dorothy was quite athletic in her younger years while playing tennis, field hockey, and softball. As her children were growing up, she encouraged them to participate in sports, even coaching their teams at times. She enjoyed travelling, whether it be a getaway with her husband, an Alaskan cruise with her siblings-in-law, or a trip with

her bridge club friends. Indeed, she was an avid bridge player with a knack for the game's strategy. Dorothy was also a prolific baker. While her children recall Dorothy's pies as the star centrepiece, her grandchildren all claim it was granny's zucchini bread that is most memorable.

As Dorothy pursued a life rich with activities and connection, her quick sense of humour was ever-present. She had a contagious belly laugh, yet also knew when to handle situations with gentle tact and care. With an iconic yet unassuming sense of grace, Dorothy touched lives across six generations, and will be remembered by everyone as a true force of nature. A funeral service was held on Saturday, September 26 at St. George's Anglican Church, Clarksburg.

As your expression of sympathy donations to the St. George's Anglican Parish of the Blue Mountains (at <https://www.parishofthebluemountains.ca/give>) or a charity of your choice would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca

BVO Treasure Shop Update:

We are pleased to share that, as part of the upcoming expansion and renovation of our current location at 54 King St. East, we have secured temporary space at Harbour Mews on Bruce Street North (the previous Loved You Madly location).

We will operate the Treasure Shop from the Harbour Mews location during the construction period. We will keep you updated on when the Treasure Shop will begin operating from this temporary space, along with other important details as they become available. We are expanding and renovating our 54 King Street East location to better support our organization and the community we serve. Thank you for your continued support and patience as we move forward with this exciting project. Stay tuned for more updates! www.bvo.ca

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JUDITH LESLEY 'JUDY' SKEOCH

Judith Lesley Skeoch peacefully passed away on Friday, September 4th, at Hospice Georgian Triangle-Campbell House in Collingwood.

Judy was born in England and immigrated to Canada in 1956. She attended the University of Toronto and started her career as a teacher and educator. After retiring from her Vice Principal role with the Toronto District School Board, she and her husband, Eric Skeoch (who predeceased her), settled into rural life in Ravenna.

In Ravenna, Judy and Eric embraced all aspects of retirement. They cherished their farm and beautiful garden, which they shared with many beloved pets, including Jessie, Maggie, Gilbert, Coco, and Harry. Judy was known for her impeccable taste and love of reading, making it difficult to find her a book that she hadn't already read. She enjoyed golfing, gardening, and relaxing with friends over a glass of wine and cheese. Travel to France, Italy, and New Zealand were also highlights of her life. Judy was incredibly grateful for her wonderful friends and neighbours.

Judy is survived by her sister, Pamela Favager; stepsons, Robert and David (Julie); and grandchildren, Rachel and Amy; brother-in-law, Alan Skeoch (Marjorie), nephews Kevin and Andrew (Julie). Uncle Morphet and cousin Michael (Lorna) reside in England.

A celebration of life will be held at Marsh Street Community Centre in Clarksburg on October 4th from 1 - 4 p.m. with tributes to be shared at 2 p.m. In recognition of the care Judy received, donations are welcome to Hospice Georgian Triangle Foundation (Collingwood), Collingwood General and Marine Hospital Foundation, and the Georgian Triangle Humane Society, as Judy was a devoted pet owner. 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



BRYNN LESLEY LADLY

It is with profound sadness that we share the heartbreaking passing of Brynn Ladly, surrounded by the love of her family at SickKids Hospital in Toronto on Friday, September 18th, 2026, at the age of 10.

Brynn was born on December 16, 2015, the daughter of Natalie (nee Mitchell) and Eric Ladly, and granddaughter of Jack and the late Maureen Ladly of Heathcote and Lesley and David Mitchell of Newmarket.

Brynn was a constant source of joy to everyone around her. Though quiet by nature, her gentle presence filled a room. She was adored by everyone who had the pleasure of meeting her. She immediately brought smiles to faces as she rolled through life in her pink wheelchair, often accompanied by her trademark pink glasses, bows in her hair, and her smirky smiles. She was a light and brought out the best in people. There was no one else like Brynn and she made an incredible impact on the world.

Brynn had a condition called CDKL5 Deficiency Disorder. She was unable to walk or talk and suffered from seizures daily. Although CDKL5 affected many aspects of her life, she was so much more than her diagnosis. Brynn loved to go for walks and would kick her feet out as the wind blew through her hair. She loved being held and smothered in kisses. She loved being read to, swimming, and being the number one sports fan at her siblings sporting events. She was well known in our local community, and around the world in our CDKL5 community, for her perseverance, bravery, and sweet smile. She was an inspiration to so many.

Her life ended far too early and she will be forever loved and desperately missed by her mom and dad Natalie & Eric Ladly; her siblings Reese and Cullen; her grandpa, grandma and papa; along with many aunts, uncles, cousins, teachers, EA's, classmates, and friends.

Brynn's life was short but it was filled with love. If love could have saved her, she would have been cured a thousand times over. Fly high sweet girl.

A Celebration of Brynn's Life was held at the Beaver Valley Community Centre on Sunday, September 27th.

As your expression of sympathy and in honour of Brynn, donations to the CDKL5 Canada would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted.

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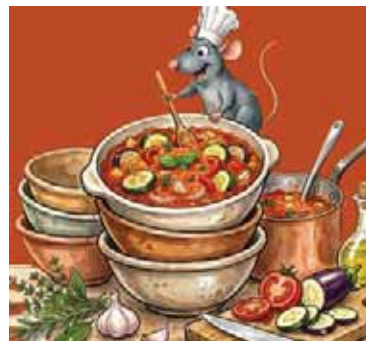


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Bay Street East Road Improvements Leave Users Confused

by Ron Smith

If you have visited Bayview Park in Thornbury recently you will have noticed that the road improvements on Bay St. E in front of Bayview Park are nearly complete. Construction on Bay St. E. east of Elgin St. continues. The most noticeable changes are the loss of many mature trees and converting Bay St. E. to one way traffic flowing east out of town. Roadside parking is no longer permitted and a new parking lot design is currently under consideration.

