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Photo above: Tim Lalonde fills a mason jar with maple butter as he prepares for the Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival, which took place on April 27, 2024. Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter



Photo above: Amber Maple visits the Elmvale Lioness Lions at the top of the arena in the Springwater Room. They were serving Peameal on a Bun, Soup, Pie, Drinks and Hotdogs to raise funds for the community.

Maple Syrup Festival Drips Sweet Success for Elmvale Sugar-maker

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, BarrieToday.com

April 26, 2024 - Tim Lalonde was destined to become a sugar-maker.

His father was one and the sugar bush just south of Elmvale where he's lived since birth has a rich history of producing quality maple syrup since 1858.

"We got involved in 1958, when my dad bought the land," says Lalonde while busying himself filling various sized mason jars with freshly made maple butter — better described as maple spread, since there's no dairy component.

Together with his wife Peggy, the Lalondes will be front and centre at Saturday's 56th annual Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival. Regulars at the festival since it started, the Lalondes will be offering everything maple — syrup, cotton candy, spread and candy.

"I was born here in '61 and I've done this my entire life," says Lalonde. "Never really given it much thought. It's a living."

A sweet living, some would say.

Raw sap, Lalonde says, comes into the shack at about 2.5 per cent sugar content — it's mostly water. As the sap works its way through a massive evaporator, it's boiled down and reduced to its final sugary state.

Lalonde says he makes about 1,100 gallons (4,200 litres) of syrup a year.

"It takes about 40 gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup," he says. "So, on average, we collect about 45,000 gallons of sap each season."

Folks who attend the festival will have the chance to check out Lalonde's sugar shack for themselves — event organizers will be providing buses to and from Lalonde's farm throughout the festival.

While Lalonde's sugar shack is a must-see attraction, the legions of visitors who are expected to attend the festival can spend the day enjoying a wide variety of activities, including an all-day pancake breakfast, live musical entertainment, a log-sawing competition and a pancake-eating challenge.

Visitors can also spend their time wandering around, checking out the offerings from about 200 different vendors who will be on hand selling a variety of items, from handmade toys and clothing to wooden sculptures and jewelry.

"Each year, the Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival brings people from near and far to experience our community, enjoy the entertainment, shop for unique gifts and taste maple sweetness, from syrup to cotton candy," says Springwater Mayor Jennifer Coughlin. "Events like this provide a glimpse of what life in Springwater is like."

According to Matt Garwood, the township's Ward 1 councillor who represents the Elmvale area, the

festival is much more than a celebration of spring and the community's unofficial homecoming event. It's also a major fundraiser for the community.

"Funds raised are directly invested back into the community through local schools, groups, and other projects where financial support is needed," he says.

A regular at the festival, Garwood says it's a tradition to bundle up and brave the weather, visit Miss Amber Maple, stock up on locally made maple syrup and reconnect with friends.

"Growing up in Elmvale, the festival signalled the beginning of spring while celebrating the maple syrup producers and local creators," Garwood says. "From the pancake house at the community hall to the sugar bush tour at Lalonde's just outside of town, there truly is something for everyone."

Coughlin agreed and says the festival's success is a direct result of committed volunteers.

"Springwater is a community of communities, with strong agricultural roots and passionate residents who continue to get involved and volunteer their time to make events like this possible for everyone to enjoy," she says.

The 56th annual Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival will be held in various locations around Elmvale on Saturday, April 27 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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April 29, 2024 - I would like to add my voice to the many disgruntled Springwater residents, who are in disagreement to retaining Tony Guergis as a consultant.

In making her motion, Councillor Anita Moore said she didn't know Guergis very well. Surely Councillor Moore has been on council long enough to know of Guergis's horrible track record and of his Worst Municipal Councillor in Canada Award! As far as I'm concerned, Deputy Mayor George Cabral, Councillors Danielle Alexander and Phil Fisher have all taken leave of their senses in going along with the motion.

Councillor Matt Garwood was wise in stating that he was not in favour of bringing in a consultant who does not have the trust of the community, and I'm grateful that my councillor (Brad Thomson) and Mayor Jennifer Coughlin did their best by voting against the motion.

Tony Guergis must now be laughing all the way to the bank, at those of us that thought we saw the last of him when we voted him out.

Thea Patterson

May 7, 2024 - Good morning Linda,

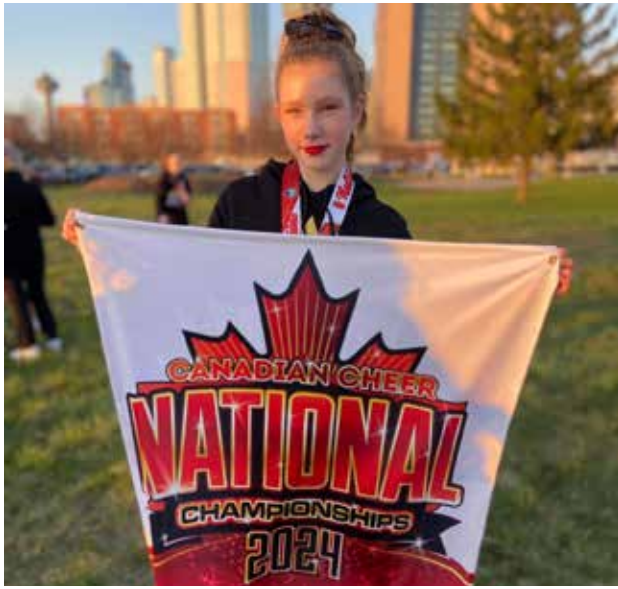
Thank you for your email to the constituency office of MPP Doug Downey. We appreciate you taking the time to write.

The North Simcoe Family Health Organization (FHO) applied for Dr. Heidi Deboer to join their team. However, as Dr. Deboer was not filling a previously held spot in the North Simcoe FHO, the application fell under the 2021 Physician Services Agreement, which was ratified between the MOH and the Ontario Medical Association (OMA). As such the proposal for Dr. Deboer to join the team at the Elmvale locaiton violated the requirements set out in the Physician Services Agreement and was therefore denied. Dr. Deboer was offered different models of service, including Comprehensive Care Model or Fee for Service should she wish to practice as a solo doctor in Elmvale.

When our office was made aware of this issue, we began dialogue between the Ministry of Health, the OMA, the Township of Springwater and other interested parties to address this issue. Through these conversations, the North Simcoe FHO reapplied for Dr. Deboer to join their team at their Midland location, which met the criteria set out in the Physician Services Agreement. This application is currently before the Ministry of Health. Should the application be successful, Dr. Deboer will have the choice and opportunity to practice part time out of the Elmvale location should she choose to do so.

Our team continues to keep open channels with all interested parties to ensure healthcare needs are met for the residents of Springwater.

Doug Downey, MPP



2024 NATIONAL CHEER CHAMPIONS - JADE, Barrie

By Linda Belcourt

We are incredibly proud of Riley Wimmer (photo above) and her teammates for all their accomplishments at the Canadian Cheer National Championships in Niagara Falls, ON!

It definitely was a full pull kinda weekend with huge successes for Riley as she competed 5 times U16 Level 3 Champ First ever Canadian Finals and a Hit Zero, Double 00 hit for Moonstone.

(This article is a reprint from April 25, 2024 edition. There were errors in the last print)

EDITORIAL by Linda Belcourt, Editor

May 6, 2024 - The North Simcoe Springwater News continues to grow thanks to the supporters in North Simcoe. I thank the advertisers for their support and am constantly hearing that the ads are working for business'. Readers please let the business' know that you have seen the ads in this paper.

