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# Brian Fockler of RE/MAX Hallmark Chay Realty Raises \$3,000 for CMHA with Impact Live and Rock 95



Photo above

Left: Christina Iwasiw - Sales Representative with the Fockler Team (RE/MAX Hallmark Chay Realty), Middle: Brian Fockler- Sales Representative at RE/MAX Hallmark Chay Realty Right: Liz Grummett- Fundraising and Communications with The Canadian Mental Health Association, Simcoe County Branch

Submitted by Brian Fockler

As someone that loves live music, throwing a benefit concert to support a local organization was always a vision of Brian's. However as we know, the COVID-19 pandemic put a hold on all concerts and social gatherings. After two years of lockdowns and restrictions, the concert event was finally able to come to fruition. Brian chose to support our local branch of CMHA to raise funds and awareness for those struggling with mental illness. In Simcoe County, CMHA provides advocacy, education, programs and resources that help to prevent mental health problems and illnesses while supporting recovery. These services are especially crucial, as our community has faced many recent challenges including the Covid 19 pandemic, inflation and housing concerns. Brian joined forces with Impact Live and Rock 95 to bring awareness and funding and together we were able to raise over \$3000 for CMHA! We genuinely appreciate all the support and hope everyone had a fantastic evening rocking out for a good cause!



Submitted by Linda Belcourt

Brian moved to Elmvale when he was 15 yrs old and moved to Barrie when he was 20 yrs old. He loves to visit Elmvale as he as some tight friends here. He is a successful RE/MAX Hallmark Chay Realty sales Representative. He attributes his success to making people laugh and have fun. Selling a house or buying a house can be stressful and Brian makes the transition easier by having a sense of humour that

Rock on for Mental Health Big Sugar live at the Ranch on June 10, 2022





makes people trust him and feel more comfortable. Brains says. The best deal possible when the buyer and seller both win. This is his goal in every sell or buy. "I have the best team players. I am very fortunate.", Brain stated.

Brian is a fun loving local that puts people at ease.



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Photo above: Linda Belcourt, owner Springwater News and Christina Iwasiw, Sales Representative with the Fockler Team (RE/MAX Hallmark Chay Realty)

Christina said, "Brian has taught me so much. I am very fortunate to be part of his team.". He raises a lot of funds for charity





**Photo on Right:** Linda Belcourt, and Brian Fockler,

Photo Above: On Left Linda Belcourt, and new Barrie friends: Shar and Lori on right.



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# Letter to the Editor

Stanley the Goat was recently in the news. Over 7000 people signed his petition for help. A oneyear-old goat that lives in Tiny Township, he is a personal support animal that was threatened with removal due to a zoning by-law. The happy ending for Stanley is that he will not be forced to part with his owner.

There is another petition in Tiny Township that urgently needs public support. We have the Simcoe Uplands, near Waverly in Simcoe County, with the most pristine water in the world - water that has been tested for three decades and has been found to be the purest known to science. Petition e-3867 on the House of Commons website, being brought forward by our MP Adam Chambers, is currently at 1817 signatures. The petition closes on June *30th.* 

Details of the petition are as follows:

- Ancient deposits under the Simcoe Uplands in Ontario's Tiny, Springwater, Oro-Medonte and Tay townships contain pristine groundwater;
- First Nations have long used this water in what is now the territory of Beausoleil First Nation of the Ogemawahi Tribal Council and Williams Treaties First Nations;
- · This water is the gold standard for water worldwide, a national and global treasure;
- A gravel pit in Concession 1 of Tiny Township in the Simcoe Uplands is licensed to take 600,000 tonnes of aggregate annually and 6.6 million litres of water daily for 210 days and wants to expand;
- Two adjacent pits have licences to take gravel and have applied for 10-year permits to take 1.6 million litres of water daily for washing gravel for 180 days yearly;
- · Ontario legislation applies minimum water quality standards;
- Federal intervention is urgently needed to protect this exceptional water;
- Removing vegetation, topsoil, sand and aggregate threatens this natural filtration system;



- · Leading Canadian experts propose a fiveyear study into how this purity is created and maintained; and
- Research could help identify exceptional water worldwide and isolate natural features useful in purification systems.

Can you sign and share the petition? If Stanley can get over 7000 signatures, surely our pristine water should be able to generate more than that across Canada.

https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/ Details?Petition=e-3867

Anna Bourgeois Brechin, ON (See page 11 of this edition)

Dear editor,

Highway 413 is an environmental disaster that would pave over our pristine Greenbelt, destroy farmland, and harm wildlife habitats.

Promoting more vehicles on our roads is the absolute wrong direction to be going as a province. We should not be wasting tax payer money on new highways. If the province wants to improve ones commute, they should invest in more convenient public transportation.

Commuting is destroying our environment and long commute times decrease ones quality of life. Remote work is on the rise and being demanded by employees.

I spent over 10 years commuting and have worked where I live in Barrie for the last 7 years. The improvement to my physical and mental health is remarkable. I have more time to be active and enjoy my hobbies, and more time to spend with family and friends.

Sincerely, Natalie Dance

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# **EDITOR'S COMMENTS**

Written by Linda Belcourt Owner, Editor

I have learned a lot since September 2021 when I took on the Springwater News. Readers and advertisers have commented that the layout is more colourful, organized and local news focused. I have listened to the readers and improved the font size so it is easier to read. There is a 'New Business' section. I am focusing on local community news that is positive. I have brought back the Free Community Event section now that events are happening again. I am getting out more to research what is going on with our community. I do not want print slander or defaming of people.

# **Letters to the Editor**

I was really hoping for a response to last edition, June 9, 2022 Letter to the Editor. Please send in your Letter to the Editor. Community helps community and Letters to the Editor can help us all. This space is dedicated to your views. It does not represent my view or Springwater News view. Local issues are my focus.

### There is a new Municipal Election section in the paper. Please send in your letters.

I wish everyone a Happy Canada Day. We are a proud country so embrace this wonderful Holiday that bonds us all. I hope we can do all we can to help Ukraine. What a proud country they are with such passion.



# Summer Theatre Returns to King's Wharf Theatre in Penetanguishene

Audiences will be doubled over in laughter as Sorry, I'm Canadian 2 launches the much-anticipated 2022 Season at the King's Wharf Theatre in Penetanguishene after a two-year hiatus at the popular summer venue. This Drayton Entertainment original production will amuse and delight theatregoers from June 23 to July 10.

Designed as a showcase for the homespun charm of the irrepressible Neil Aitchison as his lovable Mountie alter-ego, the production features a winning combination of side-splitting humour, razor-sharp political satire, and memorable musical selections that cele-brate all things Canadian. Sorry, I'm Canadian 2 is a brand-new show similar to other productions in the popular 'Canadian' series — crowd-pleasing favourites like Canada 151: Better Late Than Sorry, Canadian Legends, the original Sorry ... I'm Canadian production, and more.

"We are delighted to finally be opening the King's Wharf Theatre again with a show that will have Georgian Bay audiences tapping their toes and laughing out loud." says Alex Mustakas, Artistic Director of Drayton Entertainment, who also directs the production. "This show is incredibly funny with amazing music – audiences are in for a real treat."

The Mountie in question, of course, refers to Aitchison who takes to the stage as RCMP Constable Archibald F. Inkster. Through Constable Inkster's hilarious musings, no political party, pop star, or public figure is left unscathed. "We basically spend two hours poking fun at everything uniquely Canadian, and audiences can't get enough! But they ultimately leave the theatre completely uplifted, taking great pride in the tremendous accomplishments we have achieved as a nation," explains Mustakas.

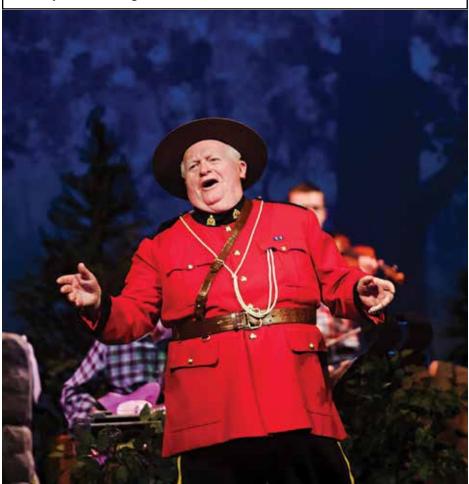
Part of that pride is derived from Canada's rich musical heritage, which is displayed in full force. A talented five-piece band including Al Braatz, Earl Filsinger, Duff MacDonald, Alex Panneton, and Leo Stock will wow theatregoers with their versatility as they pre-sent lively and heartfelt renditions of memorable music from the Great Canadian Song-book. Multiple genres are covered, from pop and country to bluegrass and jazz including hits like "Alberta Bound," "Fox On The Run," "Black Fly," "Song of the Mira," "I'se the B'ye," "Sonny's Dream," "Farewell to Nova Scotia," and many, many more.

In addition to singing and playing fiddle, 17-year-old Stock, who is from Stratford, is also featured as a step dancer in the production. In 2021, he was the Open Stepdance Winner and The Gilles Roy Trophy recipient at the Ontario Open Fiddle and Step Dance Contest.

Sorry, I'm Canadian 2 is proudly sponsored by Brooklea Golf & Country Club. Media Sponsors are The Midland Mirror, Life 100.3, Bounce 104.1 FM and Midland Today. The Design Sponsor is To Do Ontario.

Sorry, I'm Canadian 2 is on stage from June 23 to July 10 at the King's Wharf Theatre in Penetanguishene. In order to accommodate patrons of all comfort levels, performances are offered at various capacity limits and with differing vaccination requirements; some performances are full capacity with no vaccination requirement, some performances are limited capacity with no vaccination requirement, and some performances are limited capacity with vaccinations required. Patrons should choose the performance that best suits their comfort level.

Regular performance tickets are \$53 for adults, \$32 for youth under 20 years of age and \$43 for groups of 20 or more and select Discount Dates. HST is applicable to all ticket prices. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Box Office at 705-549-5555 or toll free at 1-855-drayton (372-9866), or online instantly at www.kingswharftheatre.com.