Council approved this road configuration after rejecting the recommended town staff option for a conventional two-way roadway including a multi-use trail. Council requested the following road configuration in their report.

- undertaking a preliminary design of a one-way street cross section with an alignment which minimizes the impact to the existing streetscape while not compromising safety or the needed infrastructure. The design is to include:
 - stormwater bike safe grates/basins within the asphalt and/or semi-mountable curb
 - no sidewalks, multi-use trail, or drainage ditches



Two multipurpose trails already exist close by. Some may say council chose wisely by not adding a third. By eliminating a multi-use trail or sidewalk, a dedicated bike and pedestrian lane is included on the actual paved road allowance. According to town staff this is where Ontario Provincial Standards (OPS) kick in resulting in the confusing lane markings. So confusing that concerned citizens have sprayed additional markings and added their bewildered commentary next to the lane markings. Additionally, more than 20 new post mounted signs lining the street like



sentinels direct cyclists, walkers and drivers to navigate this maze of markings. A Bay Street resident who wishes to remain anonymous stated that drivers are still confused and drive the wrong way in spite of the proliferation of signage.

To the best of my understanding here is the interpretation of the current lane markings and signs.

The dedicated shared pathway portion of the road allowance is for pedestrians and cyclists only. Two-way arrows are marked for pedestrians to ensure they can confidently walk in both directions. Cyclists may use this lane as marked but only cycle in a west direction indicated by the small arrow above the bike illustration. If you are cycling and you wish to travel east away from town you may only use the other lane which is also marked with a one-way arrow above the painted bike illustration. This leaves some drivers questioning if they can even drive on this road allowance when at first glance there appears to be two dedicated bike lanes. This is where the post mounted signs are given this task. Look up not down and you will see the familiar one way and do not enter signs. These signs direct vehicles to proceed one way east in the same direction cyclists travel in sharing this road portion. There you have it. Still confused? You are not alone.



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Candidates

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FOR MAYOR - vote for 1

Bordignon, Peter	www.peterformayor.ca
Moreau, Marni	www.moreauformayor.com
Reale, Paul	www.paulreale.ca

FOR DEPUTY MAYOR - vote for 1

Ardiel, Gail	www.votegailardiel2026.ca
Gilliland, Rachel	www.rachelgilliland.ca
Murphy, Daniel	dmur8675309@gmail.com
Welling, Bob	www.welling4deputymayor.ca

FOR COUNCILLOR - vote for 5

DeWitt, Brayden	www.braydendewitt.ca
Hope, Paula	www.hopeforcouncil.ca
Kelly, Sean	seankelly939@gmail.com
Loney, Meghan	www.meghanloney.ca
Maxwell, Alexander	www.votealexmaxwell.com
McKinlay, Shawn	www.voteshawn4council.com
McLeod, George	www.georgemcleod.ca
McMurray, Sean	connectwithsmcmurray@gmail.com
Porter, June	vote4juneporter.ca

FOR BLUE WATER DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD - vote for 1

Cowley, Scott	scottcowleytrusteecandidate@gmail.com
Forder, Angela	northernpetshop@gmail.com

Election Dates

Tuesday, September 1 - Voters' List available

Friday, October 16 - Voting Period begins at 10 am (online or by phone)

Monday, October 26 - Election Day - voting ends at 8pm EST

Monday, November 16 - Inaugural Meeting of 2026-2030 Term of Office

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

The sessions are presented by the Blue Mountain Ratepayers' Association and Climate Action Now Network (TBM). The sessions will be at the L.E. Shore Memorial Library in Thornbury. The candidate will have three minutes at the start of the hour to outline their platform, followed by a moderated Q & A with questions from the audience.

Given venue capacity limitations, attendees are requested to preregister. On the Blue Mountains Public Library website, there is a Meet the Candidate sessions schedule. You can register for the sessions that you would like to attend. thebluemountainslibrary.ca
Tuesday, Oct 13 5pm - 6pm Rachel Gilliland Deputy Mayor
Tuesday, Oct 13 6pm - 7pm Peter Bordignon Mayor

Blue Mountains Chamber of Commerce

All Candidates Forum Economic Development

Tuesday, October 6, 6pm – 7:30pm (Doors open at 5:30PM)

Marsh Street Centre, Clarksburg

space is limited - sign up at www.bluemountainschamber.ca

Community Matters

Leadership Debate with Mayor and Deputy Mayor Candidates

Thursday, October 8, 5pm - 7pm

Marsh Street Centre, Clarksburg

space is limited

Marni Moreau

For Mayor

- Local roots. Strong connections across our community
- Financial leadership. Record of managing multi-million dollar budgets and leading large teams
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Championed the search and helped secure the location for a new 192-bed long-term-care home, strengthening seniors' care in our community.
- ✓ **MUNICIPAL ACCOMMODATION TAX**
One of the original architects of the MAT, creating a new revenue stream that brings visitor dollars into our community and reduces reliance on local taxpayers.
- ✓ **COMMUNITY INVESTMENT**
Founded the Council committee supporting grants, donations and local initiatives - saving more than \$250,000 in taxation by funding local groups through grassroots philanthropy.
- ✓ **TACKLING DIFFICULT ISSUES**
Personally developed the STA licensing framework, balancing residents, neighbourhoods and tourism while bringing structure and calm to a difficult issue.
- ✓ **COMMUNITY & RECREATION**
Successful completion of four outdoor courts at Tomahawk. Advocate for continued winter maintenance on our trails for year-round access. Championed waiving youth golf fees at Tomahawk.
- ✓ **PROVEN LEADERSHIP**
Led locally as Deputy Mayor while building relationships with Grey County and the Province to advance priorities and strengthen funding opportunities for The Town.