I made a few errors in the 2024 National Cheer Champions article. I apologize for that. I have reprinted it correctly. The information was taken from a facebook post and I added the last name incorrectly. JADE team is not from Wasaga Beach but is from Barrie.

Wayne Doyle has another interesting column displayed on page five. I was educated on how a council can be formed. Readers have communicated to me that they are tired of the antics of our current Springwater council. Maybe we should elect four councillors and a Mayor. We can then absorb an existing councilor to take on the Deputy Mayor role. The elected council members can vote in one councillor to take the role of Deputy-Mayor, there would be great cost savings. Maybe real work can get done in a short time span, like development and business support. In the last election, the current Mayor was elected in a landslide of 3,472 votes and the Deputy Mayor was just decided by a margin of George Cabral - 2,409 votes and Wanda Maw-Chapman - 2,091 votes and the split vote of Dennis Gannon - 1,001 votes. Our current council needs to be reminded of this.

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Springwater Nixes Use of Facilitator in Barrie Boundary Talks

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, BarrieToday.com

Springwater Mayor Jennifer Coughlin lashed out at Deputy Mayor George Cabral last night, calling a motion without notice he introduced late into the meeting “irresponsible.”

“This information you’re bringing forward today is, in my opinion, irresponsible,” Coughlin said Wednesday after Cabral introduced a motion that resolved “no contact or engagement with the provincial facilitator or any other similar agent or agency shall take place until such time as staff have reported their findings to council and the council has then directed such contact or engagement to be made.”

“I was elected as head of council to be at the table to get information and to make decisions for Springwater Township,” Coughlin added.

Despite her desire, this is one table Coughlin isn’t allowed to sit at as council passed Cabral’s motion by a 4-3 vote, with Cabral and Couns. Phil Fisher, Anita Moore and Danielle Alexander voting to support.

Coughlin and Couns. Brad Thompson and Matt Garwood didn’t support the motion.

According to Cabral, engaging the services of a provincial facilitator to assist them with the City of Barrie’s boundary expansion plans would be “completely premature and irresponsible” prior to staff presenting their findings.

“I think it’s imperative that we do get the report from staff so that we can actually formulate a position and look at the options and see exactly where we stand with respect to the items and topics that we asked staff to do research on and provide us a fulsome report on,” Cabral said.

Cabral said a neighbouring Municipality (Oro-Medonte) went through a clear process to get to the stage where they decided that it was the proper time to reach out to a facilitator. He thinks Springwater should be doing pretty much the same thing.

“When we’ve got our report from staff and we’ve had an opportunity to digest it and review it and talk about it and see where we’re going to go, that if a provincial facilitator is needed at that point in time, then that’s the point in time where this council should determine that we reach out to the provincial facilitator,” he said.

According to Jeff Schmidt, Springwater’s chief administrative officer, council should receive the staff report in time for the township’s May 15 meeting.

Schmidt said the report will address the four items council requested additional information on, identified during its March 6 meeting:

Review and analyze existing township planning policies alongside provincial direction through Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, to identify potential areas suitable for increased residential and/or industrial development beyond existing predefined settlement areas that can be reasonably serviced.

Explore the possibility of establishing “special economic zone(s)” through collaborative partnerships with neighbouring municipalities that aim to address potential employment opportunities.

Assess and evaluate current cross border servicing arrangements/agreements in other municipalities in Ontario to determine their effectiveness, efficiency, and overall viability.

Consider the potential for collaborating with the County of Simcoe to establish water and wastewater infrastructure that would support further development of employment land in and around Springwater Township.

Coughlin, who hasn’t had any conversation with the province regarding the facilitator, asked Schmidt, who’s had two interactions with the province’s facilitator, to provide council with an update on those conversations.

“The details of the conversation would have to be discussed in a closed session based on the discussion with the facilitator,” Schmidt said.

“But you’re correct,” he added. “The provincial facilitator did reach out recently to myself, which I advised members of council that they had done so, and subsequent to that, there was an informal meeting with the provincial facilitator, a virtual meeting, which I believe also my colleagues, the CAO for Barrie and Oro-Medonte, went through that same process.”

That essentially gauges whether or not the township would be interested in participating in a facilitation process, Schmidt said, “and that they have not been, at that time and still today, they have not been appointed by the minister.

“They have to be appointed by the minister in order for them to proceed, and to my knowledge that has not happened,” the CAO added.

“If the province appoints a facilitator, I think we take our marching orders from the province,” said Thompson.

Thompson asked Schmidt whether he could say council has directed him not to talk.

“My apologies,” Schmidt responded. “The provincial facilitator is optional. The municipalities are not required to participate should they not wish to. I was very clear with the facilitator that I do not have that direction at this time from council.”

This is the second time Springwater has decided to remove itself from conversations regarding the Barrie’s boundary expansion plans.

On Nov. 15, 2023, council voted to terminate discussions with Barrie regarding boundary expansion.

On March 6, Springwater council voted to reverse that decision somewhat, as council voted to hold talks with the Barrie officials, but only regarding cross-border servicing.

Council demanded there be no discussion with Barrie about boundary expansion.

At the March 20 meeting, Coughlin told council that township officials had a meeting with Barrie Mayor Alex Nuttall to discuss the possibility of a partnership and were rebuffed.

“It was made very clear that we have nothing to offer if not land,” Coughlin said at the time. “They are not looking for a fee-for-service or ‘a la carte’ service to their pipes, their treatment facility and their water.

“If we’re not talking about boundary adjustment, the conversation with Barrie no longer exists,” she added.

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Springwater Council Gets Early Glimpse at Ward Boundary Review

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, BarrieToday.com

Regardless of how much or how little individual Springwater Township councillors knew about ward boundary reviews going in, an introductory primer provided all of them with the fundamentals they'll need to move the process forward.

At a special session of council Wednesday, Watson and Associates Economists provided council with an overview of what ward boundary reviews are and why they're important.

"We need to understand how growth is occurring, where it's occurring in your township, from ward-to-ward, and also where it's going to occur," Jack Ammendolia, managing partner at Watson and Associates, said during his introduction to council.

"Because we also don't want to do a ward boundary that lasts for one election," he added. "Ideally, the intention is to last for at least a couple of elections, trying to recognize again, how the municipality is going to grow and where it's going to grow."

Ammendolia was joined by Dr. Robert Williams, a public affairs consultant and municipal electoral systems expert who has conducted or advised on ward boundary and electoral system reviews in 30 Ontario municipalities.

Ammendolia started by asking members of council to consider this question: How does the present electoral arrangement for the Township of Springwater measure up?

"Big question, right? But that's ultimately what we're trying to understand in this first phase," he said. "How does the system currently work?"

Ammendolia also wants councillors to consider if the current boundaries deliver fair representation, in terms of accessibility (ie. how easily can residents communicate with elected officials) and workload (ie. are councillors spread thin attending to too many priorities).

He also wants them to put some thought into what they want to see as an outcome.

"This is entirely a council decision," Ammendolia said. "Consider what type of things you need, or want, to see to make those decisions."

The ward boundary review, which cost \$50,000, was approved in the 2024 budget.

Springwater's current ward boundaries have been in place since 2014, but with the growth in Ward 4 and the projected growth in Ward 5, a ward boundary review was required prior to the 2026 municipal election.

The justification report that accompanied the budget request said the review should take place in 2024 to ensure there is adequate public consultation and ample time to meet legislative requirements.

The review should take about a year to complete, which would ensure the project, council's decision and any appeals are dealt with prior to the Dec. 31, 2025 legislative deadline.