**Photo credit:** Neil Aitchison in Sorry, I'm Canadian 2, Drayton Entertainment, 2022 Season. Conceived & Directed by Alex Mustakas, Music Direction by Nicole Gusé, Costume Design by Nicole Del Cul, Lighting Design by Jeff JohnstonCollins, Stage Manager Amber Archbell, Assistant Stage Manager Kirstyn Keeble. Photographer Hilary Gauld.



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# **New Extended Office Hours**

The Township Administration Centre is now open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. from Monday to Friday. These hours will remain in effect during the Township's five month compressed work week pilot program.

# **Upcoming Meetings**

Recreation Advisory Committee Tuesday, June 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Heritage Advisory Committee Tuesday, June 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Special Meeting (tentative) – Council Compensation Tuesday, July 5 at 5:00 p.m.

Special Meeting – Closed Session Wednesday, July 6 at 4:30 p.m.

Council Meeting Wednesday, July 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Council meetings are live streamed online at **springwater.ca/Live**. A call-in option is also available. Board and committee meetings can be accessed via Zoom Conferencing. View the agendas for details.



# Have Your Say - New Homer Barrett Park Playground Design

The Township has received grant funding to replace the existing playground at Homer Barrett Park in Elmvale with new playground equipment that is accessible and inclusive for a wide range of ages and abilities. We invite you to share your thoughts and feedback on the play equipment features you would like to see incorporated into the new design.

Please take a moment to fill out our online survey, which can be accessed through springwater.ca/HomerBarrettParkPlayground

# **Property Tax Billing**

The 2022 final tax rates were approved by Springwater Council at the regular council meeting on Wednesday, May 18, 2022. The 2022 final tax bills will be prepared by late June with due dates of July 20 and September 21, 2022.

# Off-Road Vehicle Outreach Program

Are you an off-road vehicle (ORV) enthusiast? We're here to help you learn the rules of the road! After a successful pilot year, the Township is continuing its Off-Road Vehicle Outreach Program this summer in partnership with the Central Ontario ATV Club (COATV), Simcoe County Off-Road Riders Association (SCORRA) and the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).

**Program Dates:** July 3 - 5020 Penetanguishene Road

July 10 - 1350 Nursery Road

July 31 - 1497 Rainbow Valley Road West

August 14 - location TBD

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

During sessions of the program, riders will gain information on the ORV By-law as well as rider safety, insurance and licensing. Trail maps of the permitted and prohibited trails and roadways will also be supplied. Learn more at **springwater.ca/ORV** 

# Construction on Wilson Drive and HWY 26 – Overnight Work

Please be advised that the installation of the sanitary effluent main on Wilson Drive and Highway 26 will take place on a 24-hour schedule until June 30, 2022. After June 30, 2022, work will return to a 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. schedule for the remainder of the project. The work will include excavation and pipeline tie-in. There will also be short-duration, localized lane closures required.

For more information, visit: springwater.ca/ConstructionAndClosures

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# Farmers' Market

The Springwater Farmers' Market - Elmvale is back for the season in the municipal parking lot at 33 Queen Street West. Open every Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the Market features in-season produce, crafts, gifts and baked goods from local producers across Simcoe County. Learn more at springwater.ca/FarmersMarket

# **Candidate Information Session**

Those interested in running as a candidate or registering as a Third-Party Advertiser in the 2022 Municipal and School Board Elections are encouraged to attend a free information session hosted by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in partnership with Springwater and several neighbouring municipalities.

Thursday, July 7, 2022, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. | In-Person Session at Rotary Place (Orillia Room) 100 University Avenue, Orillia ON

For further information and to learn how to register, visit **springwater.ca/Election** The Nomination Period is May 2 to August 19, 2022.



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# NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING OF A PROPOSED TOWNSHIP INITIATED OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

The Township of Tiny has initiated a proposed Official Plan Amendment and a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment as it relates to Short-Term Rental Accommodations.

The Township will be holding a virtual Public Meeting electronically on **July 20, 2022 at 6:00 PM** under Sections 17 and 34 of the Planning Act, to consider the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments. The Council meeting will be livestreamed on the Township's YouTube channel at: www.tiny.ca/livestream.

### PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENTS

The proposed amendments to the Official Plan will set the policy framework for the establishment of the implementing Zoning By-law Amendment and Short-Term Rental Accommodation Licencing By-law. The proposed Official Plan policies achieve the following:

- 1) Recognize that the short-term rental of dwelling units (often cottages) has occurred for years.
- 2) Recognize that dedicated Short-Term Rental Accommodations is a more recent phenomenon that needs to be effectively managed to protect the planned function of residential areas.
- 3) Include policies requiring the Township to enact an amending Zoning By-law and a new Licencing By-law to regulate Short-Term Rental Accommodations.
- 4) Require regulations to:
  - a. Define Short-Term Rental Accommodations.
  - b. Permit Short-Term Rental Accommodations in zones that permit a dwelling unit.
  - c. Establish regulations to ensure the planned function of residential areas are maintained.
  - d. Establish regulations to ensure the character of residential areas are maintained.
  - e. Establish regulations to minimize the negative impacts of Short-Term Rental Accommodations.

# PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

The proposed amendments to the Zoning By-law will establish regulations that:

- 1) Includes a definition of Short-Term Rental Accommodation that:
  - a) Includes the term secondary to identify that the primary use of a dwelling is for residential purposes and that a short-term rental accommodation use is secondary.
  - b) Categorically separates dwelling unit rental for longer periods as differing from those that are rented for 28 days or less. Rental of a dwelling unit for 28 days or less is a defined as a Short-Term Rental Accommodation.
  - c) Identifies that various types of commercial accommodation types are not Short-Term Rental Accommodations.
- 2) Permits Short-Term Rental Accommodations in zones where dwelling units are a permitted use.
- 3) Establishes a minimum parking requirement of 1 parking space per bedroom for a Short-Term Rental Accommodation.
- 4) Prohibits a Short-Term Rental Accommodations from being located in an accessory building.

A key map illustrating the location of the subject lands is not provided as the proposed amendments would apply to all lands within the geographic boundaries of the Township of Tiny.

Additional information regarding the proposal can be found on the Township website at: **www.tiny.ca/township-hall/news-updates**. Questions regarding this notice can be directed to Shawn Persaud, Director of Planning & Development at **spersaud@tiny.ca** or by calling 705-526-4204.

The purpose of the meeting is to inform the public of the nature of the proposed amendments, invite public input, and answer questions regarding the proposed amendments. Any person may make a submission in support of, in opposition to, or to ask a question regarding the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments. Written submissions regarding the proposal are recommended and can be made to Pamela Zimmerman, Planning Administrative Coordinator via email at pzimmerman@tiny.ca or by mail or municipal office drop box at 130 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny, Ontario, L0L 2J0.

If you are unable to make a written submission and wish to make an oral statement during the meeting please follow the attached "Protocol for Public Participation in Electronic Council and Planning Public Meetings" document, which can be found at:

www.tiny.ca/township-hall/council-committees/deputations-correspondence-council. You will be provided further instructions on how you will connect during the virtual meeting. Council will then use the information collected at this meeting to make a decision on this matter at a future meeting. If you wish to be notified of Council's decision, please forward such requests (with forwarding addresses) in writing to the attention of Pamela Zimmerman, Planning Administrative Coordinator.

If you are submitting written submissions or making an oral statement to the Township concerning this application, you should be aware that your name and the fact you communicated with the Township will become part of the public record.

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of Council of the Township of Tiny to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Tiny before the by-law is passed, the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of Tiny before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Please note that this meeting is not to review, discuss or consider the Short-Term Rental Licensing By-law and any comments on that By-law must be made at the Council meeting where the Short-Term Rental Licensing By-law is a matter on the agenda.

Mailing Date of this Notice: June 23, 2022.

Shawn Persaud, BA, MCIP, RPP Director of Planning & Development The Corporation of the Township of Tiny

# **Mayor Don's Update**



### June 23, 2022 Happy Canada Day

As we near July 1st, I would like to wish our residents a safe and happy Canada Day! Canada Day is a time of celebration as well as a time to pause and reflect on what it

means to be Canadian. We are blessed with beautiful natural amenities, diverse communities, and a strong democracy. While we have much to celebrate, I encourage you to reflect on Canada's colonial history and the impact this has had on Indigenous Peoples across the nation. This holiday is also an opportunity to listen, learn and consider how we must continue working towards a shared future built on trust and respect.

### **Springwater Swing a Success!**

I would like to extend a special thank you to the sponsors, golfers and volunteers who supported the Township's 14th annual Springwater Swing golf tournament at the Barrie Country Club. Your contributions are truly appreciated and the superb turnout we had for this event just goes to show what a wonderfully caring community we have. It was great to see so many of our business partners and residents out enjoying the day and supporting this great cause. Overall, approximately \$40,000 was raised in support of our community assistance programs, physician recruitment and other worthwhile local initiatives. A big thank you to staff who organized and carried out a superb event.

### **Status Update on Council's Strategic Priorities**

At the June 15th Council meeting last week, CAO Jeff Schmidt provided an update on the status of the nine Strategic Priorities identified by Council for the remainder of its 2018-2022 Term. Through the presentation, Council was advised that the Township has completed or is on track to complete most of the projects relating to each priority item. The Strategic Priorities are as follows:

- 1. Continue progress on Phase 1 and 2
  Development of Community Hub (Hasty Tract)
- **2.** Completion of Service Delivery Review, including IT Master Plan
- 3. Completion of Official Plan
- **4.** Completion of Comprehensive Compensation Review
- 5. Enhance Staff Recognition Program / Negotiate Collective Agreement
- **6.** Continue to manage growth in a sustainable manner
- **7.** Finalize formation of new OPP Detachment Board
- **8.** Continue developing our Asset Management Roadmap
- 9. Creation of Financial Policy Framework

# **New Fire Station 2 Progress Report**

On November 4, 2020, Council approved the acquisition of 1132 Snow Valley Road (Hasty Tract) with the intent of providing for recreation and community services as well as the relocation of the Midhurst Fire Station 2. An RFP for Phase 1 design works of the new fire station was released last fall, with Masri O Inc. awarded the contract in late December. At its June 15th meeting last week, Council received and approved the preliminary design for the new facility. Highlights of the design proposal include the following:

- The new Fire Station 2 will be a four-bay 16,910 ft2 facility.
- The building is envisioned to reflect the architectural heritage of the community.
- The design includes environmentally-friendly features, such as the increased use of natural lighting, low flow water fixtures, motion sensors for lighting, LED lighting, low impact landscaping, and air-source heating and cooling.
- The material choices are functional and durable.