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✓ Protect Our Natural Heritage



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Municipal Election will be using Phone/Internet Voting

8.1.1 The Voting System provided by Simply Voting Inc. shall allow Electors to vote using a telephone or the internet. Electors shall be required to access a designated internet address or telephone a designated number in order to cast their Ballot.

8.1.2 Every Elector shall be limited to only one vote through the use of a PIN distributed via Canada Post Lettermail in a sealed and personalized Voter Information Letter, or issued in person by an Election Official or by email or telephone in extenuating circumstances by the Clerk as necessary. Every Elector shall be required to provide their date of birth along with their PIN.

8.1.3 Following the voter's selection for all offices on a single composite Ballot, the Voting System shall identify the voter's choices and provide the voter with the option of changing or confirming their vote selections prior to submission.

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RE-ELECT SHAWN McKINLAY FOR COUNCILLOR



A lifelong resident and fifth-generation local, Councillor Shawn McKinlay is deeply woven into the agricultural, volunteer, and municipal fabric of the Town of The Blue Mountains.

A Vision For Balanced Growth & Working Families:
As a local contractor and business owner, Shawn understands the economic pressures facing everyday TBM residents and is focused on practical, long-term solutions.

Attainable Housing & Daycare Infrastructure:
Shawn is a vocal advocate for regional childcare facilities and fast-tracking attainable housing initiatives, recognizing that a sustainable economy requires keeping young families and local workers in the community.

Balanced Regional Development: He strongly champions an even-keeled approach to growth, focusing on creative zoning and planning solutions that prevent over-densification while preserving the town's natural and rural heritage.

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ENDORSED BY THE CANDIDATE

Dear Residents,

When I entered this campaign, my primary concern was TBM's financial position and the need for **stronger financial oversight**. That remains a central focus for me.

At the same time, conversations with residents have reinforced important issues that we need to address.

Supporting Seniors

Over 34% of TBM residents are 65 or older, compared with 19% across Ontario. We need zoning and housing options that help residents remain in the community as they age.

Fixing Local Transit

The end of the Highway 26 Grey Transit Route has left fewer options for residents who do not drive. We need to explore practical alternatives, including shuttle services and rideshare partnerships.

Preserving Our Character

As our community grows, we need to protect wildlife habitats, agricultural land and the rural character that makes TBM distinctive.

Municipal elections come only once every four years, and with voter turnout at around 30% in 2022, every vote matters. **Please help shape our town's future by voting October 16-26.**

Sincerely, George

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Land Acknowledgment



We, at Beaver Valley Outreach, acknowledge that we live, work, learn and gather on the traditional land and waters of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation, including the Chippewas of Saugeen First Nation and the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation, and the traditional territories of the Anishinaabe peoples of the Three Fires Confederacy, as well as the Wendat, Wyandot and Haudenosaunee people who travelled, traded, lived and cared for this region over countless generations.

We give thanks for the waters of Georgian Bay, the Beaver River watershed, the Niagara Escarpment and the forests, wildlife and shorelines. This area is within the boundaries of Treaty 18 of 1818. We recognize the lasting impacts of colonial policies and broken treaty promises on Indigenous communities.

May this acknowledgment be more than words. As people who now share this land, may we listen to Indigenous voices and learn from their knowledge, may we walk gently along these shores, respecting the land and waters that connect us all, and may we work together toward respect, responsibility and reconciliation now, and for future generations.



OUR COMMUNITY. OUR TAX DOLLARS. OUR FUTURE.

By Sean Kelly, Candidate for Council — Town of The Blue Mountains

As voting days approach, October 16–26, I believe residents of the Town of The Blue Mountains should look beyond political alliances and focus on what is best for our community as a whole.

As a first-time candidate, it is becoming clear how this process works. Alliances are starting to take shape. Is this about getting elected or is it about holding your beliefs?

Is the message changing already based on the applause.

Local government decisions directly affect our taxes, services, infrastructure and quality of life. The decisions Council makes today will shape our town for years to come, sometimes for a lifetime.

Our town's budget is significant. Every taxpayer should expect Council to manage public money with the same care, responsibility and accountability they would apply to their own investments. You should not have to be here year-round to feel confident that your investment in this community is being protected.

Many residents do not live here full-time, but hope to in the future. We need to plan responsibly for the community we are becoming, rather than simply react to challenges as they arise.

ASK THE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

1. Are responsible financial decisions being made every day?
2. Have development charges been used as intended to support growth?
3. Are we learning from past decisions and avoiding unnecessary costs and mistakes?
4. Are we protecting the tax base that residents and businesses have worked hard to build?
5. Are we receiving value for every tax dollar we spend?
6. Are Council's decisions serving the long-term interests of the entire community while preserving the quality of life we enjoy today?

I am not asking you simply to vote for me. I am asking you to vote for candidates who will address our town's immediate needs, and to consider whether I can make a difference. You don't have to vote for 5 councilors, just the ones you think

support your views and needs of the Town. A random vote to fill the card could eliminate someone you support.

Addressing those needs will require change.

Change is never easy. But we need residents to participate in shaping it. Four thousand voters is not enough.

Look carefully at Council's past decisions. Are we hearing the same pitches and promises again? Is there a willingness to do things differently when circumstances require it? Are those we elect willing to seek guidance from residents with the expertise our town needs?

Our community has a tremendous pool of knowledge, skills and experience. If you have expertise that could benefit our town, please step forward and make your voice heard. I will be asking for your input.

Elected officials should actively seek out that knowledge and involve residents in finding solutions. We all have a stake in this community's future, and we all have something to contribute.