According to Williams, municipal councils don't have many legislative requirements to meet.

"The Municipal Act authorizes a lower-tier municipality, like Springwater, to do basically three things," he said. "It can change the size of its council as long as there are a minimum of five members. One of those members has to be the head of council."

Williams said that decision cannot be appealed.

"Second is how the council is elected, except for the head of council, who must be elected by general vote or an at-large system," he added.

Other members can be elected by an at-large system or by wards, or by some combination of the two.

That decision cannot be appealed, either.

The last thing council can do is divide or re-divide the municipality into wards or dissolve the existing wards.

"A bylaw under that revision is open to appeal," Williams said. "Any member of the community, or council also I suppose, could appeal that bylaw and the Ontario Land Tribunal would be required to examine the bylaw to see if it can stand."

"Our goal is to make sure no appeal is needed," he added.

Any appeals must be fully resolved by the Dec. 31, 2025 deadline in order for the ward boundary changes to take affect for the 2026 municipal election, if that's the direction council wishes to go.

According to Ammendolia, wards should have relatively equal populations. It's generally accepted that variations of up to 25 per cent above or below the average size are considered reasonable and are consistent with legislated federal distribution provisions, precedents and past decisions and best practices in municipalities.

In Springwater, there are currently 17,506 eligible voters in the township, including 2,973 in Ward 1, 3,204 in Ward 2, 3,674 in Ward 3, 4,357 in Ward 4, and 3,298 in Ward 5.

Those numbers are anticipated to change dramatically over the next 20 years as the township's population is expected to grow to almost 50,000, according to another Watson and Associates report called Long-Term Fiscal Impact Assessment of Growth, 2021-2041.

An updated version of the township's transportation master plan, which was presented at the March 6 council meeting, says about 60 per cent of those 50,000 — upward of 30,000 people — will be living in Midhurst, which will be the township's growth centre and home to the majority of the township's

residents.

The report said Elmvale is projected to grow to about 6,000 residents. Hillsdale and Centre Vespra will have about 4,000 residents each, Snow Valley will max out around 3,500, Anten Mills and Minesing will reach about 1,000 residents each, and Phelpston will grow to about 500 residents.

Over the next couple of months, Watson and Associates will interview members of council, collect 'core review themes' and key considerations, and prepare background documents.

Over the summer, the consultants will take a closer look at the collected information, evaluate existing ward boundaries and explore alternatives.

In the fall or winter, they will engage community and stakeholders, present alternative options and deliver recommendations to council.

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'Bit of Everything': Interest in Seed Libraries Still Growing



Photo above: Springwater Public Library technician Nicole Morneau shows off some of the seeds that are available to the public for free from the library's seed library. Springwater Public Library technician Nicole Morneau shows off some of the seeds that are available to the public for free from the library's seed library. Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

By: Wayne Doyle, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, BarrieToday.com

Apr 28, 2024 - A staff member's passion for gardening 10 years ago has created a legacy program that is among the most popular at the Essa Public Library.

Started in 2015, the library's seed library was a simple idea that has grown steadily since inception.

A couple of years after launching, a TD Green Grant allowed the township's library to make a significant expansion.

Today, it's a robust and popular library item that gets extra attention at this time of year.

"The seed library is very popular and our community makes great use of it," said Emily Nakeff, coordinator of public engagement for the Essa Public Library. "Those who know we offer this look forward to it each year, and those who are learning about it for the first time are often excited and amazed to discover the more unique side of our collection."

"There is certainly a sense of enjoyment around the seed library that we love to see," she added.

While the folks in Essa have a decade of experience managing their seed library, the staff at the Springwater Public Library are sophomores, kicking off the second year of their program.

"We started our program in full force last year," said Nicole Morneau, a library technician with the Springwater Public Library's Midhurst branch. "We promoted it with a few programs in Elmvale — we had guest speakers from the Simcoe County master gardeners — and we plan on doing it again this year."

On May 14 at 6 p.m., the Elmvale branch will host a program dedicated to best practices and best plants for shade gardening, including some attractive seasonal and perennial combinations.

On May 16 at 4 p.m., the Midhurst branch will host Bee and Butterfly Watering Station, a "how-to" session for children who want to build a water feature that helps support garden pollinators.

The next day, May 17, Bee and Butterfly Watering Station will be held at the Elmvale branch at 3:30 p.m.

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In Springwater, they're not checking library cards, so anyone in the community can take advantage of the program.

Essa's seed library is primarily composed of vegetables and herbs.

"We focus primarily on food, to offer the opportunity for people to learn about sustainable and regenerative food choices," Nakeff said. "While the focus is on food, we do have one or two flowers as well, depending on what comes in by donation."

The opposite is true in Springwater; they have more flowers than food.

Nasturtium, marigolds, echinacea, zinnias, asters, daisies and petunias are popular varieties. There are some vegetables but the selection is not huge. Beans, carrots, eggplants and lettuce top the edible category.

"We have a bit of everything," said Moreneau. "It depends on what people have donated."

To get the seeds you'd like, all you have to do is visit, tell a library staffer what you're looking for and they'll help take care of the rest.

"Simply choose your herbs and vegetables from our seed library, check them out at the welcome desk, and grow them at home," said Nakeff. "At the end of the season, any seeds from your harvest can be shared back with the library to restock the seed library for next year."

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Hundreds Protest Tiny Municipal Centre Plan; Resident Calls for 'Return to Civility'

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, MidlandToday.ca

If there's a difference between proactive and reactive, it was shown at the protest against a new proposed municipal building in front of the current administration of Tiny Township.

Roughly two hundred supporters of organizer Karen Zulynik joined outside the Balm Beach Road offices prior to last night's council meeting, and unlike the January protest it was clear there was preparation involved.

Police presence was contained to the safety of leading exiting staff onto the road. Protest music was kept to a background noise while the bullhorn allowed Zulynik to be joined by others to share their message.

Zulynik took the opportunity to remind attendees of the threat to taxes that the potential multi-million Tiny Township administration centre (TTAC) could cause for the average ratepayer, but as the crowd had gathered before 4:30 p.m. and with an hour to pad, Zulynik also reminded the crowd to not exhibit behaviour akin to bullying and to remain respectful inside council chambers; other speakers also took to the bullhorn to share their concerns.

Council was in closed session at the time and did not allow for any representatives to meet with the crowd as 5:30 p.m. arrived and the maximum capacity of just over 55 people entered the basement of the 57-year-old building for the regular meeting to begin.

Open deputations limited to five minutes in length were provided to attendees with pre-scheduled deputations set for 6:30 p.m. However, seven speakers shared their thoughts with wide responses across all topics.

Drew Ironstone, who identified himself as a former Simcoe County employee and asset management specialist with two decades of experience, warned council on the potential costs above the listed price for a new facility, and asked for a pause.

Coun. Kelly Helowka simply asked, "When do we build it?" and was heckled by the crowd with responses.

Resident Dave Wulff cautioned amalgamation as a threat that could happen if other municipalities perceived a weakened council; he provided a quote from Coun. Steffen Walma in his case and was cheered.

Walma immediately replied with the full quote and context to the disapproval of attendees, and countered that taking on the TTAC was a sign that the municipality was invested in its ratepayers and hadn't abandoned them.

While the general consensus was against council, a deputation by Pam Fulford expressed disappointment over recent conflict of cyberbullying and a lack of respect between frustrated residents and the municipality, encouraging a return to civility. Her concerns were met with muted obscenities by some protesters in the gallery, and she received a less-than-hearty applause upon conclusion; several protesters left the chambers in anger, allowing those waiting outside to fill it back to capacity.