Due to the economic climate, rising inflation rate and supply chain issues, Township staff estimate the cost to construct the Midhurst Fire Station 2 to be \$7,964,000, which is \$114,000 more than currently

budgeted. The sale of one acre of the Hasty Tract to the County of Simcoe for an adjacent paramedic station they will build will provide funding of approximately \$100,000 to help offset this cost. The County has also agreed to pay its proportionate share of all costs directly related to the development of the property.

### **Springwater Farmers' Market – Elmvale**

The Springwater Farmers' Market - Elmvale was off to a terrific start last Friday. We are pleased to welcome some new vendors this year as well as our new Market Manager Bob Simmons. Thank you to Mr. Simmons and the staff and volunteers who worked hard to get us ready for another great season. The Farmers' Market operates every Friday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm through September 16 in the municipal parking lot at 33 Queen Street West. Come explore fresh, unique and delicious products from local Simcoe County growers, bakers and makers.

### **Survey on County Waste Program**

The County of Simcoe is running a public survey to obtain input on the County's waste collection and landfill services, as well as to get information for future strategies to serve residents better. Those who submit a response will be entered for a chance to win one of 16 prizes, including the grand prize of a spa day for two at Vetta Spa valued at \$1,000. Complete the survey by July 1, 2022 at simcoe.ca/ WasteSurvey.

Residents' feedback will help County Council and staff identify areas of improvement that could lead to higher waste diversion and reduce the amount of material we send to landfill. The survey will also assist in providing insight into how residents and businesses use County waste facilities and how they prefer to receive communications, alerts and information about waste management programs.

## Music in the Park

Grab a few lawn chairs and head to the Elmvale Gateway Parkette this Saturday for the return of the Elmvale BIA's Music in the Park concert series. The Summer '22 lineup includes a range of talented local musicians, with a different performer featured each week on Saturdays from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. The lively and upbeat music of Collingwood musician Jamie Ciotka will kick off the series. While you are enjoying the amazing local talent, be sure to stop by the vast selection of businesses in Elmvale's downtown core nestled on Yonge & Queen Streets. Learn more at elmvalebia.ca.

# Pollinator Week

June 20 to 26 is Pollinator Week—an annual event held in countries around the world in support of pollinator health. It's a time to celebrate pollinators and spread the word about what we can do to protect them. Pollinators like bees, butterflies and bats help provide 1 out of every 3 bites of food we eat. About 75% of all flowering plant species need animal pollinators for reproduction. As a result, pollinators contribute to ecosystem health and a sustainable food supply. We can say thanks by planting native plants, supporting local farmers, and educating others about the importance of pollinators. Learn what else you can do to get involved at pollinator.org/pollinator-week.

# Elmvale Blood Drive

Sign up to save a life! Canadian Blood Services will be hosting a Blood Donor Clinic at the Elmvale Community Hall on Saturday, July 16, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Every donation counts. Book your appointment online at blood.ca or by phoning 1-888-2DONATE.

# **Simcoe County Bursary Awards**

The County of Simcoe is offering education bursaries of up to \$3000 to Simcoe County students attending a post-secondary institution in Ontario. Eligible applicants must reside in Simcoe County and submit an online application by July 29, 2022. For eligibility criteria and additional information, visit simcoe.ca/ StudentBursary.

Happy Summer.





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The Ontario SPCA is hosting its Veterinary Appreciation Campaign in partnership with participating SPCAs and humane societies across Ontario. To help say thank you to veterinary teams who give so much, pet parents and families are invited to nominate your pet's veterinary clinic and encourage family and friends to vote in support. The veterinary clinic with the most votes will receive a plaque and a complimentary lunch for their staff

"Join us as we thank veterinary professionals across the province who give so much to help their patients," says Brandy Hill, Manager, Ontario SPCA Barrie Animal Centre. "We encourage anyone with a pet to take the time to recognize their local veterinary professionals and show them appreciation for the work they do to keep our pets happy and healthy."

To learn more or nominate your veterinary clinic, visit vetappreciation.ca



# I LOVE NATURE - WYE MARSH

# SAVING THE ANIMALS - HOW YOU CAN HELP

by Kim Hacker, Executive Director

Here at Wye Marsh we receive a number of calls and emails each week regarding injured or orphaned birds, mammals and reptiles. Here are a few ideas that we suggest to those looking to help.

BIRDS – We get two types of calls about birds – baby birds and injured birds. In the case of a baby bird, if it has feathers, it is likely a fledgeling – a baby who is learning how to fly. In most cases, these birds should be left alone. Likely they are still being fed and cared for by the parents. Do not remove the bird from the area. If the bird does not yet have feathers, it is a nestling and likely did fall out of a nest. In this case, look around for the nest and try to put the bird back. Birds do not have a good sense of smell, and they will not reject babies that smell like humans.

In the case of an injured bird, keep it warm in a dark place, wrapped in a small blanket in a box with air holes, and call a wildlife rehabilitation centre. Wye Marsh IS NOT a rehabilitation centre – we do have some rehabilitated reptiles and raptors, but we do not have the skills or equipment to tend to injured birds – we simply provide a permanent home to those who have been rehabilitated and cannot return to the wild.

If you see an injured bird of prey (hawks, owls, eagles, falcons) or an injured swan, please do call us at Wye Marsh at 705-526-7809 as we are connected to teams who can pick up the bird and deliver it to a rehabilitation centre. Please do not bring the bird to Wye Marsh.

You can also call Shades of Hope in Pefferlaw at 705-437-4654.

MAMMALS - If you come across an immature mammal, do not think that it has been abandoned by its parents. Likely the parents are foraging in the same area but are wary of your human presence. Leave the baby and check on it occasionally from a distance.

If you find an injured mammal, be very cautious as pain and sickness can make animals aggressive. Be sure to protect yourself first. Keep all cats and dogs away from the area and call a rehabilitation centre for more advice. Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary in Rosseau takes mammals, as well as birds and reptiles, and can be reached at 705-732-6368.

REPTILES – We get a lot of calls from people who have found a snake in their house. We are not exterminators, and we cannot help in this situation, except to perhaps help you identify what type of snake you have (if you can see it well enough).

Similar to birds and mammals, the best advice if you find an injured reptile is to call a rehabilitation centre. A great resource for turtles is the Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre in Peterborough at 705-741-5000.

Sometimes the best way to help an animal is to do nothing. Although we want to help, in most cases, nature does better without our assistance.



**Council Meeting Highlights:** June 15, 2022 **Next Council Meeting:** July 6, 2022

# **Public Meeting - 2482 South Orr Lake** Rd

A Public Meeting was held regarding Zoning By-law Amendment to accommodate the construction of a single detached dwelling for year-round use on the property at 2482 South Orr Lake Road. Following the Public Meeting, Council moved forward with the approval of the Zoning By-law Amendment.

# **Draft Plan of Subdivision Application -**980 St. Vincent Street

Jonathan Godfrey of S. Godfrey Co. Limited presented a delegation to provide Council with information on a Draft Plan of Subdivision Application that will be submitted for the 42 ½ acre property at 980 St. Vincent Street. With the intent to protect and enhance the existing character of Midhurst, the draft plan calls for a small development of thirty-two estate style lots each over ½ acre in size and with at least 100 feet of lot frontage. Other proposed features include a neighbourhood park and trail around the outer 30-metre Environmental Protection area.

# **2021-2022** Council Strategic Priorities

In a delegation to Council, Township CAO Jeff Schmidt provided a progress update on the nine Strategic Priorities identified by Council in 2021 for the remainder of the 2018-2022 Term of Council. Through the presentation, CAO Schmidt advised that the Township has completed or is on track to complete most of the projects relating to each priority item. A list of the Strategic Priorities can be found on the Township's website at springwater.ca/MayorAndCouncil

# **Design of Midhurst Fire Station 2**

Council approved the preliminary design of the new Midhurst Fire Station 2 and directed staff to proceed in moving forward with issuing a tender for the ultimate construction of the facility. The design proposal includes a four-bay apparatus area, apparatus bay support and vehicle maintenance areas, administrative and training areas, and residential areas including a day room/ kitchen, fitness space and washrooms.

# **Additional Parking at Orr Lake**

Council voted to create four additional parking spaces at South Orr Lake Park with an upset limit of \$50,000 to be funded from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve. The motion included a directive to retain the existing seventeen parking spaces around Orr Lake and to install no parking signage at the lower portion of Marshall Road.

# **Advisory Committee Review**

Following a review of the Township's advisory committees, Council voted to maintain the Agricultural Advisory Committee, amalgamate the Cultural Advisory Committee and Heritage Advisory Committee, and dissolve the following Committees:

- Efficiency and Service Delivery Audit Ad Hoc Committee
- Finance and Audit Advisory Committee
- Grants Advisory Committee
- Community Broadband Advisory Committee
- Economic Development Advisory Committee
- Planning and Development Advisory Committee
- Recreation Advisory Committee

# **Award of Aggregate Production**

Duivenvoorden Haulage Ltd. was awarded the tender for aggregate production at a cost

# **MIDHURST** PHARMACY



Let's Talk About Stroke

With Pharmacist Owners Jenna Lougheed and Cal

June is Stroke awareness month. You can use the "BEFAST" acronym to help with what to watch for to recognize a stroke:

**B – Balance** (may suddenly have trouble with balance or coordination) **E – Eyes** (could experience sudden blurred, double or total loss of vision. This can

happen in one or both eyes)

- F Face (one side of the face drooping) A - Arms (experiencing weakness in one arm)
- S Speech (speech slurred, unable to speak or hard to understand)
- T Time to get help- If you notice any of these symptoms, call 911 and get the person to a hospital immediately

Additional symptoms of stroke may include: sudden confusion, numbness of the face, arms, or legs (especially on one side of the body) and sudden, severe headache.

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# Good Vibes Coffeehouse is Open on July 7 We Are Open Again in Person!