Those we elect will be entrusted with our town's finances, resources and infrastructure. That responsibility requires thoughtful governance, accountability and a willingness to draw on the knowledge available before making important decisions.

Before you vote, consider each candidate's passion, experience, priorities, record and approach to financial accountability. Ask whether they have spent enough time in this community to understand its character, its needs and the concerns of the people who call it home.

Think of your vote as the beginning of change for the present and future of the Town of The Blue Mountains. Council cannot succeed without the community's support and participation. Four thousand votes or 29 percent of eligible is not enough and does not reflect the true picture.

Give it a strong voice.

That change can begin in 2026.

Our community. Our tax dollars. Our future.

Sean Kelly, Candidate for Council
Local butcher since 2008, Town of The Blue Mountains



NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION – October 26, 2026

INFORMATION FOR VOTERS

WHO MAY VOTE?

Any person who on election day (October 26, 2026) meets the following qualifications is eligible to vote:

1. Is a Canadian citizen
2. Is at least 18 years old on election day
3. Resides in the municipality or is the owner or tenant of land in the local municipality, or the spouse of such a person.
4. Any person not prohibited by law from voting.

VOTERS' LIST INFORMATION

From September 1, 2026 to October 26, 2026 Electors may contact the Town of The Blue Mountains, Clerk's Office, to confirm they are on the Voters' List, amend their information, or be added to the Voters' List.

[An online tool](#) is also available on the Town's website for electors to confirm that they are on the Voters' List, register to be added to the Voters' List or update their information.

WHAT SCHOOL BOARD DO I VOTE FOR?

Electors are entitled to vote in the school board election, if their qualifying property is residential. Each eligible elector may vote for school representation once in a school board jurisdiction.

The following is a list of the School Boards for which qualified electors will be entitled to vote unless there are acclamations.

1. **Bluewater District School Board**
2. **Conseil scolaire Viamonde** (must have French Language Education Rights)
3. **Bruce Grey Catholic District School Board - ACCLAIMED**
4. **Conseil scolaire catholique Providence - ACCLAIMED**

WHAT DEVICES CAN I USE TO VOTE?

Voters can use any device that connects to the internet, including computers, tablets, and smartphones. Voters can also use touch-tone telephones. Rotary phones may not be used. **There will be no paper ballots for this election.**

WHAT DO I NEED TO VOTE?

Voters need to have a Voter Information Letter in order to vote. This will be mailed to you in October.

This letter will have your instructions and your unique Personal Identification Number, required to log on to the internet election site or the telephone election platform.

METHOD OF VOTING

The Town of The Blue Mountains is using Internet and Telephone Voting for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election. There will be no advance poll or proxy voting as Internet/Telephone Voting allows voters to cast a ballot anytime between Friday, October 16, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. and Monday, October 26, 2026 at 8:00 p.m. An Election Help Centre will be available in the Town Hall, 32 Mill Street, Thornbury, during the voting period, and during the extended hours as noted below:

October 16, 2026 – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
October 17, 2026 – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
October 19, 2026 – 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
October 20, 2026 – 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
October 21, 2026 – 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
October 22, 2026 – 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
October 23, 2026 – 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
October 24, 2026 – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
October 26, 2026 – 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

At the Election Help Centre, you can:

- Ask questions
- Register to vote
- Receive voting assistance
- Vote independently

For more information, please contact:

Town of The Blue Mountains
Corrina Giles, Town Clerk
townclerk@thebluemountains.ca
www.thebluemountains.ca
519-599-3131 ext. 232
Dated: September 24, 2026

OCTOBER by Alice Otrysko

...the most beautiful month!

No one can argue that the colours of the Canadian Autumn are gorgeous and well worth taking a drive in the country to savour their beauty. We are lucky in this area to have many trees and fields showing off their warm and colourful vistas. I love doing that in October.

The **Canadian Thanksgiving** was first celebrated as a national holiday in 1859, and moved to the second Monday in October in 1957. Americans celebrate theirs in November.

Thanksgiving is an annual celebration meant to honour life's blessings while spending time with friends and family.

Even though the origins are based on religion, it has recently become a reason for families and friends to get together and eat a big meal usually of turkey or ham and express gratitude for their life.

The Canadian holiday was initially created to express thanks for explorers' safe journey into the New World. The earliest celebration can be traced back to 1578. However, over time it became a holiday of a big "thanks" for the bountiful harvest and a good life.

Halloween is another important day for many, children of course!

It falls on October 31. Halloween is a day to dress up and get a bunch of free candies and such. It's a time to carve a scary pumpkin and light it up in front of your house. Rooted in the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, it has grown into one of the most popular and fun celebrations.

When we lived in Toronto and my son was a boy, we all dressed up and went with him and a couple of adult friends to accompany him for safety but more importantly to view and appreciate the front lawn decorations which in some houses were very extensive.

Carved pumpkins, spider webs and haunted displays transform the neighbourhoods with spooky themes. Some neighbours even compete with others for the best decorated house.

In October, gardens usually begin ending their growing cycle and clean up begins. I wait until the first week of November, hoping snow will not interfere, and I clean the tools and tidy up my gardens.

October is a wonderful, beautiful month and marks the end of the warm months and prepares us for the cooler weather and inevitable snow. It's a time to enjoy the gardens and lawns for the last time this year and put away the summer furniture. The coming winter has its beauty as well. Enjoy Thanksgiving and enjoy Halloween!



Tree Trust Seed Collection Network Grows Community Connections

Tree Trust held its third Seed Collection Network workshop on September 13, bringing together a strong group of participants, nearly half of whom were new members.