Naturalist Paul Bell shared concerns over species at risk, and Erik Schomann reiterated the momentum and amalgamation angles. For a scheduled deputation, Zulynik provided information on a remote-hybrid work policy while adding emphasis to not needing a new centre built.

The regular council meeting continued dutifully as council proceedings involved adopting minutes of previous meetings; it was at this point that Coun. Dave Brunelle chose to challenge the previous meeting's decisions of council where his sole opposition to the TTAC could be reconsidered.

Brunelle began his hour-long challenge first by asking public works director Tim Leitch to define the word 'antiquated', as taken from eight years prior through a clerk's summary on a report that wasn't accessible; the manoeuvre caused other council members and staff to scramble in search of the

reference.

Catching on to Brunelle's obstruction with requests for revotes on all TTAC decisions of the previous meeting, Walma requested for recorded votes on the items where Brunelle was defeated 1-4 in all cases. Walma also proposed a motion for staff to explore finance options, which Brunelle admitted being "baffled" by as it superceded the usual three-week span for a council decision.

At the recess between regular council and committee of the whole when everyone mingled, protesters hugged Brunelle while expressing relief that he was the only one speaking for them. Helowka spoke with Wulff over a point of contention but the two shook hands in understanding and resolution.

The remainder of the meeting drew to conclusion with just Zulynik and one other in the audience before council entered another closed session. As Zulynik departed, she expressed tiredness from the emotionally-charged day having led up to the protest and lengthy council meetings.

Following the meeting, Evans spoke to MidlandToday on the protest and those in attendance of the meeting.

"I think it was very respectful," said Evans. "I think it was very good night. Sure it's a tough topic, an emotional topic. It's something we've never done in this township ever, and it's a substantial change. But I'm very proud of how everybody acted. Although a tough time, it shows the maturity and civility and professionalism of our township."

In the meeting, attention was brought to Zulynik's online petition which had remained at 2,200 signatures from the previous meeting; according to the 2021 Census, Tiny Township has a population of roughly 13,000 residents.

Said Evans: "It's no secret that the majority, we feel, is somewhat silent; sometimes the minority position tends to be a little bit louder. This meeting has been similar to the meeting we had three weeks ago in terms of the sentiment overall."

The TTAC update report from the previous meeting, including recommendations and schematics for proposed facility variations, can be viewed on the agenda page on the Township of Tiny website.



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Public Notice

Notice of Passing of By-law Extending Interim Control By-law 23-044

Date: April 25, 2024

TAKE NOTICE that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Tiny passed By-law 24-027 on the 8th day of April, 2024 pursuant to Section 38(2) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13 as amended.

This By-law applies to all properties within the Limited Service Residential (LSR), Shoreline Residential (SR), Greenlands (GL) and Open Space One (OS1) Zones in the Township of Tiny and within 30 metres of the Georgian Bay 178-metre contour.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE BY-LAW

THE PURPOSE of the By-law is to amend Interim Control By-law 23-044, as amended, to extend the period of time during which it will be in effect. Section 5 of By-law 23-044, as amended, is further amended to specify that By-law 23-044 shall remain in effect for a period of two (2) years from the date of its enactment. By-law 23-044 was passed May 29, 2023 to provide the Township with the opportunity to undertake a study to review its land use planning policies pertaining to retaining walls, fences, landscaping and structures in proximity to the 178 metre contour elevation of the Georgian Bay Shoreline; and to ensure that any retaining walls, fences, landscaping and structures are appropriately sited and regulated once the study has been completed.

THE EFFECT of By-law 24-027 is that By-law 23-044, as amended, is in effect until May 29, 2025 in order to allow for the completion of the associated study.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal the extension of an interim control by-law to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT). A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

A notice of appeal setting out the reasons for the appeal, accompanied by payment by certified cheque or money order, made payable to the Ontario Minister of Finance, must be filed with the Clerk of the Township of Tiny by **no later than May 28, 2024**.

If you wish to appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal, a copy of an appeal form is available from the Ontario Land Tribunals website at <https://olt.gov.on.ca/> or by calling toll free 1-866-448-2248.

For more information about this matter contact Maryann Hunt, MCIP RPP, Director of Planning and Development by email at mhunt@tiny.ca or by telephone at 705-526-4204.

Water and Wastewater Invoices Error - May Billing

By Town of Midland

April 25, 2024 - Regarding May 2024 Water and Wastewater invoices: It has been brought to our attention that some residents have received their Water and Wastewater invoice for the May billing however it may not have identified:

- if the meter reading is actual or estimated.
- if the customer is on a preauthorized payment plan (PAP).

The errors have been notified to our financial software service provider and we anticipate it will be corrected on the next billing date.

We apologize for any concerns this may have caused. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at service@midland.ca.

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Wyevale Community News

By Karen Moreau

Submitted By Karen Moreau

Bible Study: Join us Wednesday afternoon 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Church. All are welcome. We are studying the Parables of Jesus.

Play Group: Thursday morning play group from 9:15 am until 11:15 am. Drop in Program for parents and little ones. Contact Pat Smith for further details, 705-543-9043.

Youth Group: Next meetings Friday, May 24th, June 7th and 21st. Contact Pat Smith for more details, 705-543-9043.

Meditation Workshop: Wednesday June 5th at 7:00pm at Wyevale United Church. The class will consist of various ways of breathing, calming both mind and body. Alternative ways of coping with stress – healthy & unhealthy. All are welcome. Please bring water. For further information, contact Kimberly at 249 535 1939.

Spring Market: We are holding a Spring Market Saturday, June 1st with vendors, a bake table and take out Ham & Scalloped Potatoes. (\$12.) Prepared by church members, warm and serve. Please call and reserve your dinners as last time we sold out early. There are still spaces available for vendors. Contact Pat at 705-543-9043.

ICE CREAM: DID YOU SAY ICE CREAM Yes I did. Wyevale Jug City. It makes its debut on May 17th for the 2024 season. Serving from 12:00 noon till closing. Come and visit.

Hoping to have some news about the Minor Ball games soon as they are posted and the Tribe as well. If anyone has info on either league please let me know. (moreau1949@rogers.com)

Next Submission May 26th 2024

Severe Weather Biggest Risk to Tiny Township Infrastructure

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, MidlandToday.ca

May 06, 2024 Community threats are a well-heeded concern and a risk assessment is a valuable tool, for both residents and the municipality in charge of handling such emergencies.

At the recent committee of the whole meeting in Tiny Township, a presentation by Grace McDonough of the Loomex Group highlighted the various risks faced by the municipality from the perspective of fire services.

“We establish what the risks are in the community,” explained McDonough, “and we do that – a CRA is a very data-driven document – by examining the data from the last five years. We also use professional judgement – both our judgement and the judgement of the fire chief – to arrive at that list of risks. And once we have the risks identified then we start to look at the consequences of those risks.”

Ranked on a risk level scale were 12 identified public safety risks, including the two highest risks identified of severe weather incident (120) and critical infrastructure failure (96), and lowest risks such as fire in commercial occupancy (42), localized flooding (40) and grass/wildland fire (36).

Those ranks were evaluated on likelihood levels (ranging from rare to almost certain) and consequence (from insignificant to catastrophic) in a matrix, and presented with risk treatment plans for each including ways to handle each risk, the financial implications of implementing each, and the expected timeline it can be integrated to fire services duties.