Good Vibes is an open-mic music event every Thursday night from 7 to 10 p.m. Our location is the little white schoolhouse at the corner of Mount St. Louis Road and the 4th Line of Oro Medonte. Admission is a donation of \$5.00. You can sign up to sing, play an instrument, do your poetry or comedy routine, sing along, or just listen and enjoy. An endless cup of coffee costs \$1.00 and homemade cookies and squares are 50 cents. Masks are not required. However, feel free to wear a mask if you wish. All goodies will be individually wrapped for your safety.

Best of all is the wonderful welcome you will receive. Although it is held in the little church hall, this is a secular event but you will laugh and feel the love of the wonderful folk of all ages who are

"Good Vibes Coffeehouse: Where good friends and good music come together."



of \$286,900.79, including HST. The work includes crushing and hauling aggregate materials at the Township's pit on Flos Road 10 East as well as adding fresh gravel to ten municipal roads.

# Award of Program Management of Road, Watermain and Sewer

At a cost of \$397,350.00 excluding HST, Tatham Engineering was awarded the contract to manage the 2022 program of road, watermain and sewer rehabilitation projects identified in the 2022 Capital Budget and February 2, 2022 Staff Report. The 2022 program may continue into 2023 and 2024 with the Township spending approximately \$3,000,000 each year.

This summary is not a full representation of the meeting. For the official record, please refer to the minutes in the next Council Agenda. Past Council Meetings are available for viewing on the Township's YouTube channel.

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Photo: Design of Midhurst Fire Station 2

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# **Sports** with Patrick Townes



There are now four teams in the NHL with names that do not end in an "S". This year marks the first Stanley Cup final where two of those teams have faced off against each other. Can you name the other two teams?

Toronto Maple Leafs' fans and Edmonton Oilers' fans should be feeling better at home watching these finals. They were both beat by a superior opponent. Unfortunately for the Maple Leafs, that was in the first round and that should not be used as a measuring stick for success. If the Maple Leafs lost to any other team in the first round they would be looking for a new coach and general manager right now.

As of Sunday, the Yankees are atop the overall 2022 MLB standings with a 49-17 record through 65 of 162 games. If New York's .742 win percentage holds up for the season, it would be good for a remarkable 120-42 record. After playing the Blue Jays, they are now slightly higher projected in terms of wins on their current pace.

The 2001 Seattle Mariners and 1906 Chicago Cubs share the single-season MLB record with 116 victories. The Cubs had a .763 win percentage in a 155-game season, losing just 36 games and recording three ties. The Yankees' previous best season was 114 wins in 1998 and they won the World Series that year. In baseball, 100 wins is considered a very successful season.

No team has hit more home runs -- and no team has given up fewer home runs -- than the Yankees. The Yankees are in the bottom-third of the league in strikeouts. New York is even an elite defensive team, ranking third in defensive runs saved.

The Yankees haven't simply taken advantage of an easy schedule. New York's 17-7 record against teams that have a winning record is the best in baseball. The Yankees are 13-4 in one-run games. Now, back to the Blue Jays -- they know who they will need to beat when push comes to shove in this division and they need to add a few pieces to do it. The Elmvale Curling Club held another successful golf tournament at Orr Lake Golf Club. Thank you to all the sponsors for their continued support and Jason Harris and family at Orr Lake. Stay tuned for news on next year's curling season.



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# ON THE FIELD WITH THE HILLSDALE HAYMAKERS

Written by: Taylor Shewell

On Monday, June 13th, our U9 team sponsored by Cindy Johnston Real Estate played their 4th game of the season and have come out with a 4-game winning streak. This team sure can bat, with home runs being hit by Oliver, Nicholas, Ryker, Reed, Noah, Carolynne, and Gibson. On the defensive side Tyler, Easton, Georgia, Kohen, and Logan have made some amazing outs. Coaches Toby, Chris, Laura, and Rick are extremely proud of the players and excited to see what the rest of the season has in store. Go Hillsdale Haymakers!

### **Backyard BBQ Teammate of the Week:**

Congratulations to Lauren on our U13-2 team and James on our U13-1 team for being named teammate of the week for their respective teams.

# **Next Week's Games:**

Sun June 26 –

U11-1 @ Hillsdale (park) 6:00pm, U17 @ Hillsdale (park) 7:45pm

Mon Jun 27

U9 @ Elmvale (HCES #3) 6:45pm,

U17 @ Vasey 8:30pm

Tues Jun 28

U11-2 @ Minesing (school) 6:45pm, U11-1 @ Elmvale (ECES #2) 6:45pm

Wed Jun 29 U13-1 @ Hillsdale (park) 6:45pm,

U13-2 @ Victoria Harbour (park) 6:45pm

# **GBMSL Results**

Team

U9	W	6-30
U11-1	W	16-5
U11-2	W	23-8
U13-1	W	8-26
U13-2	W	26-11
U17	W	18-1

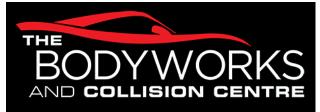
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Georgia enjoying a night of baseball.

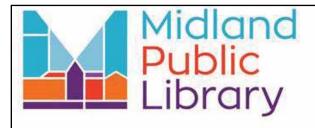
# Tyler playing the position of back catcher.





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# **Summer Afternoon Adult Movie Series**

In person

Wednesday, July 6, 2pm

Wednesday, July 20, 2pm Wednesday, August 3, 2pm

Wednesday, August 17, 2pm

Join us for an afternoon movie! Bring your own snacks. For a full list of upcoming films, visit midlandlibrary.com.

Films subject to change. Ages 15+. No registration required.

# **Local Legends: A Walking Tour**

In person

Thursday, July 21, 2pm

Thursday, August 18, 2pm

Join MPL on a walking tour of the local legends of downtown Midland. Commemorate Midland's heritage through the stories of the events, people and activities in local landmarks & historic murals. Email jpaquette@midlandlibrary.com, or visit the main desk to register.

## Flower Arranging Workshop with Georgian **Roots**

In person

Saturday, May 7, 2-3pm

Learn the floral design process using the best of the summer's bounty from Georgian Roots Flower Farm! Participants will learn about types of flowers & ways to use different sizes, textures, and colours when composing them in a vase.

Participants are required to supply their own vessel

FREE. Space is limited. Email jpaquette@ midlandlibrary.com or visit the main desk to register.

# **Adult Summer Reading Program**

Virtual

Starts June 13

Ages 18+

Log your reading to earn ballots for a chance to win our grand prize draw of a Galaxy Tab A7 Lite tablet.

Download the Beanstack app or visit midlandlibrary.com to register.

# Hybrid – French Conversation Group, offered in partnership with La Cle

Hybrid Event – In-Person or Online

Fridays, 11am-12pm

Practice your French conversation skills & meet new people in a relaxed environment. Newcomers always welcome! For more information or to receive online meeting information, contact Jenn at jpaquette@midlandlibrary.com.

# Virtual – B.Y.O.B (Bring Your Own Book) Club

Last Wednesday of Month, 7-8pm

Join friendly readers to discuss what you've been reading lately via Zoom. New members always

o Wed. July 27, 7pm – Book written by an author whose faith differs from your own

o Wed. August 31, 7pm – A book about a vacation

Email jpaquette@midlandlibrary.com to register and receive the meeting link.

Need help finding something to read? Visit the personal reading recommendations page on the MPL website.

# MP Doug Shipley Announces Over \$30,000 in Federal Funding for Local Seniors' Programs

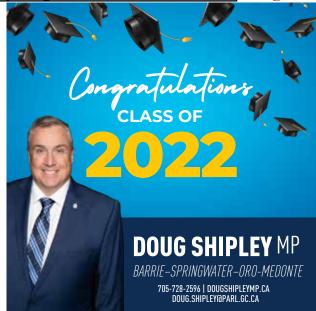
Doug Shipley, Member of Parliament for Barrie–Springwater–Oro-Medonte, announced \$34,075 in funding from the Government of Canada to support seniors' programs in the community.

This funding will support two local organizations that deliver programs which empower seniors and contributes to improving seniors' health and wellbeing. The funding was awarded under the 2021-2022 New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) community-based stream.

"I am pleased to announce this funding which will have a direct positive impact on our seniors in Barrie–Springwater–Oro-Medonte," MP Doug Shipley said. "This funding will create additional opportunities for seniors to stay active and involved in our communities and will support healthy aging. Seniors play important roles in our community and this funding will make a meaningful difference." Funding has been awarded to the Prevention of Senior Abuse Network – Simcoe County for the Reducing the Risk of Financial Abuse project, and Third Age Barrie Lifelong Learning Association for its Expanding Later Life Learning project. NHSP is a federal grants and contributions program

that supports projects led or inspired by seniors who are making a difference in the lives of others in their communities. Program funding supports community-based projects and pan-Canadian projects.

For more information, contact the office of MP Doug Shipley: Doug.Shipley@parl.gc.ca 705-728-2596









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# **HEY DADS**

HEY DADS! First of all let's take a moment to celebrate together. We just passed the most wonderful day of the year...Father's Day! The day when our wives and children pour out gifts and gratefulness in abundance for our awesome fatherliness. Or maybe make us paper ties. Or forget it was Father's Day altogether. Even if no one else remembered it was Father's Day let me congratulate and celebrate all you dads out there just dadding along. Lots of people out there are saying that dads don't matter and dads are no different than moms and nonsense like that. You do matter. You do have a super important role in your children's life. You are different from a mom.

Speaking of moms, we ran out of food in the fridge again this week so it was time to go grocery shopping. My wife, Alli, and I had one of our more romantical dates to Costco while leaving the 8 youngsters at home with their big sister. Just my lady and I and a great big empty grocery cart. Once we got past the membership card-checking guy our date night really started picking up speed. I told Alli she could start shopping while I wandered away on my own to get her a fruit smoothie and perhaps a slice of pizza for myself. As I sat there alone eating my pizza and sipping my own fruit smoothie I was able to participate in some good old-fashioned people watching. Lots of people to watch at Costco on our date tonight.