Led by Braedon Witt, the group walked the Beaver River Trail to learn how to identify trees including sugar maple, red oak, basswood, and ironwood—species Tree Trust hopes to grow in its new tree nursery. Participants learned how to collect acorns and maple keys and prepare seeds for cold stratification over the winter. For some, the workshop offered an opportunity to learn more about the trees on their own properties. Others are hoping to regenerate forested lots damaged by the ice storm or grow seedlings to donate to Tree Trust's nursery.

"I've been successful with propagating red oaks in the past, and this year I hope to grow some sugar maples," said one participant.

The Seed Collection Network will meet again in mid-October at the new nursery to transplant member-grown seedlings. "We are excited to see the cycle coming around," says coordinator Sarah Waggott. "These locally adapted trees will eventually return to the community to help increase our tree canopy."

Missed the workshop but want to get involved? We can catch you up! New members are always welcome. Contact seednetwork@treetrust.ca and help grow the next generation of trees. This project was made possible by a grant from Community Foundation Grey Bruce.

Sarah Waggott, Tree Trust TBM

National Seniors Day - October 1

This was an occasion for all Canadians to join in celebrating older adults across Canada—whether a parent, a co-worker, a neighbour or a friend. The Government of Canada is proud to acknowledge the contributions that older adults in Canada have made and continue to make to our families, communities and society.

This year was especially significant as we celebrated the 15th anniversary of National Seniors Day. It also coincidentally marked the 60th anniversary of the Canada Pension Plan (CPP), a cornerstone of Canada's retirement income system that has helped provide financial security to Canadians for six decades.

It is easy to show your gratitude for the older adults in your life everyday. There are many ways to thank them for their contributions and to show them just how much they are appreciated. Here are just a few:

- say "thank you"
- visit, call or connect via video-messaging, and take some time to say "hi"
- run errands for an older person
- help with some outdoor chores
- take a walk together
- go for a drive



New hours as of October 8th

Wednesday 3pm to 7pm

Thursday 3pm to 6pm

Friday 3pm to 7pm

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Veterans' Coffee/Lunch, Friday October 23rd

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Share What Remembrance Means To You

Contact Diana Bailey baileyjd6942@gmail.com



Poppies will be available starting October 24 from countertop boxes at many local retailers, from our in-person volunteers, and directly from the Branch. Additionally, lawn signs are available in advance at the Legion during open hours for \$20. The Branch also has wristbands, poppy center pins, and window/windshield poppies for sale.

Donations collected during the Poppy Campaign are held in Trust at the Branch level to directly support Veterans and their families.

Remembrance Day Ceremonies

Wed Nov 4, 6:30pm Girl Guides candlelit service, Jack Acres Park

Wed Nov 11, 10:45am at the cenotaph, Jack Acres Park

Wed Nov 11, 1:00pm at the cenotaph, Ravenna



Contentious Corner *by Robert Boucher*

The Escarpment is wonderful, however if you were an early surveyor, pioneer or road builder, it just kept getting in the way of that wonderful British grid pattern of lines and concessions and sideroads. It just never worked perfectly when you have cliffs and swamps to contend with. So thus, we end up with Contentious Corner!

Yes, at the top of the escarpment south of Redwing where the 10th line meets the 9th sideroad is the funky 120-degree switchback curve. It was a problem in the 1800s and today it is still a problem.

The substantial deviation onto the McNichol property (the firewood guys) was never resolved. It is still owned by the McNichol family and is NOT town property. There was a gracious handshake agreement that worked for years, especially since David McNichol was the well-loved politician of the township.



Now the issue has blown up since cars are taking the corner way too fast and spinning out onto the McNichol's front lawn if they haven't already smashed down the mailboxes! Then to compound the issue recently, along came the fibre-optic installation crew from HDP/Rogers, who no doubt just following instructions, ran the fibre optic cable along the road edge across the private property and installed a connection vault on the contested land.

The owner Jim McNichol protested and was shut down by the workers. An intervention by the OPP cooled things down, but our town politicians have not dealt with this problem. Neither have the staff who should have referred to GIS maps and surveys that clearly show the property lines. I believe all parties are kicking the can down the road waiting to see who gets elected for the next 4 years and letting them sort it out.

To compound it all there is a very historic Indigenous Chert Quarry involved in the property dispute! If you don't know that history, chert is the sharp limestone that was used for spear points and arrowheads for the last 10,000 years. This particular cliff that the road wraps around has been known for millennia as the best source in Ontario for chert material.

It would be wonderful if the Town of The Blue Mountains could step up to the plate and honour the Native site with a plaque and redesign the intersection to resolve all the issues around this Contentious Corner!



Band is Looking for New Musicians

The Beaver Valley Concert Band is a community concert band with members from the Georgian Bay region including Meaford, Thornbury, Collingwood, Wasaga Beach, Ravenna, Staynor and in between. If you have an instrument in your basement or attic and would like to polish it up and bring it back to life again, we are looking for musicians of all types including flutes, oboes, clarinets, saxophones, trumpets, French horns, tubas, trombones and percussion. Musicians of all ages are welcome from high school students to retirees. The music you will be playing ranges from light classical to jazz to big band to show tunes. We perform at many indoor and outdoor venues including the Meaford Harbour concerts, the Thornbury Cenotaph, Wasaga pavilions, libraries and retirement homes. The band rehearses in Collingwood on Monday evenings from 6 to 7:30pm. If you are interested in joining or would like to sit in on a rehearsal and then discuss your participation please contact Jim Peacock, at 416-253-2096. If you are interested you can also check out our Facebook page (Beaver Valley Concert Band).

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Canada Pours Out Her Heart

Words and words couple to craft a poem, a tapestry of
artistry, elegant couplets,
Which, though of human touch, may give our constellation
a fresh complexion.

Yet unwritten, free of quill, is the Poem of Canada,
she breathes, she sighs and smiles,
Verses spring upon lakes and rivers, rocks are punctuation,
trees their exclamation.