For a severe weather event, the recommended plan included mitigation through public education before, during and after the emergency, as well as sharing that information throughout the community. In the case of a critical infrastructure failure, educating the public on the importance of having a 72-hour emergency kit while continuing to offer applicable services as required was the plan recommendation.

As the final recommendation for next steps, McDonough noted that although the CRA is a five-year event it would be more prudent for the municipality to collect data to update the CRA on an annual basis along with usage for future strategic plan developments for fire services.

McDonough referenced lightweight construction materials, such as commonly used prefabricated

Protect Yourself from Tick Bites

By Ministry of Health

May 02, 2024 - TORONTO — As temperatures start to climb this time of year, the Ontario government is encouraging people across the province to take precautions to prevent tick bites and reduce the risk of contracting Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases, when enjoying the outdoors.

Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases can cause potentially serious infections if you're bitten by an infected blacklegged tick, commonly called a deer tick. If you have any symptoms such as fever, headache, chills, muscle and joint pain, fatigue and an expanding circular rash that resembles a bulls-eye, consult a health care provider as soon as possible.

If you are living, working, visiting, or enjoying outdoor activities in a wood-ed area, or an area with tall grass and bushes (including city gardens and parks) you are at greater risk of being bitten by a tick. You can protect yourself from tick bites by:

- Wearing light-coloured clothing, so it's easier to spot ticks.
- Wearing long-sleeved shirts, long pants tucked into your socks, closed-toed shoes, or any special clothing designed to repel ticks.
- Applying insect repellent containing DEET or icaridin on your exposed skin and your clothes.
- Checking yourself, your children, and your pets for ticks after being outdoors. Any ticks found should be removed promptly.
- Putting your clothes on high heat in a dryer for at least 10 minutes before washing them, after spending time outdoors.

Ticks are very small and hard to see. When found, it should be removed immediately using fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to your skin as possible without crushing it. Once you have removed a tick, wash your skin with soap and water and then disinfect your skin and your hands with rubbing alcohol or an iodine swab. Before disposing of the tick, call or check the website of your local public health unit to get advice on how to identify the tick.

trusses and floors, as higher risks in residential and some commercial homes; items that the Office of the Fire Marshal would be notified by fire services in municipalities, thus being available for CRA data.

“Research has shown that they burn more quickly, that they are less stable,” said McDonough, “(and) I think are going to change the way in which firefighting is delivered in residential, and where those lightweight constructions are used.”

Mayor Dave Evans asked what a critical infrastructure failure would look like in a hypothetical scenario, with McDonough noting that the infrastructure profile including roads, bridges, water and hydro would impact the delivery of fire and other services in the municipality.

However as Evans was trying to pry further into the infrastructure aspect, McDonough diverted the conversation back to the primary risk threat.

“I think the factor that plays into your critical infrastructure failure is risk #1 – your risk for severe weather – because that certainly could impact road closures, hydro delivery, things like that,” said McDonough. “Because you are in an area that experiences severe weather on a more regular basis, I think the unlikelihood that your critical infrastructure is going to be affected, so that risk is slightly higher.”

Evans thanked McDonough for the report, and added that the Loomex Group’s “support is very essential to us”.

The Loomex Group community risk assessment report, including slideshow presentation, can be viewed on the agenda page on the Township of Tiny website.

Archives of council meetings are available to view on the township’s YouTube channel.

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Let's Talk About Insect Bites & Ticks
 With Pharmacist Owners Jenna Loughheed and Carolyn Glover
 We are very excited that the nicer weather has arrived. Apparently the bugs are too!!
 Insect bites can be prevented by staying away from infested areas like swamps or bushy areas. Try to avoid being outdoors at dawn and dusk and eliminate sources of standing water. Wear long pants and sleeves and tuck your pant legs into your socks. Don't wear bright colours, perfume or other strong scents when outside. Finally, use insect repellent - DEET is proven effective against mosquitoes, flies, fleas and ticks for up to 8 hours.
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PD Programs are here!

Visit to Awenda Park

Join Tim Tully, Chief Park Naturalist for a guided tour of the park on Friday, May 24th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Register in person at the library with your library card. The programming fee is \$5.00. Remember to bring your own lunch! Registration begins April 12-April 19th for residents of Penetanguishene and valid Tiny residents. For members holding a reciprocal borrowing agreement membership, registration will begin after April 22. Penetanguishene and valid Tiny card holders may continue to register during this time.

Storytime

Join us for childrens Storytime for ages 0-6 years on Tuesday, May 21st from 10:00-10:30. Enjoy a story, song and a craft. Registration begins: April 19-26 for residents of Penetanguishene and Tiny. After April 29th reciprocal members can register.

Barbie Child and Parent Tea Party!

Enjoy a Barbie, Child and Parent Tea Party. Play games and win prizes. Optionally, you can enter the Best Dressed or Wierdest Doll contest. Menu includes iced tea, apple juice, tea, sandwiches, fancy cookies and fruit kebobs. This program will be held on Friday, May 10th, 2024 from 4:00-5:00pm.

This program is for children ages 5-10 as well as accompanying parents/guardians. Programming fee is \$5.00 per child. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Cash only.

Registration: April 22- April 26 for resident members of Penetanguishene and valid Tiny members. Thereafter, registration for all other members begins April 29th.

Games and Za

This program is intended for teens and tweens! Come to library and play and game and enjoy pizza and pop!

Join us on Tuesday, May 28th from 4:00-5:00 pm if you are between the ages of 12-18. This program is free.

Register in person with your library card. Registration begins from May 6 - May 13 for residents of Penetanguishene and valid Tiny members. Thereafter, all remaining members can register after May 14th.

Do it like Da Vinci!

Join a Scientists in School instructor and follow in Da Vinci's steps on June 7th, 2024, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Paint to explore solubility, absorption and surface tension. Become an inventor by building a catapult. Discover the joy of combining science and art!

This program is open to ages 5-12. Register with your library card. Programming fee is \$2.00.

Spanish Classes - Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced

Starting Monday, May 27th until July 5th, 2024 we will be offering Spanish Classes. The cost is \$30.00 per person. Please contact the library for more details regarding registration times and level times specific to you or visit our Facebook page. Register in person with a valid library card.

New @PPL

Mother's Day Vintage Tea Cups and Saucers for sale!

Purchase your Mother's Day Tea Cup with chocolate teacakes and Tetley Tea inside. The Friends of the Library have prepared a beautiful assortment of gift tea cups and saucers which are displayed at the library. Purchase your Mother's Day Gift and enjoy a cup of tea with your mom on Mother's Day. Happy Mother's Day!

Graduation Dresses

Are you graduating this year? Do you have a special occasion to attend? Formal dresses donated by members of the community are displayed in the library and might just be something you have been looking for! Some shoes are also available. Come to the library and have a look and try them on. A small donation (min. \$20.00) per purchase is requested which will in turn be donated to a youth charity. Make your graduation this year affordable through the generosity of our community! 2024.



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Early Closure Monday May 13

Due to a Library Board and all staff meeting, the Elmvale and Midhurst branches will be closing 30 minutes early at 4:30pm on Monday May 13.

Master Gardeners: Shade Gardening

Best practices and best plants for shade gardening, including some attractive seasonal and perennial combinations. Tuesday May 14, 6pm at Elmvale Branch. Cost: FREE. Registration required.

Bee Watering Station

Join us at the library and make a creative craft that helps support garden pollinators. Thursday, May 16th, 4pm at Midhurst Branch or Friday, May 17th, 3:30 pm at Elmvale Branch. Cost \$3. Registration required.