A family of four sat down near me with their own super-sized Costco pizza. I was pleased to see one of the little girls, maybe 3 years old, passing out napkins to her family. Often it seems the kiddos are just staring at an iparent, whoops, I mean iphone,

while mom and dad do all the work. But not in this family. The girls were helping mom and dad with this meal. The next thing that happened really surprised me. I can't remember the last time I witnessed an event like this in public. Mom, dad, and the two little girls all bowed their heads to pray while dad gave thanks for their Costco pizza. I almost choked on a strawberry.

It was an inspiring thing to witness. Gratefulness seems to be in short supply these days and people praying before their meal in public in even shorter supply! Lots of thoughts ran through my head. I thought about what a great example this dad was setting for his family. I thought about the times I didn't pray with my family in a restaurant because I worried about what people would think. I thought about the great need in the world for more dads to pray with their families. I thought this dad deserved a reward. I thought I should pay for their pizza. Then I thought that would be kind of awkward.

Instead I walked by their table and passed a 20 dollar bill to one of the little girls. She was probably 6 or 7. I told her she had a really great dad and she should use that money to buy him something really awesome for Father's Day. The little girl said thankyou and I went on my way searching for my date to deliver her almost-melted smoothie. Dad, you've got what it takes. Time flies. Make every moment count!

Jason Weening spends most of his money at Costco buying groceries for his nine kids and one wife. For more Father's Day follies check out heydads.ca.



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# Chalk the Block

The first week of July drop by the any branch of Springwater Library during open hours and help us make our sidewalk a bright and beautiful entryway for everyone!

# **Summer Reading Program Registration NOW OPEN**

We've got a "how to guide" on our Youtube channel that explains how to register for the Summer Reading Program at Readsquared. Search, "Springwater Library" and you'll find us at Youtube. Free mini golf, treats, a noise making light saber are just some of the prizes coming your. Disclaimer: prizes vary depending on branch location.

## Take & Make Crafts with Kaitlyn

June's take and make kit is a cute little pom pom turtle. While supplies last starting Friday June 24.

# **Rock Painting**

Kick off your summer with colour and come by the library to paint a fun, decorative rock! Time: 3:30pm Tuesday June 28 at Elmvale and Midhurst Branches.

# Elmvale Sci Fi Festival Craft

While marveling at the amazing costumes at the annual Elmvale Sci Fi Festival, drop by the Elmvale Library and make a free rocket! Saturday July 2, 10am-3pm.

# Fridays in July

Beat the heat at the Farmer's Market in Elmvale and the outside humidity at the Midhurst Branch, pop into the library for an amazing weekly craft.

# Saturdays in July

At our drop in Lego program at Midhurst and Elmvale branches, 10am-12noon we will have a new weekly theme/challenge for you to build. Fill out a ballot to enter a draw for a small prize.

# **Storywalk in Stone Manor Park**

Literacy and exercise go hand in hand at this week long event. Visit the park and travel through the story at a time that suits you best! Monday July 4 – Friday July 15.

# **Salt Dough Creation**

Ages 4+ join us at the library to make a FREE and unique work of art! Thursday July 7, 5pm-6:30pm Elmvale and Midhurst Branch. Registration required.

# **Messy Craft Day**

Ages 5+ get ready to get messy on Tuesday July 12, 11am-12pm at Midhurst Branch (also running Friday August 19 at Elmvale Branch). You will make a couple of unique crafts and play a crazy shower cap shaving cream popcorn toss game! Registration required.

# **Endless Fidget Cube**

Ages 7+ sign up and make an endless fidget cube. Friday July 15, 2pm at Elmvale Branch. Registration required.

# **Encaustic Painting Demonstration**

We are hosting Thornbury artist, Deborah Masters who will create an encaustic painting of a piping plover. Watch and learn some techniques and tricks of the trade to painting with hot wax. Thursday July 21, 6:30pm via Zoom. Registration required.



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# GBGH opens Prenatal Clinic to enhance obstetrical services for the community

(GBGH) is opening a Prenatal Clinic on June 20, 2022 to provide high quality, standardized care closer to home for pregnant women in the North Simcoe community it serves. The clinic, which will operate weekly at GBGH, will be available to women in our community with or without a primary care provider to ensure all have access to comprehensive prenatal care.

Dr. Chevy (Jan) Moreau, who joined GBGH last fall as the Chief of Obstetrics, has been a dedicated proponent of adding this service to the Birthing program at the hospital.

"Through the establishment of the Prenatal Clinic, GBGH will be able to provide continuity of care to patients from the first trimester all the way to their delivery," says Dr. Moreau, obstetrician-gynecologist and chief of Obstetrics, GBGH. "In addition to providing prenatal care, the clinic also offers an opportunity for patients to meet the obstetrical team, tour the Birthing unit and have ongoing follow-up appointments with direct access to the hospital's Diagnostic Imaging and Lab services."

The clinic, which will operate on Monday mornings, will be staffed by GBGH's team of highly skilled nurses and obstetrical physicians, including several local family physicians who perform deliveries at the hospital in addition to Dr. Moreau. Located in the Ambulatory Care department for the clinic's initial

months of operation, there are plans to eventually relocate the service to the Birthing Unit.

Patients with a primary care provider can be referred to the clinic through their provider's office, likely around 12 – 14 weeks gestation. Women without a primary care provider can self-refer at any time via an online form on GBGH's website: https://gbgh.on.ca/programs-and-services/obstetrical-unit/prenatal-clinic/

"GBGH strives to always align the services we provide with the needs of our community," says Dr. Vikram Ralhan, chief of staff and emergency physician, GBGH. "By opening this clinic, GBGH will offer routine prenatal care close to home and ideally, encourage more women to remain within our community to have their babies. GBGH has worked diligently over the past five years to grow a comprehensive Birthing program and our goal is to continue that growth."

Annually, there are approximately 300 births that occur from GBGH's catchment area of Midland, Penetanguishene, Christian Island and the Townships of Tay, Tiny, Georgian Bay (south) and Springwater (north). Between April 1, 2021 and March 31, 2022, there were

138 births at GBGH indicating there is a significant number of women travelling outside this area for birthing services. It is estimated that 90 per cent

**Photo to Right:** Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) is opening a Prenatal Clinic to add comprehensive prenatal care to its growing Birthing program. Dr. Chevy Moreau (pictured with

patient Laura Leboeuf), GBGH's chief of Obstetrics and an obstetrician-gynecologist, has been a dedicated proponent of the service which will provide continuity of care for patients from their first trimester all the way to delivery.

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of births from our catchment area occurring in other hospitals within our region could have been completed at GBGH.



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# The petition ends June 30th.

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Join our cross-Canada campaign to save this water for future generations.



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# **Jo Knows Nutrition**



# Sesame Green Beans

Embrace a new way of preparing farm fresh green beans. The sesame oil adds an exotic depth of flavour to the garlic, onions and sprinkling of toasted sesame seeds. Keep this recipe in mind as greens beans

are harvested in your backyard or found at your local grocery store or farmer's market this summer.



### Did You Know?

Green beans are a fantastic source of folate, fibre and vitamins K, A and C. In addition, the sesame oil and sesame seeds in this recipe are both rich in goodfor-you fats and powerful antioxidants.

### **INGREDIENTS**

- 3 pounds (1.36 kg) fresh green beans, washed and trimmed
- 1 1/2 tablespoon (23 ml) sesame oil
- 1 1/2 tablespoon (23 ml) vegetable oil
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 4 garlic cloves, minced or 1 teaspoon (5 ml) garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) salt
- 1/2 teaspoon (2.5 ml) pepper
- 2 tablespoons (30 ml) sesame seeds, toasted

- 1. Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Add the green beans and cook, uncovered for 7-10 minutes or until
- 2. In a large frying pan, heat the sesame and vegetables oils over medium heat. Add the chopped onion, garlic, salt and pepper. Cook, stirring often for 2-4 minutes until tender.
- 3. Drain the green beans and add them to the onion mixture in the frying pan. Sprinkle with the sesame seeds. Serve immediately or at room temperature.

# **ENJOY!**



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# Your Community News ANTEN MILLS by Dennis Gannon

Summer officially arrived on Tuesday morning at 5:13 am just shortly before sunrise. Summer has two dates when it arrives. Meteorologists use the first day of June for their forecasting. Astronomical summer begins at summer solstice which is the longest day of the year. For us the number of hours of sunlight on June 21 is 15hours and 32.04 seconds. On June 22 we start to see the days get shorter, fortunately by not a lot until the fall equinox on September 22. There has been some very unsettling weather this past Spring which fortunately we have been spared the brunt of. We did have some heavy rains recently where over 1 inch was measured in 24 hours and this past weekend has been extremely windy. Let's hope that we have a nice warm summer with few weather events to be concerned with.

The Sunday morning kids pickup softball at the community park has started off well this season. Over a dozen kids have been showing up and according to the organizers, there was one recent week where there were

enough players to have 2 complete teams. Sunday morning softball starts at 11am and kids 9 to 12 are encouraged to come out and have some fun. This isn't about competition but having fun so don't be concerned about your skills. Parents are also welcome to come and assist. A big thanks to the organizers for starting this activity for the season.

As a community we have had plenty of different activities over the years. For almost 25 years now there has been a Santa Claus parade and a Tree Lighting ceremony. There has been Easter Eggstravaganza for almost 10 years along with family fun days and Friday movie nights. Last year in celebration of the



50th anniversary of the Anten Mills Community Recreation Association a successful local Artisans and Crafters outdoor market was held. The event highlighted what we knew, there are many talented residents who create and make wonderful products. As we move ahead this year input is needed from you the community on what you would like to see and participate in. To do this and be successful a brainstorming session is planned for Wednesday June 29 under the pavilion at the community centre starting at 7pm. Everyone from the community is invited and every suggestion will be considered. Plan now on attending even if for a few minutes as your opinions are valued and appreciated. In case you

forget, a post will be on the Anten Mills Community Facebook page. The SWIFT high speed internet project

is slowly making its way through the community. More information will be sought for the next edition of the paper. The school year comes to a close next week. While certainly better than the past several years, it was still a challenge for our students and their families. Whether you are graduating from SK, Grade 8, Grade 12, College or University we as a community congratulate you and wish you all the best for your future. We are proud of your accomplishments. Remember the community message board is available for congratulatory messages of all types and the contact information is

Next Friday, July 1 is Canada Day. We take the day to celebrate this wonderful country we call home. Canada will be 155 years old that day. It is important that we don't think of it as simply a holiday. There is very much to be grateful for and it must be celebrated accordingly.

antenmillssign@gmail.com.