Animals with abandon carve trails of scenes,
forests become their hidden meaning.
And fish lurking in reeds of rhythm glide among the ripples
of silent thought,
While lapping eddies reveal pearls of wisdom, breezes
speak a softened heart.

Seasons impart diverse inclusion, form a ballad from thrill
to calm, elegiacs indeed,
They the paragraphs of the climate, linked, organic,
separate, married, birthing,
They speak a tongue to form expression of all human
senses to shelter and provide.

Do not the endless plains ring a paeon of breadth and
freedom, boundless vistas?
And while mountains are lofty thoughts, and snow covered
peaks glisten in rhyme,
Streams cascading smooth the tumult of interruption,
migrate to lakes of harmony,
Reflections under sun and moon, winter and spring,
a kaleidoscope of interpretation.

Canada is ours to read, her poem binds all in human heart,
pulsating, refreshing,
So shall we with humble intent claim verse upon verse to
grace our grateful soul.

Jeremy Wentworth-Stanley jeremy@officeinthebarn.com



Town of The Blue Mountains Urges Residents to Power Up with Fire Safety in Mind

The Town of The Blue Mountains Fire Department is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) to support Fire Prevention Week 2026 from October 4 to 10, 2026. This year's Fire Prevention Week theme, "Charge into Fire Safety: Safe Charging Is a Superpower," focuses on the simple steps people can take to recharge safely. Safe charging means making smart choices every time you plug in.

Many devices used in our daily lives, including phones, tablets, tools, toys, e-bikes and scooters, run on rechargeable lithium-ion batteries, which store a lot of energy in a small space. If damaged or charged incorrectly, they can overheat, start a fire or even explode.

"The way you charge your lithium-ion battery devices can make a difference in helping prevent fires," said Stephen Conn, Fire Chief. "It comes down to using simple habits each time you plug in."

When charging lithium-ion battery devices, The Blue Mountains Fire Department reminds residents to:

- Use the cord and charger that came with your device or one approved by the manufacturer. Using the wrong charger can damage the battery and increase the risk of fire.
- Charge devices on a table, desk, or other hard, flat surface. Do not charge them on beds, couches, or under pillows. Devices and chargers produce heat during normal charging. Soft surfaces can trap heat and block airflow, which can cause the battery to overheat.
- Stop using your device if it feels very hot, starts to swell, is smoking, or has a strange smell. These are warning signs that the battery may be damaged or failing.
- Unplug your device when it is fully charged. Do not leave it plugged in longer than needed. Leaving a device plugged in too long can increase heat and stress on the battery.
- Charge larger items like e-bikes, scooters, and power tools outside and away from exits. These batteries are larger and store more energy. If they fail, fires can grow quickly and spread.
- When on a plane, keep your device where you can see it while charging. Do not charge devices in overhead compartments. Do not charge e-cigarettes or vapes on a plane. If a battery overheats or fails, it is important for the flight crew to respond quickly.

For more information about Fire Prevention programs in the Town of The Blue Mountains, contact the Town's Fire Prevention department. To learn more about lithium-ion battery safety, visit www.fpw.org.

For more information, please contact: Fire Prevention
Town of The Blue Mountains, (519) 599-3131 ext. 9016

Plowing Match *by Rober Burcher*

I attended the International Plowing Match in Walkerton on Friday and I was delighted to discover that the oldest farmer at the show was Karen McKague's father. Karen's husband Terry and their son John were involved with the steam aspect of the show. The two of them restored a steam powered cement mixer and John was the fireman shovelling wood into the boiler on the steam shovel. The temperature in the cab got up to 45C.



John, Karen and her father. Three generations of steam fans.



Steam powered cement mixer restored by the McKagues of Clarksburg.



Erie Steam Shovel circa 1921 - restored in 2002 by Teeswater Concrete.



Moose Visits The Blue Mountains

The Sighting Timeline

- Sunday, September 20, 2026: The moose was first spotted in Heathcote before moving toward Thornbury and Clarksburg.
- Monday, September 21, 2026 – Tuesday, September 22, 2026: The animal traveled east into Collingwood, roaming waterfront trails near Harbourview Park and the Collingwood Arboretum.
- Tuesday, September 22, 2026 Afternoon: Emergency responders and wildlife staff tranquilized the moose after it entered the water, pulling it to shore to be loaded into a transport trailer.
- Wednesday, September 23, 2026: The Ministry of Natural Resources confirmed the animal was successfully relocated to public land in north Simcoe County.

Why Was a Moose So Far South?

Wildlife experts and the Ministry of Natural Resources explained that September marks the fall breeding (rutting) season, causing young bull moose to travel vast distances outside their normal range in search of a mate. The wildfires may also had an effect.

Greenbelt Foundation Awards \$30,000 to Grey Sauble Conservation Authority

Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) has received a \$30,000 grant from the Greenbelt Foundation to support the Green Fields, Clean Streams project, an initiative that will help rural landowners in Grey and Bruce counties protect soil health, improve water quality, and enhance their environmental stewardship. The project will engage rural landowners across the GSCA watershed through education and on-the-ground support. Funding will enable the installation of approximately 1,250 metres of exclusion fencing to keep livestock out of watercourses and the establishment of up to 500 acres of cover crops to improve soil health, reduce erosion, and enhance water quality.

The Green Fields, Clean Streams project supports the long-term health of Ontario's Greenbelt, a working landscape that contains just 6.1% of the province's farmland but is home to 9.6% of Ontario's farms, highlighting its critical role in the province's food system, environmental sustainability, and economic prosperity. Eligible landowners do not need to own property directly within the Greenbelt to access funding, reflecting the interconnected nature of watersheds and the importance of supporting stewardship efforts across the broader landscape to achieve lasting environmental benefits.