Victoria Day Holiday

Please note, all branches of Springwater Public Library will be closed on Monday May 20 for the Victoria Day holiday and will reopen to regular hours on Tuesday May 21.

DIY Gift Tags

Adults are invited to come to the library and create 3D gift tags for all occasions. Tuesday May 21, 6pm, Midhurst Branch. Cost \$2. Registration required.

DIY Fishing Game Craft

Starting Friday May 31 drop-in to either the Midhurst or Elmvale branches to make a fun DIY felt magnetic fishing craft. No registration required. While supplies last.

TD Summer Reading Program Registration

We are so excited for a summer filled with reading, prizes and FUN! On Monday June 3 go to our website or the Readsquared app and sign up! Not sure how to sign up online? We've got a "how to guide" on our YouTube channel that explains it all! Just search, "Springwater Library" and you'll find us. Cost: FREE. Registration required.

English Language Learners Club

Come and join us weekly for a conversation group that will be working on English language basics. All are welcome! Meet new people, increase your fluency and vocabulary. Mondays 1pm at Elmvale Branch.

Senior Tech Help

Free one-on-one appointments are available for tech help with Armando Wednesdays at Midhurst Branch 10:30am-12noon. Tech Help with Carrie at Elmvale Branch normally takes place bi-weekly on Thursdays but in the month of May it will take place on Tuesday May 21 with appointments from 3pm-5pm. Registration is required at both Midhurst and Elmvale branch. In June, Tech Help in Elmvale will return to bi-weekly Thursday appointments.



A TINY SENIOR MOMENT

By Jennifer Gray, Township of Tiny, Senior Column Writer

April 25, 2024 - Retirement is a significant phase of life. While in the workplace we look forward to not being a slave to the clock. We anticipate more time to travel, pursue personal interests and time with loved ones. Many plan to downsize their homes.

The golden years can be more complicated than we think. It's initially enjoyable to experience the freedom of an unfettered day. However, once the honeymoon wears off, there's the reality that things have dramatically changed. People who build their lives around their job can feel lost or without an identity. This can play out in mental and emotional struggles. Common challenges include depression and loneliness, difficulty filling the extra hours, feeling less useful and navigating home life with a spouse.

Volunteer work can be an effective and enjoyable way to manage retirement. Older adults have tremendous skillsets, experience and wisdom that are valuable to many organizations. There's a multitude of benefits to the volunteer. Volunteering keeps the brain active which contributes to mental health. Social interaction develops new friendships which mitigates loneliness and depression. It provides a sense of purpose and offers the opportunity to activate a side interest.

It's important to find a volunteer position that suits your interests and lifestyle. Think about what you like to do. Gardeners can look to their local horticultural groups for assistance in planting, maintaining public gardens and trail cleanups. Avid readers can help out in libraries or reading programs with schools or ESL groups. Those with good social skills can visit or regularly phone people confined to their residences. Volunteer jobs can be flexible to suit your lifestyle. People who travel for part of the year can still find something they can do while they're home. Don't be afraid to approach an organization to tell them about your skillsets and ask how you can help. If they don't have a position available, they may know someone who does.

The Township of Tiny has opportunities for people wanting to volunteer. For those who love the outdoors, many positions are currently open. The Community and Pollinator Gardens need helpers to maintain outdoor spaces that beautify the environment. The 23 km Rail Trail needs volunteers to oversee individual sections within the trail. Are you a beach person? The township has 70 km of shoreline that needs stewards to monitor, conserve and protect the natural resources of the beaches. A dog lover? One of the large off-leash parks needs on-site volunteers to help educate the public on park rules and report maintenance needs. Can't commit to an ongoing volunteer position? Be a litter pickup volunteer! These valuable helpers assist by picking up litter along roads, beaches, trails, parks and green spaces. Are you a pickleball player and have good interpersonal skills? Pickleball volunteers provide supervision of games and provide assistance for new players. If you're into technology, the Township hosts tech workshops needing helpers to assist older adults to become more comfortable with technology and increase their knowledge about the internet.

Not sure what you can do to volunteer? Call or email the Township of Tiny's Recreation Department: www.tiny.ca/volunteer or (705) 526-4204 to speak to one of their qualified staff and find the perfect fit for your skills and lifestyle.



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Compost Available for Purchase at County of Simcoe Waste Facilities

Midhurst/April 25, 2024 – County of Simcoe residents will once again be able to purchase compost at all County waste facilities from May 6 to 25, 2024 (excluding residents from the cities of Barrie and Orillia).

Compost is a soil amendment used in gardens to add nutrients, or as top dressing for lawns to help retain moisture and is produced in-house using leaf and yard waste material generated throughout the County of Simcoe. Learn more about how the County uses your yard waste to make compost.

Compost sales are self-service, and residents should bring their shovels to load bins, truck beds, or trailers. Cost is \$5 per carload or \$20 per truck or trailer load, while quantities last.

Mulch is also available while quantities last at County waste facilities. Mulch can be applied to soil surfaces, around trees, paths, flower beds, slopes and erosion prone areas, and as top dressing for flower and vegetable gardens. Mulch retains moisture, regulates soil temperatures, and suppresses weed growth.

County of Simcoe is composed of sixteen member municipalities and provides crucial public services to County residents in addition to providing paramedic and social services to the separated cities of Barrie and Orillia. Visit our website at simcoe.ca.

Friends of the Penetanguishene Youth Raise Funds for Cycling

The Town of Penetanguishene is delighted to formally announce the grand opening of the new Pump Track at Martin Valley Park, funded in full by the Friends of the Penetanguishene Youth.

Date: Sunday, May 26th, 2024

Time: 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM (Lunch starting at 11:30 AM)

Location: Martin Valley Park, located at 21 John Street.

Mayor Rawson will provide opening remarks followed by an official ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the opening of the pump track. This occasion serves as a tribute to the Friends of the Penetanguishene Youth for their significant contributions to the pump track project.

Mayor Rawson expressed his gratitude by saying, "We are profoundly thankful to the Friends of the Penetanguishene Youth for their generous financial contribution. Their support has been instrumental in bringing this project to fruition. This pump track is a testament to their ongoing commitment to our community and our youth."

Rad Adventures will be onsite to host a clinic designed for both beginners and experienced cyclists. The instructor from Rad Adventures will provide step-by-step guidance on how to navigate the pump track, including how to maintain momentum without pedaling, how to handle the bike on the rollers and banked turns, and how to ride safely and efficiently. This is a great opportunity for attendees to learn from the experts and improve their biking skills.

Interested participants can register for the pump

Barrie Area Member of Parliament Recognizes Contributors to Annual Calendar

April 23, 2024 Barrie – Springwater – Oro-Medonte MP Doug Shipley hosted a reception to acknowledge residents who contributed to his 2024 annual calendar. Contributors were honoured at an intimate reception, hosted at the MacLaren Art Centre on April 22, 2024. In 2023, for the second year, residents of Barrie – Springwater – Oro-Medonte were encouraged to share original artwork capturing the beauty of our region for consideration in the 2024 annual calendar. The works include paintings, sketches, and photographs. Successful submissions were showcased, month by month, in the annual calendar which is delivered to thousands of residents in Barrie – Springwater – Oro-Medonte. The calendar includes a Kid's Corner, highlighting drawings from the community's youngest artists. On Monday, April 22nd, MP Shipley welcomed contributors and their guests to celebrate the local artists highlighted in the 2024 calendar. Thank you to the following residents who contributed their original photographs and paintings to the 2024 calendar: Bregitte Rugman, Sheila M. Bannerman, Carolyn Boyd, Holly Dickson, Elena Gaevskaya, Amber Blythe, Tara D'Souza, Allan M. Craig, Sheila Romard, Mike Heidebrecht, Cathy Volpé, Joan Le Boeuf, and Susan Young. "Encouraging submissions from local artists provided a great opportunity to showcase both the raw beauty and the incredible talent that can be found in our region," said MP Doug Shipley. "Each year I hear from residents who rely on this calendar to record appointments, meetings, and important dates. My staff and I continue to receive many compliments on the pictures and paintings featured each month." With such a successful outcome for the 2024 calendar, MP Shipley and his team are accepting submissions for the 2025 calendar and encourage residents to contribute their photos, paintings and sketches featuring Barrie – Springwater – Oro-Medonte.

track clinics on RecDesk here: [Programs \(recdesk.com\)](http://Programs(recdesk.com))

In addition to the activities, attendees will be treated to a complimentary BBQ lunch, generously provided by the Friends of the Youth. The event will also feature a live music performance by Emma Reynolds.