If you don't have a National Flag, go and get one and fly it proudly that day and every day. Decorate your home and yard and show your pride in our country. Springwater has no official celebrations planned that day and regrettably there are none in our community. Spend the day with family and friends and check other local communities and see if there are fireworks to finish the night. If you decide to have fireworks, take all the precautions necessary to ensure the display is safe for everyone. Happy 155th Birthday Canada, my family is happy to call this our home

That's all for this week, Thanks for reading and Be Well.









Dear Friends,

At the time of writing this update, the first session of the 44th Parliament is nearing an end. It will resume in September, with much more work to be done. It is a good time therefore to reflect on the issues facing Simcoe North, across Canada and the rest of the world.

Nationally, affordability and inflation are significant concerns.

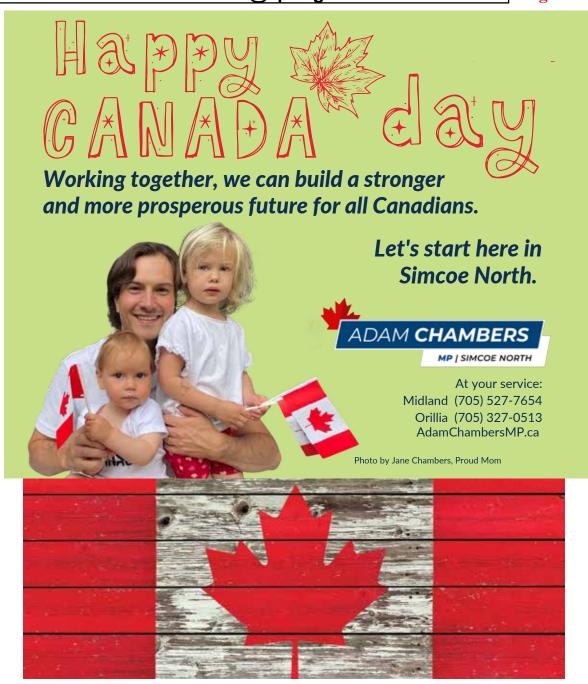
Inflation hurts everyone, especially the most vulnerable and those whose wages will not keep up with the cost of living. It acts like another tax, causing our dollars to purchase less and less. Higher gas prices and higher prices overall have meant greater tax revenues for the government. I have asked the government to return some of these windfall revenues to Canadians in the form of GST cuts, tax rebates or tax holidays, especially on gasoline and diesel. Since these extra government revenues come from Canadians, I think it is time for the government to give Canadians a break.

Of course, supply chain issues relating to COVID and the war are responsible for some of the inflation we see, but so too have been soaring housing prices and excess government spending. Before the budget, experts warned the government that additional spending would create more inflationary pressure. This is why I criticized the most recent budget for increasing government spending 25% annually over pre-pandemic levels.

Instead of making tough decisions on which programs Canadians can afford during the post-pandemic recovery, the Government has said YES to everything and taken on even more debt. This is not sustainable. We must show restraint in certain areas so that we have the funds to spend on the areas that are most important (healthcare, social transfers, support for families and seniors and defense).

My role as M.P. has taught me a lot in my first 8 months. I wake up every morning excited to serve constituents of Simcoe North and know there is a lot of work still to do and more to learn. I look forward to seeing you all over the summer recess as we get back to reengaging with our communities. Have fun, be patient with each other and support our local businesses.

Adam Chambers MP Simcoe North





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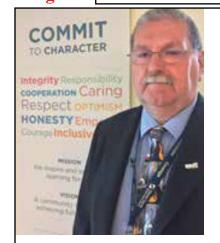
# "BLOOMZIN" in Springwater"

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# **YOUR SUPPORT**

For the past 16 years, I have been your elected Simcoe County District School Board Trustee representing Springwater and Oro-Medonte Townships. After a lot of thought, I have made the difficult decision not to seek re-election in this falls Municipal Election.

During my time, I have worked with so many amazing Educators,

Board Staff, Community Members and Municipal Councillors, for which I am grateful. I learned a lot from these incredibly dedicated people. My 5 years as Chair of the Board and 3 years as Vice-Chair has allowed me to visit so many schools across our county.

I have done my best to work hard for the students and families and while I was not able to find solutions to every issue or concern, I am grateful for what I have accomplished. I was able to help many families navigate the education system. I was successful in getting a major addition/renovation to Elmvale District High School, additions to Huronia Centennial Elementary, working to improve the Elementary School Music Programs, being part of the decision to install Defibrillators in all of our schools, and a more equitable French Immersion Program were just some of them. There are two new schools approved for Oro-Medonte, one in Horseshoe Valley and another in Shanty Bay. These will be essential in supporting the local families and communities. I am extremely grateful to have had this wonderful opportunity to support students and to make their educational experience the best it can be. I want to say **Thank You** for your support during my 4 terms in public office.

Peter Beacock



# Bearbells and Beagles by Leslie Noonan



The Ganaraska has a side trail that starts right here in our own backyard. Starting from the bridge at the Wye Marsh in Midland, the trail follows the Tay trail before crossing highway 12 and following the old CNR rail line. I used this trail as my training for the main event. Hefting my pack I followed this trail until the

gorgeous Copeland forest. The route is typical for the Ganaraska trail; rail trails, country roads and little used bush paths. It is important to note that often the trail will be following a well-used trail, then veer off abruptly into dense bush with little visible trail. Often I would be blissfully hiking along until I noticed that my white blazes had disappeared. There is nothing



more annoying than having to backtrack to find the proper trail; except black flies and mosquitoes, they are definitely more annoying. This trial run made me aware of how much I may have overestimated my ability to travel long distances. Without my pack it was usual for me to do a four hour hike of 18-20 km. This would be over rough terrain and with a lot of different elevations. That changes, drastically, once you throw on a pack weighing close to 40-50 lbs. Basically, it would take me twice the time to go the same length. I was now wondering if I could really do a 500 km solo hike. As a last trial, I again hefted

that pack and did another side trail, from Wasaga Beach to the Tiny rail trail into Penetanguishene. I consider this the easiest of the trail, as it is a clear path along the rail trail. It is also where I have one



of my most horrible memories. As I was coming to Balm Beach road in Perkinsfield, a beautiful cat was drinking from a puddle next to the road. My bear bells startled the poor fella, and he ran into the road and was hit by a car. I was devastated, especially when the car didn't stop. I now hold and silence my bells whenever I am nearing a village, or see any animals on the trail. Lessons learned too late. Finally I embarked on the last side trail with my daughter Lauren and her partner Ryan. This was a real test of my ability. The Devil's lake side trail is about a 10km return trip wilderness trail near Moores Falls. It requires hikers to traverse down a small cliff face and then onto a challenging route through the Canadian shield and multiple marshes. It was on the return that I became ill, very ill. I began to feel nauseous, with a headache and vertigo. I was well hydrated, but unable to walk straight. Ryan took my pack, hoping that would help, but it didnt'. By the time we returned to the car I was unable to walk unaided. I was delirious. On the drive home I eventually came around, but was lost as to why I had such severe symptoms of what seemed like heat stroke. The answer would come to me once I headed out on my own on the trail a week later. I was going to do this...I was going to do a 500 km hike on my own.



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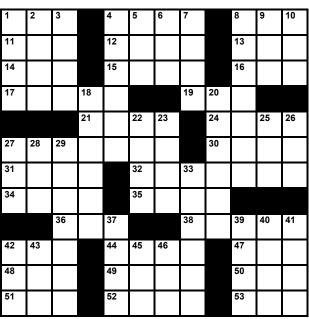
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# **About the Municipal Election**

Voting Day is Monday, October 24, 2022. Nomination for candidates for the 2022 Municipal Election opens on Monday, May 2, 2022. The Nomination Period closes on Friday, August 19, 2022 at 2 p.m.





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# CHECKING IN@PPL News & Events at the

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# Gentle Yoga

When: July 5-26 What time: 10-11 a.m. Cost \$40.00 Library Membership not required.

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# Community **Events**

# **ONGOING EVENTS:**

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Midland Bridge Club 12:45 pm - 4 pm

Tues.: Duplicate Bridge, Wed,. Learn to Play Bridge and Thurs.: Duplicate Bridge

Coffee Parties Centre Flos Women's Institute on each last Thursday of the month at Heritage Park from 9:30 am to 11 am on June 30, July 28 and August 25

### **Centre Flos WI Coffee Parties**

At Heritage Park this summer. They will be held on the last Thursday of the month - June 30, July 28, and August 25 - from 9:30 am to 11 am. All are welcome!

# **Good Vibes**

# Every Thursday night from 7 to 10 p.m.

An open-mic music event Our location is the little white schoolhouse at the corner of Mount St. Louis Road and the 4th Line of Oro Medonte. Admission is a donation of \$5.00.

# **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

# **JUNE**

June 25 & 26 8AM-5PM **Barrie Hill Farms - Strawberry Festival** 2935 Barrie Hill Road

Last wagon leaves to our picking fields at 4:30PM. Kerry, the magician, will be preforming around the farm from 10AM-2PM on both days. We will have the students from Bravura House Music Academy from 11AM-1:30PM on Saturday. Local artist, Eric Kidd, will be back and will be preforming from 10AM-2PM on Sunday.

# **JULY**

# Friday July 1st 8AM-5PM **Barrie Hill Farms - CANADA DAY Weekend**

From 10AM-2PM we will have live music, by local musician Eric Kidd, and Kerry, from Kerry's Party Magic, will be here preforming up close magic.

Last wagon leaves to our picking fields at 4:30PM!

# Sat. July 9 10 am - 3 pm

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# Ask a Therapist: On Anxious Teens

**Q:** My teenage daughter is struggling with anxiety and I don't know how to help her. What can I do?

**A:** It is tough to watch someone you love struggle with mental health concerns and normal as a parent to want to help in some way. Here are some thoughts to consider as you seek to understand and offer support:



Take their distress seriously. Kim John Payne in his book, Simplicity Parenting: Using the Extraordinary Power of Less to Raise Calmer, Happier, and More Secure Kids, explores the idea of "soul fever". Soul fever refers to a time when a teen's mental or emotional reactions are indicative of another root problem and the "fever" is letting parents know that they are trying to work it through. When our children have a physical fever, we slow things down, rest, drink lots of water, cozy up in soothing pajamas and blankets, and clear the calendar to make room for healing. So many of these same principles apply when dealing with emotional or mental ill health. Think about how you can respond to your teen with compassion and understanding that they are hurting and in need of healing.