GSCA is thankful for the Greenbelt Foundation's partnership in advancing environmental health and sustainable agriculture in Grey and Bruce counties. For more information about how the Greenbelt Foundation is working to ensure Ontario's two-million-acre Greenbelt remains protected and healthy, visit www.greenbelt.ca.

Landowners interested in learning more about this project and available funding opportunities are encouraged to contact Keith Reid at 519-376-3076 or k.reid@greysauble.on.ca.



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10:00 a.m.

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How's the Real Estate Market?

It's a fair question, and a hard one to answer mostly because "real estate" describes far more than what we picture when we say it.

Drive along Highway 26 and look out the window: the ski resort, retirement residences, self-storage, the industrial park, the college campus, the hotels. Each one of these is real estate, and none of them is what most people mean when they ask that question.

Widen the frame past our stretch of highway and it gets bigger still: warehouses, data centres, apartment buildings, student housing, medical offices. A logistics building leased for fifteen years to a national tenant has almost nothing in common with a chalet whose income depends on snow and a rental licence. Same two words. Different tenants, different leases, different economics entirely. You can have a strong opinion about one and know nothing about the rest.

Most of us know one version of owning it. You buy an investment property, take a mortgage and find a tenant.

A landlord I know got a call at ten o'clock at night. His tenant's smoke detector was chirping. Nothing was wrong with it, it just needed a new battery. He drove across town and put one in.

That's the part we sometimes forget. Owning real estate directly isn't only an investment; it comes with a phone that rings.

Real estate can also be owned through investment vehicles — real estate investment trusts, real estate funds and similar structures — which can be held inside an Registered Retirement Savings Plan, a Tax-Free Savings Account, or a non-registered account. You own units in a professionally managed portfolio of properties rather than a building of your own, across the kinds of real estate an individual can't practically buy alone. It works differently than owning a property directly, with its own structures and considerations.

On **October 20 at 10:00 a.m.**, I'm hosting an online session with Brookfield, one of the world's largest owners of real estate. We'll cover what these portfolios actually hold, how the income works, and what an investor should understand before considering them.

To register, email me at fraser.willson@cibc.com and I'll send you the link.

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Update Regarding Offshore Incident at Thornbury Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall Installation Site

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to provide the public with an update on an incident that occurred overnight on September 23, 2026, at the Thornbury Wastewater Treatment Plant outfall installation site offshore near the intersection of Grey Street North and Bay Street East.

Just prior to 10:00 p.m., personnel working for the project's marine contractor were repositioning equipment on the temporary in-water clear stone berm. During this work, a section of the berm became unstable causing an excavator to enter the water. During the initial recovery effort, another portion of the temporary berm became unstable, resulting in a second excavator entering the water. It has been confirmed that no injuries resulted from the incident.

As of Saturday, September 26, both excavators were retrieved from the water. The first was recovered at approximately 12:00 p.m. on Friday, September 25, and the second was recovered at approximately 3:45 p.m. on Saturday, September 26. All applicable agencies were notified of the incident, and the contractor completed the recovery while following all required directions. There were no spills of fuel, oil or other contaminants during recovery efforts. Environmental protection measures, including spill kits and associated containment measures, remain in place as a precaution.

Clearway Construction, the Town's primary contractor on the project, has advised that it remains committed to completing the outfall work during the 2026 construction season. The project team is collaborating to identify work that must be completed before October 14 to avoid impacts on fish-spawning areas, and work that may be undertaken after the permit period, subject to regulatory approval, without adverse effects on those areas.

The Town's contractor is required by the terms of the contract to deliver the outfall as per design for the tendered amount, barring any contract change orders. There is no additional budget that needs to be approved by the Town for the recovery of the excavators or for any work completed beyond the original scheduled date.

The Town, its engineering consultant and the contractor will continue to meet on a regular basis to track progress and resolve issues as they arise. Public updates will continue to be posted to the Town's dedicated project page as they are available.



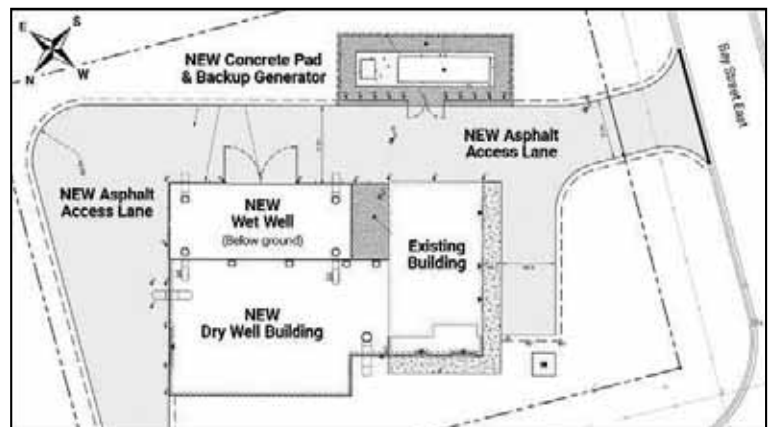
Construction Notice - Mill Street Sewage Pumping Station Upgrades

On behalf of the Town of The Blue Mountains, WT Infrastructure Inc. has completed the design and engineering for construction of upgrades at the Mill Street Sewage Pumping Station.

The project has been tendered and the construction contract has been awarded to Industra Construction Corp. Mobilization is expected to begin in October 2026. Construction activity will be occurring on town-owned land at 18 Bay Street East.

Project Scope

- Temporary bypass pumping of incoming wastewater
- Removal and disposal of existing electrical and mechanical equipment
- General refurbishments and renovations of the existing building
- Construction of a pump station building extension connected to the existing building
- Construction of a new wet well, and expansion of existing dry well
- Construction/installation of all new electrical and mechanical components
- Construction of new asphalt access lane
- Site restoration



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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 and modified from year to year. For more information, or your copy of the 11" x 17" calendar of the full year's tips for a \$1 contribution to Master Gardeners, call 519-599-5846.