What is a Pump Track:

A pump track is a purpose-built track for bike, rollerblades, skateboards and scooters. It consists of a circuit of rollers, banked turns, and other features designed to be ridden completely by riders "pumping"—generating momentum by up and down body movements, instead of pedaling or pushing.

About Rad Adventures:

Rad Adventures is an organization that has been teaching youth in communities how to have fun on their bikes for over 8 years. They offer a variety of mountain bike programs and summer camps for ages 4-16, including Learn 2 Ride, Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced, and Leadership In Training¹. They also offer adult programs in the Spring and Fall.

They teach the youth how to have fun on their bikes, build their confidence, skills, and athletic levels through the pure joy of riding their bikes. They also teach proper riding techniques, trail etiquette, basic mechanic skills (how to fix a flat tire, etc), use of equipment, road and trail safety, nature and forest values.



As your federal Member of Parliament, I work to keep you informed on what the federal government is up to in Ottawa. While I am always happy to answer your questions about policy, a significant part of my job is to help constituents navigate federal government programs and services.

My team and I are happy to greet in person visitors and answer phone calls and emails Monday to Friday in my local office. You can find us at 48 Alliance Boulevard Suite 104 in Barrie. You can also reach us by telephone at 705-728-2596.

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How we can help is determined on a case-by-case basis, so the best thing to do is contact my office by telephone or email and discuss your specific situation. Then we can let you know what steps we might be able to take to assist you.

When contacting my office, you will often reach one of my knowledgeable team members as I am juggling responsibilities both here in Barrie – Springwater – Oro-Medonte and in Ottawa. If you would like to reach me directly to share your concerns around policy, legislation or government service the fastest way to connect with me is by sending an email to Doug.Shipley@parl.gc.ca

With the various demands on my time every day I may not be able to respond immediately. I do review all emails and if I think that you will be best served by a direct conversation with a member of my team then I will ask them to follow up. Otherwise, you will receive a response from me.

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Photo above, from left: Councilor Steffen Walma, Deputy Mayor Sean Miskimins & Councilor Kelly Peter Helowka, Tiny Township; Dr. Vikram Ralhan, Chief of Staff & Angela Wiggins, Vice President of People & Culture and Chief Human Resources Officer, GBGH; Mayor David Evans & Councilor Dave Brunelle, Tiny Township.

Tiny Township Invests in Local Health Care

By Jennifer Russel, GBGH

May 2, 2024 - Midland, ON – During a meeting on April 3, 2024, Tiny Township Mayor David Evans and members of council presented a gift of \$32,000 to representatives of Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) and the Foundation. The investment includes \$20,000 for the GBGH Foundation's Impact Fund, and \$12,000 to support physician recruitment efforts for the community.

The Township of Tiny has recognized the vital role that quality healthcare plays in the well-being of our residents and has continuously demonstrated its commitment to fostering a strong and resilient healthcare system. A steadfast supporter of GBGH for 24 years, the township has provided more than \$375,000 for hospital equipment and technology. In 2024, the donation will help to address some of the most urgent priorities, including an MRI machine, modern hospital beds, new surgical technology and

laboratory equipment.

"We are deeply grateful to the Township of Tiny for their unwavering support and this impactful \$20,000 donation," expresses Nicole Kraftscik, CEO, GBGH Foundation. "This investment ensures that the hospital is equipped with the tools and technology to directly enhance patient care. And, it helps our community remain vibrant and resilient, attracting businesses and families who seek a robust healthcare infrastructure."

Access to modern medical equipment can make a world of difference for patients and their families. New surgical technology will expand the types of surgeries available for residents close to home. Modern hospital beds are essential for patient comfort and can lead to improved outcomes. Installing an MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) machine will reduce wait times for thousands of patients across the region.

The \$12,000 donation will support the recruitment of highly skilled professionals to our community. "We understand the importance of being proactive in our recruitment efforts for the betterment of our hospital and community," states Dr. Jeff Golisky, Physician Recruitment Chair, GBGH. "With the generous support from the Township of Tiny, we will be better equipped to attract and retain talented family and hospital physicians, providing reliable care for patients today and into the future."

Having first-rate medical equipment and growing our skilled healthcare workforce is critical for a strong community. Anyone interested in learning more about the Foundation's Impact Fund, and making a difference at GBGH with a gift, can visit <https://gbghf.ca/current-needs/impact-fund/>. For more information about physician recruitment efforts in North Simcoe, visit <https://georgianbayphysicianrecruitment.com/>

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Photo above: The Communities finest volunteers in Politics and Community Service from North Simcoe, Tiny, Midland and Springwater attending the Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival on April 27, 2024 at the Elmvale Arena. Thank you for your commitment.



A Call for Change

By Amanada Wagner, Community Dev. Coordinator, Huronia Transition Homes

May 3, 2024 - On Thursday, May 2nd, 2024, nearly 200 people turned out to protest sexual violence against women and gender-diverse people at Athena's Sexual Assault Counselling & Advocacy Centre's 21st annual Take Back the Night protest in the City of Barrie. Athena's is the regional sexual assault centre of Simcoe County, and is a program of Huronia Transition Homes, an organization that is celebrating its 40th year in 2024.

The heart of Take Back the Night is emotionally charged, because as so many people occupy the space, it is alarmingly clear how pervasive sexual violence is today. While patriarchy and sexism sound like ambiguous terms, they are heard in the words that survivors hear all too often after coming forward: "Do you have proof?...How much did you drink?...Boys will be boys...What did you do to make him mad?...Well, he bought you ABC, so you should give him DEF...Why did you go there alone?...He is a good person; are you sure that happened?...What were you wearing?...Why didn't you fight back?"

Violence against women and gender-diverse people happens within relationships and in social interactions, but violence also occurs within our systems. It is a systemic violence that we do not have affordable housing, a safe supply, a supervised consumption site, or specialized care services that address the unique physical and mental health needs of women and gender-diverse people who have experienced violence.

As much as Take Back the Night provides a safe space to hold the pain and struggle that survivors carry, it is also fueled by the powerful drive to create tangible, lasting change. As Haily MacDonald, Acting Executive Director of Huronia Transition Homes, stated in her speech, "if we are going to change from this culture, we have to stop just celebrating our resilience, and we're allowed to use our rage, and get angry that this still exists."

But what does change actually look like?

Hey Dads!

May 6, 2024 - Hey Dads! What do we start thinking about this time of year? Summer, warmth, BBQ on the porch...and gardens. Over the years we've had some wins and losses out in the garden. I think the wins have out-done the losses. Since we moved to Saskatchewan last fall I've been asking some of the locals about growing gardens around here. There's two key differences between southern Saskatchewan and Central Ontario. Wind and ticks.