Don't unintentionally dismiss their experience with insensitivity. Saying "calm down" or this is "too much" can be hurtful because it demonstrates a lack of empathy for the struggle they are having at the anxious moment. It's not that easy for them to do something else or they likely would already be regulating themselves with a greater degree of success. Try to keep yourself calm and grounded and create space to listen and allow the big emotions to emerge. Responding with simple affirmations and encouragers indicating that you are present and there for them is the best way to help them let the emotions take their course. The intensity will pass for both of you if you can weather the storm together. Remember that no feeling is final. The activated anxiety will not

persist forever and once it passes there will be more opportunity for rational and clarifying discussion but don't rush to try to reason with someone who is in emotional distress.

Learn how to model and support self soothingbehaviours. When the nervous system is activated with stress it hijacks optimal functioning in favour of survival mode so it is important to help your body return to safety through calming interventions. Self-soothing creates calm in the body by changing something tangible and activating the senses to help you feel more grounded. Some examples include moving to a different environment (a quieter room, going outdoors) to reduce overstimulation or to change the view. Moving the body with some stretches or a short walk can help to move anxious energy in a different direction towards more balance. Consider changing the body's temperature with a hot bath or a cold compress. Listen to music that will shift your mood or take in the aroma of an essential oil or a cup of tea. Shift the tone of your voice and the content of your self-talk to something less critical and more compassionate. Practice controlled deep breathing to communicate to your system that you are safe in the moment. Encouraging and practicing healthy self-soothing strategies can be a great way to support an anxious teen.

Take care of yourself. Parenting is not for the faint of heart! Parents need to have good self-care and emotional reserves to draw from if they wish to help their teens through tough things. While it is always a good idea for teens who are struggling with anxiety to have professional counselling support, it is also important for parents to acknowledge their own emotional needs in that caregiver role as well and reach out for support as needed. There are lots of ways that parents can manage their own stressors and energy levels to continue to be a stable presence in the lives of their children and a therapist might be able to help you with navigating your own thoughts and feelings and developing a personal self-care plan that will sustain you as you care for your teen.

Covey Wellness Centre is located at 12 B Stone Street (behind Elmvale Dental Care) and our wellness bookshop is open to the public every day except Sundays. Please visit CoveyWellnessCentre. com and submit the form on our Contact page to book an appointment or to inquire about our products and services. Be sure to follow us on Instagram (and Facebook) @coveywellnesscentre for the latest updates!

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# Buck & Doe

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# Nearby Gems: The Beaches of Tiny Township



For those wanting less hustle and bustle and more calm and seclusion, the beaches of Tiny Township may be what you are looking for in a family getaway. Although also located on Georgian Bay, these five beaches and their surrounding communities offer a very different experience from that of Wasaga.

Woodland Beach, located at 2020 Tiny Beaches Road South, is more of a rocky and pebbly beach than a sandy one which makes it the most unique of the five beaches and a great spot for those looking to add to their sea glass collection. The waters are usually calm in this part of the bay and are, therefore, great for beginning swimmers. The shaded picnic area, new fishing pier and boardwalk make it an excellent spot for family gatherings. If you find yourself short of food or supplies, it's only a short walk to the local Foodmart. Washrooms and porta potties as well as garbage and recycling bins are added bonuses. Permit as well as pay and display parking are available.

Lafontaine Beach is a small, less frequented beach that offers soft sand and beautiful sunsets. Additional highlights of this beach are its playground, picnic tables and covered shelter. For those wanting their creature comforts this may not be the beach for you as only porta potties are available. Garbage and recycling bins are on site and both permit and pay and display parking are available. This beach is located at 775 Lafontaine Road West.

Balm Beach is definitely the most well known and therefore most busy of the five beaches although nothing close to Wasaga levels. This small, sandy beach, located in a cove within the larger bay, offers calm, shallow waters that deepen gradually. Many local amenities such as restaurants, ice cream parlours, convenience stores and arcades make this spot especially fun for families. Picnic tables, washrooms, porta potties and a playground also make it an attractive spot for a day trip. Garbage and recycling bins abound. Parking is by permit or pay and display. To get here, travel to 18 Tiny Beaches Road North.

Thanks to the presence of a boat launch, Jackson Park and Beach, found at 1 Marina Road, sees almost as much action as Balm Beach. The large parkland, playground and picnic table availability make this the perfect spot for a family picnic. Along with the usual strand of beachfront, a smaller, shallower and oftentimes much warmer pool has been created thanks to he presence of a large sandbar. This area is especially fabulous for babies and toddlers as well as those wanting a pleasant soak in the sun. This locale also offers washrooms, porta potties, garbage and recycling bins and permit and pay and display parking on site.

Last but not least, is the elusive **Bluewater Beach**. As parking is only available to residents of Tiny Township who have purchased a permit, this beautiful beach is extremely hard to access. Such a shame as the sand dunes and conservation area featuring a lovely boardwalk are truly a stunning site to behold, especially at sunset. Should you have a friend or family member

fortunate enough to live within walking distance of this mix of pebbles and sand beach, it is dog friendly and porta potties as well as garbage and recycling bins can be easily accessed.

Tiny Beaches will leave a big impression and are definitely worth investigating with friends and family this summer.

# **SPIRITUAL**

# **Rosie's Devotions**

by Rosemary Hagedorn



# The Visitation

The symptoms of vascular dementia include memory loss, confusion, and difficulties with thinking, problem-solving, or language that are serious enough to interfere with daily life. These symptoms occur when the brain

is damaged because of problems with the supply of blood to the brain, usually from a stroke or series of strokes. While the strokes may be unnoticeable and small, the damage can add up over time. Vascular dementia is the second most common form of dementia after Alzheimer's disease.

A few years ago, my husband was diagnosed with vascular dementia after he suffered a stroke during surgery on the carotid artery. He had good days and sometimes not-so-good days. He had problems with calendar days and time. Sometimes, a name or word that he clearly saw in his mind couldn't come out of his mouth. His long-term memory is good; it's the short-term memory that he has problems with.

My husband and I visited his brother and one of our dear friends with this debilitating disease before my husband became a resident himself of a Long Term Care Home. I remember our friend being tied into a recliner, due to uncontrolled outbursts and wandering. He was sitting in front of the nurse's station, since he was in a much better mood amongst the hustle and bustle of nurses, doctors, and visitors passing by than being alone in his room. He didn't recognize us. At one point, he thought that I was his wife because he said, "Let's go home," as he was looking at me. I remember him as a strong, robust man, who now was dwindling down to a frail individual, not knowing where or who he was because of this disease.

# We look at the outside of the person, but God sees what is inside.

Psalm 139:1-2,7-10 – O Lord, You have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thought from afar. Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the dawn, if I dwell in the remotest part of the sea, even there Your hand will lead me, and Your right hand will lay hold of me. (NASB)

Are you a caretaker for a loved one who has been diagnosed with dementia or Alzheimer's, and find yourself frustrated, angry, or feeling sorry for yourself? Remember, God created each and every one of us. Don't despair; He is walking beside our loved ones in Christ, until the time that He decides to call them home to a place where they will be whole again

**Revelation 21:4** – He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away. (NASB)

**Prayer:** Almighty and loving God, we thank You that You are with us even though we do not see it. We thank You for nursing homes, assisted living places, palliative care units, doctors, nurses, and personal support workers who help us when our loved ones contract debilitating diseases. We ask You to guide and grant knowledge to the researchers, that they may come up with a cure and new ways to make patients more comfortable as they reside in these homes. Grant the caretakers patience and strength. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.







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A recording of these sessions is also available for public viewing on the County's YouTube channel.
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# **Seniors Month**

June is Seniors Month, and 2022 marks the 38th annual Seniors Month in Ontario. The theme for Senior's Month in Ontario this year is "Stay Active, Connected, and Safe". It is a time when we recognize our amazing older adults and the contributions they have made in communities across Ontario. We are also focusing on programs and services that meet the immediate needs of our seniors so that they remain safe, healthy and engaged, and are able to live their lives to the fullest through the COVID-19 Pandemic and beyond

On May 24, 2022, Council received a report highlighting seniors as the architects of our world; our teachers, inventors, activists, veterans, and friends. Throughout June, the County will host activities in a safe way to celebrate the many ways in which seniors



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continue to support and enrich our communities through volunteerism, mentorship, fellowship and friendship, and living life to the fullest it can be.

Social and Community Services Hub Development - City of Orillia

The proposed multi-use development includes 130 mixed affordable residential units designed for seniors, families, and individuals. The development also proposes to include a number of community services, primarily on the ground level. Ground floor resources and supports through County of Simcoe services include Ontario Works, Children and Community Services, and Social Housing offices. These services will be available as key components of the proposed campus-style development. The on-site service hub setting also presents partnership opportunities with



community agencies to work directly with building residents, as well as community residents.

On May 24, 2022, Council received an update on the County Orillia Campus project. County staff has met with the community agencies that had ex-pressed interest in participating in the County's Orillia hub development. Confirmed participating agencies to date include a licensed child care provider West Ridge Early Education Centre, EarlyON Child and Family Centre – Simcoe North, and Simcoe Muskoka Family Connexions, in addition to an Ontario Works, Children Services, and Social Housing satellite office. Erosion control and fencing is installed, site alteration for the construction of storm water management is complete, and the construction phase of the development has begun. The masons and electricians have started installing the masonry walls, temporary power, as well as electrical rough-in works. Over the upcoming months, the footings and foundation will be completed, and the above ground structure will begin to take shape.

Municipal Comprehensive Review Project (MCR) Update and the Scheduling of a Public Open House and Statutory Public Meeting for a County Official Plan Amendment

The MCR will help shape the growth of Simcoe County and our communi-ties for the next 30 years. Through the Ontario Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, the County is mandated by the Province to plan for a population of 555,000 and 198,000 jobs by 2051. This is determined at the Provincial level based on population and economic forecasting.