October 2026

- After a warm summer, fall is definitely here, with the risk of nighttime frost. Watch for the warnings.
- There is an annual argument among gardeners as to whether you should cut back your perennials, ornamental grasses, etc., in the fall, or leave them long for "winter interest". However, up here, most perennials are covered by 2 feet of snow, so you can't see them anyway. Spring Clean-Up can be daunting. There may be wet weather, or a late spring. For these reasons, I am opting for a BIG FALL CLEAN-UP again this year to get a jump on spring 2027.
- I say it's time to trim back perennials and divide them as needed, so you can expand your garden, or give to your neighbors, or pot them up for the St. George's plant sale in May next year (and get a Tax Receipt from the Church for the value they sell for). Make sure it is a cool, cloudy day and add a little bone meal fertilizer to the bottom of the pots, and/or with your new bulbs you are planting. October is also a great time to plant perennials. They will get a big head start in your garden next spring.
- Buy and plant a variety of spring flowering bulbs. Add a little bulb fertilizer, like bone meal, to the bottom of the hole, and water well to get the roots started. Your efforts NOW will bring big dividends in April, May and June 2027.
- For a longer bloom season, plant different varieties of bulbs, like winter aconite, snow drops and crocus for early bloom. You can also plant early, middle and late blooming tulips and daffs for a much longer season.
- Try lasagna bulb planting for a longer bloom time in the same spot. Dig the planting hole a little deeper and put bone meal in the bottom. Then a little soil. Plant the late blooming bulbs like tulips first and cover them with a little soil. Then the daffodils and more soil. And finally, add the crocus near the top of the hole. You will get 3 months of bloom in the same spot, but unfortunately, no lasagna!
- Place chicken wire just under the surface of the soil over any tulip bulbs you plant. The squirrels will hate you. Daffs should not need this protection.
- If there is an early frost warning, cover tender annuals outside overnight with an old bed sheet. They should make it through the night and keep on blooming.
- Bring outside house plants inside when the evenings start to cool down, or when you get a frost warning. First give them a thorough spray with insecticidal soap, so that there are no unwanted hitchhikers coming into your home.
- Fertilize lawns with a low "first" number and high "middle" number or with a "Fall Formula" fertilizer. No bags with a high 3rd number. It's nitrogen for rapid growth!
- Start cutting your grass much lower than in summer to avoid 'winter matted' long grass next spring.
- Water shrubs, evergreens and trees weekly and deeply at least until frost.

The Survivor's Tax Trap

Most couples spend years planning for retirement together. But few stop to ask what happens to their income and taxes when one spouse is gone.

Household income usually drops. But the survivor's tax rate often rises.

The reason income drops is that one OAS payment ends, and CPP survivor benefits generally do not replace the deceased spouse's full CPP pension.

But much of the couple's other income remains.

The investment portfolio remains the same, and so does the income from it. RRSPs and RRIFs are often transferred to the surviving spouse on a tax-deferred basis. While this avoids an immediate tax bill, it can result in larger taxable RRIF withdrawals in the years ahead, potentially pushing the survivor into a higher tax bracket and triggering or increasing the OAS clawback.

The key difference is that much more of the household's taxable income is now reported on one tax return instead of two. Pension splitting is gone, and some of the tax credits previously available to the couple are lost as well.

Meanwhile, many household expenses — property taxes, utilities, insurance and home maintenance — remain much the same and continue rising every year.

The result can be a difficult combination: less household income, fewer tax-planning opportunities and a greater percentage of income going to tax.

The time to plan for this isn't after the first spouse is gone. By then, some planning opportunities may no longer be available. Looking ahead gives couples more flexibility and can help reduce the risk of unexpected tax consequences for the surviving spouse.

A good tax plan looks well beyond this year's tax return, with the goal of minimizing tax over your lifetime, your spouse's lifetime and your estate. Decisions about RRIF withdrawals, investment location and the type of income received can affect the taxes you pay 10, 20 or even 30 years from now.

If you haven't had the opportunity to look at your Lifetime Tax Plan, I'd be happy to discuss the bigger picture with you.

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OCT. 22 WHITEHORSE CONCERT
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OCT. 24

HAUNTED MAZE
All day at Farmers Pantry | \$10

LIONS PANCAKE BRUNCH
9am - 11am | Free/Donation
at The Marsh Street Centre

PUMPKIN DECORATING
9am - 1pm | Free/Donation
at The Marsh Street Centre

HAUNTED HOUSE
9am - 1pm | Free/Donation
at The Marsh Street Centre

HARVEST HAUNT FUNDRAISER
7pm | \$150 | Spy Cidery

OCT. 26

SENIORS HALLOWEEN HAUNT
11:00am | Free
Seniors Wellness Program at
The Marsh Street Centre

OCT. 27

HORROR MOVIE
6:30PM | \$15 | @ The Marsh
Fantastic Cinema Club

OCT. 31

HAUNTED MAZE
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MONSTER BALL WITH WE PLAY DISCO
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NOV. 1

PUMPKIN WALK
5pm - 8pm | Free
Lions Park

FOR HALLOWEEN TREATS VISIT THESE PARTICIPATING CLARKSBURG BUSINESSES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST, FROM 3-4 PM

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October 17

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Marsh Street Centre
Saturday, Oct 24, 9-11am

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HAUNTED HOUSE AND
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Saturday, October 24th
9am-1pm - Free



Downsizing &
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Saturday October 24 at 1pm – 2:30 pm

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MELINDA CAMPLIN - VIOLIN



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CHRIS MACLEOD - LAWYER WORKING ON HUSEYIN'S CASE
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October 27
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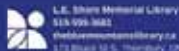


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