Over the past two months, County Planning Staff along with the MCR pro-ject consultants attended individual meetings with local municipal staff, mayors and deputy mayors that requested additional opportunities to discuss growth management and recommendations produced to date in relation to their local municipality.

On May 24, 2022, Council received a report outlining County plans to host a virtual Open House on June 21, between 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. and a Public Meeting on June 28 at 10 a.m. To find out how residents can participate, more information is

available at https://www.simcoe.ca/dpt/pln/public-meetings.

**Engine 1531 and Caboose Donation** 



In 2008, the City of Barrie and Count

y of Simcoe entered into an agreement to relocate Engine 1531, tender and caboose to the Simcoe County Museum grounds on a temporary loan. The loan agreement included a project to complete a cosmetic restoration of these pieces, led by museum staff and volunteers, and funded by the City of Barrie. Some abatement work on the artifacts was completed in 2010. No further work has been undertaken on these artifacts since that time, as funding was not available from the City.

In December 2021, City of Barrie Council approved a recommendation to donate these artifacts to Simcoe County Museum, with a funding commitment up to \$319,000 to assist the County in completing the appropriate restoration over a three-year period.

On June 14, 2022, given the significance of railway history in Simcoe County, and the unique features of these artifacts, Council approved staff's recommendation to accept the engine, tender and caboose as part of the Museum collection, and begin work on the cosmetic restoration in 2023.

The Guesthouse Shelter (Nathan Sykes, Chief Executive Officer, The Guesthouse Shelter and Rob Walton, Board President, The Guesthouse Shelter)

On May 24, 2022, the Guesthouse Shelter gave a presentation to Committee of the Whole about the state of regional homelessness and the work of the Guesthouse to provide food and shelter in a safe environment for those in need within North Simcoe. Since 2003, the Guesthouse has grown to almost 500 volunteers and opened a permanent shelter in Midland.

Throughout COVID-19, the Guesthouse provided shelter capacity for be-tween 18 and 60+ homeless individuals per night, as well as community meal program and homelessness prevention services.

As part of the presentation, the Guesthouse Shelter requested that the County of Simcoe provide a grant to clear long-standing capital debt so that the Guesthouse may redirect those payments to the evergrowing need for emergency shelter in North Simcoe.

# **Obituaries**



ROWAT, P Daniel "Gummy" 1956- 2022

Passed away suddenly on Monday, June 6th, 2022, at his favourite cottage on the Severn River. Dan "Gummy" Rowat was born on Jan 3, 1956 and was the New Years Baby that year.

He is survived by his sons Joshua (Kathleen) Smith of Edmonton, Ab, Jesse (Jenna Cybulski) Smith of Barrie, On and Gregory (Sarah Neville) Rowat of Ottawa, On.

Dan was predeceased by his father Paul "Gummy" Rowat in 2011 and is survived by his mother Joan (Robertson) Rowat. He is survived by his siblings Diane Rowat-Walton and David (Joni) Rowat. He is also survived by his aunts Shirley Townsend and Verna Rowat and many cousins on both the Rowat and Robertson side of the family. Dan was a loving grandfather to Leo and Luna and a wonderful uncle to Brad (Tammi), Amy (Greg), Shelley (Lorne), Debbie (Jose) and Jason. Dan was an exceptional hockey and baseball player. Over the years, he played on many awardwinning teams and was captain of the Barrie Colts. He enjoyed the outdoors and spent many years camping in Meaford with Patty, Gummy Sr, Dave and many long-term friends. He loved fishing and always looked forward to his annual fall fishing trips with the Elmvale boys.

Cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Life is planned for July 23, 2022 at the Elmvale Legion (upstairs) from 1-4pm. Please join Dan's family and friends to celebrate the life of an Elmvale boy who proudly bore the nickname "Gummy or Gummy Jr.". We know there are lots of stories to be told.

If desired, memorial donations can be made to the Elmvale Food Bank, the ALS Society, the Heart and Stroke Foundation or Hospice Simcoe.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to www.lynnstonefuneralhome.com



SEILI, Karen Lynne (nee Latronico)

Died peacefully at Campbell House Hospice, Collingwood with her loving husband by her side on Monday, June 13, 2022 in her 57th year. Karen Seili of Wasaga Beach, was the beloved wife of Jim for over 37 years.

Loving mother of Jeff (Marianna), Kerry (David) and Jamie. Very proud grandma of Lexi, Sophie and Kaleb. Dear sister of Marilyn, the late James, the late Bruce and sister-in-law of Joe (Debbie), Jane (Larry) and Jeff. Fondly remembered by her nieces, nephews, extended family, many friends and colleagues. Karen was a hard-worker and spent over 20 years working at Tim Hortons in Wasaga Beach. Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, donations in Karen's memory to My Friend's House, Collingwood or the Hospice Georgian Triangle for Campbell House would be appreciated by the family.

To leave a message of condolence or to sign Karen's Book of Memories, please visit www. carruthersdavidson.com

# **In Memory**

LOFTUS, Bernard – June 24, 1994

As time unfolds another year
Memories keep you ever near.
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# **Jones Family Reunion**

Descendants of Henry and Martha Jones

Sunday, July 10, 2022

12:00 worship service at Vasey Cemetery, including dedication of a park bench in honour of our Jones forebears.

1:00 pot luck picnic at Vasey Park (bring a lawn chair)

111 years of celebrating our Jones heritage, our first reunion was in 1911 Web: 1930s.com/jones

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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# **Springwater Fire Battles Blaze at Anne Street Airport**



Just after 1:00 a.m. on June 14, 2022, Springwater Fire & Emergency Services were called to a report of a structure fire in the area of Wilson Drive and Sunnidale Road.

As firefighters searched the area, heavy fire was observed at the Springwater (Barrie Airpark) Aerodrome located on Anne Street North. Fire crews arrived on scene to three large commercial trailers on fire in the field at the back of the property. Crews began an aggressive attack of the quickly spreading fire, with additional tankers dispatched to assist with fire suppression.



It took twenty firefighters to stop the fire from spreading to sixteen other trailers on the site. The fire took 1.5 hours to get under control. Heavy machinery was brought in to pull apart the trailers to extinguish the remaining hot spots.

"Thank you to our team of dedicated trained firefighters who managed to work through the night to bring the blaze under control," said Deputy Fire Chief Jeff French. "Also, thank you to our Public Works Department for assisting us with heavy machinery."

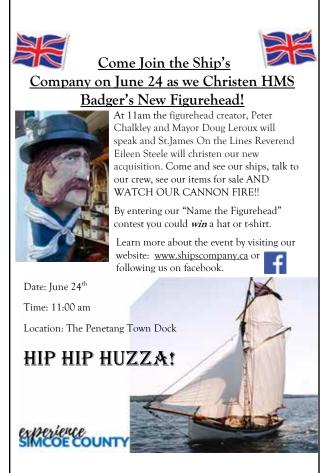
The cause of the fire remains under investigation and is being deemed suspicious. There were no injuries and damage is estimated at \$150,000.

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# Views from the Cottage by Melanie Martyn



STRAWBERRY FIELDS... FOREVER

We have sooo much garbage! In our sheds, garage, backyard, basement, and sometimes, in our minds. A lifetime of accumulating, whether it be the latest electronics, time-saving gadgets, tools, clothing for every season, furnishings and don't forget

gifts from every birthday, Christmas, Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduation, anniversary, etc. etc. I don't dare get into the 'mind baggage' LOL

This week I purged, and it felt really, really, good as I donated to the Restore, gave away clothes to the Salvation Army and handed over the few collectibles I had, to any of my adult children that would have them without the 'sigh'. The sigh that says my idea of 'collectible' was not exactly in sync with their view of 'time capsule precious' LOL. As a matter of fact, I recall on one of my latest visits, seeing my 1960's Barbie (with bendable legs!) floating face down in the tub. Thankfully, I'd taken the St. Johns Ambulance First Aid and CPR courses and saved Ken from a lot of heartache!

As I was driving to the dump to rid myself of the 'no

use to anyone' refuse, I passed a U-Pick strawberry patch. Note to self, must make jam. On the way back I stopped in, counted the little bit of cash I never carry anymore and decided I could fill two four-litre baskets before my back complained grievously. The idea of raised beds (about four feet high) came to mind but no such luck here.

As I stooped and foraged my way up the straw-strewn paths, I felt an overwhelming sense of privilege and said a quiet prayer of thanks. How blessed are we to be able to stop in to a local farm and enjoy the bounty of early summer produce, no matter the cost. 'Buy local' is my motto when at all possible.

Now you cannot resist the urge to nibble as it is a matter of 'quality control', I like to tell myself. Truly, I only ate the miscreants (those that would fall to fallow for their slight imperfections lol). Scanning, stooping, selecting and enjoying the fresh air becomes almost meditative and I hummed to myself. Thoughts sift through the ether and settle somewhere behind my eyes. Misty memories. I laughed to remember the time I tried to feed a wild strawberry to a huge (to me at least) Garter snake, cozily curled up in the shade of a small bush. I was maybe six and had traversed



the fields across from my cottage to pick as many of the tiny wild berries as I could for something to do. If lucky, I would gather enough to give to mom to make a tiny amount of real jam. The taste of summer! Other memories, more haunting, were dredged up as well.

My brother passed at 22 and not happily, but one of his favourite songs came to mind, as did he. "Strawberry Fields...Forever", by the Beatles, 1967. It was released on a '45' (remember records?) with the flip side, "Penny Lane" (my Beatle fave). The song was purportedly about John Lennon's childhood scrambles over the fence and into the grounds of a girl's orphanage, "Strawberry Field". There, he

found solace in the secretive, wildflower gardens while hanging out with the lodgers. After his passing, the song title became a memorial for him in Central Park.

Two full baskets picked, I stretched and basked in the sun a few minutes more before plucking a few daisies, purple clover and vetch flowers for the dinner table. I think the welcome, time-out strawberry picking adventure was very fruitful in so many ways. Somehow, I felt my mind purged from the last dregs of garbage I've been holding on to. Berry good indeed! And as the song says...

"Strawberry Fields...nothing is real and nothing to get hung about...Strawberry Fields Forever!"