One of the main differences is wind. I've learned that there is basically no wind in Ontario. None. In the prairies there is wind. All the wind lives in the prairies. People have even warned me that our garden could blow away. If nothing holds the soil in place it takes to the skies. I saw evidence of that this weekend when the kids were helping me in the garden.

In the fall we plowed up a big chunk of our yard for our garden. As a result of that there's lots of grass clumps in the garden. I had a crew of three kids raking out there this weekend. We took a big pile of rakes out to the garden and the conflict began. Who gets to use which rake? I just bought a couple brand new rakes so they were very popular with the young'uns. Eventually we sorted it out and raking began. Every time they raked up some of the grass, some of the soil would blow away. It wasn't long before there was soil in their eyes, ears, and all the places. Our 3-year-old daughter, Mabel, thought it was a good idea to wear a dress and white tights

out to the garden. I didn't pay much attention to her attire until I noticed her previously-white tights a little while later. Playing in dirt while it blows in the wind turned them a nice shade of brown-black.

The second thing we've discovered in the Saskatchewan spring is blood-sucking ticks. I think we've counted around 10 ticks on people in our house in the first few weeks of spring. A friend of ours said she's counted 14 so we're not doing too bad. Most ticks have just been walking on people but a couple were actually biting. No bueno. My patient wife is not very happy about this at all. We've learned a lot about ticks. There's an online tick reporting service where you can submit pictures and they'll tell you if you're going to die or not. So far none of the ticks we've hosted have been of the dangerous variety. I haven't decided which is worse - Springwater mosquitoes or Saskatchewan ticks. What do you think?

But even with the wind and the ticks we're looking forward to getting seeds in the ground. We will find out what kind of deer and rabbit prevention we'll have to take soon enough. The kids are playing in the dirt. The ticks are playing on the kids. Life doesn't get much better, does it? Time flies, dad. Make every moment count. Even the windy, ticky ones.

Jason Weening will soon be planting seeds to feed his 10 kids and one patient wife. Check out his podcast at Heydads.ca.

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Photo above: The Elmvale Lions are very proud to introduce their newest member. Lion Tom Morley is a welcome addition to The Elmvale Lions Club. Thanks to Governor Jerry for his professional words of encouragement. Lion president Vern looks on with Tom's sponsor Murry.



Photo above: Haley Taylor accepts a cheque from Lion Murry to support Big Brother's and Big Sisters. The Elmvale Lions donated \$900 to help support their upcoming Bowling Fundraiser. SPRINGWATER Lanes will be one of the hosting facilities June 9th ,10th and 11th. Please contact Haley at 705-526-5051 ext. 224 for further details.



Photo above: Lion Murry presented a \$500 cheque to Leslie Heaslip for their summer reading program. The Elmvale lions have proudly supported this worthwhile program for a number of years.

SEASON CALL!



What: Huronia Players Season Call
When: Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 7:00 pm
Where: Huronia Players Theatre, 333 King St., in the Midland Cultural Centre.
Who: HP Members and those interested in becoming a part of this amazing group

- Join us in the Atrium to get a sneak peak at the next seasons 3 plays! Meet the directors as they present their plays.
- Discover what goes on behind the scenes with a tour of back stage!
- Stop by the costume department display.... Maybe try on a costume...

- Opportunity to get a selfie with a prop or two as you pass by the prop display.
 - Talk to the Tech people and see what this amazing department does.
- Sign up for something you are interested in or if you would like to join the HP family we welcome you to become a member. Members can renew memberships for the 2014-2015 season. Cash, cheque or e-transfer accepted.
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Wow Spring Into It!



follow the “thriller, filler, spiller” format:

1.) **STEP ONE:** Choose a dramatic “Thriller”: You want one real attention-grabbing plant to take centre stage in your container. A “thriller” plant will typically have an upright growth habit with either non-stop blooms, dramatic leaves, or both. In containers viewed from all sides, position a thriller in the centre. If your container is against a wall, place it in the back. The most popular “safe” thriller choice is a spike, or dracaena, but other wonderful choices include canna lilies, agapanthus, coleus, dragon wing begonia, ornamental fountain grass, cleome, alocasia, large dahlias... whatever appeals to you! Make a statement!

2.) **STEP TWO:** Plant Some “Fillers”. Filler plants complement the thriller, and typically have mounded or spreading shapes. They fill in the soil gaps between the thriller and the edge of the pot, bridging the tall thrillers and the plants that trail over the sides. Fillers can be a single plant species, or a mixture of several different plants. Typical “fillers” include petunias, impatiens, marigolds... all are beautiful and will flower all season. Consider something different: lantana, gaura, euphorbia, coleus... garden centres have so many unique options. Read the tags and look for plants with mounding habits and a spread and height of up to 12-18 inches.

3.) **STEP THREE:** Fill in with Spillers”: Spillers are trailing plants that drape down over the edge of your pot, adding another dimension to your design. Plant spillers along the edges of the pot to soften the feel of the planter, and in openings left between the fillers. Feel free to push plants into place and move things around if it’s a bit of a tight squeeze; annuals grow rapidly and will recover quickly. Calibrachoa (“million bells”) is a staple as a spiller, look for new colours that are always being introduced. Other fun choices are creeping zinnia, bacopa, licorice plant, sweet potato vine, scaevola, verbena, fuschia, wave petunias, ivy, silver falls... as long as it has a “trailing” habit, you can’t really go wrong here.

Remember, nursery staff love to talk plants. If you’re feeling apprehensive about designing a container from scratch, ask for help. Look at some examples and make mental notes of what appeals to you and makes you happy. Plants can be interchangeable: what serves as a filler in one pot could be a thriller in a smaller pot. Think of your garden as a reflection of you... there are no wrong choices!

CONSIDER THIS:

Houseplants with pretty patterns, colours and foliage variation are fun to add to your annual containers for a bit of extra interest! Spider plants, tradescantia (aka “wandering dude”), philodendron, alocasia... most houseplants will benefit from the brighter light and increased air movement they’ll get from the outdoor growing season. With consistent watering and the occasional dose of fertilizer, they’ll come back into the house in autumn looking refreshed and lush.

This series of gardening articles brought to you by the Simcoe County Master Gardeners, members of the Master Gardeners of Ontario. For more information, visit www.simcoecountymg.ca.

What is an Invasive Plant?

Source: <https://simcoecountymg.ca/invasive-species-canada-thistle/>

An invasive plant is one that, after its introduction to a region, uses a range of characteristics to develop self-sustaining populations. In the absence of natural predators that controlled their spread in their original location, an invasive plant spreads so aggressively that it eventually threatens the environment, the economy, and the health of other organisms. Severe and often irreversible consequences include the loss of biodiversity, the degradation of terrestrial, marine and other aquatic ecosystems, the introduction of new predators against which native host species have no defense, and the loss of food sources. They disrupt water purification, carbon sequestration and climate regulation, and can act as new or additional hosts for crop diseases and pests.

By Stephanie Brash, Master Gardener, SCMG

Are you stuck in a rut with your annual containers? Do you do the same thing year after year because it feels “safe”? Well, it’s time to break free! Let’s walk through the process of creating containers that are as colourful and fabulous as they are unique.

I always start my gardening season with a stroll through my favourite garden centres to see what’s new and fun. I choose a few plants that appeal to me individually, knowing I’ll work them into planters somehow. Don’t be afraid to buy a stunning, dramatic plant you’re not sure what you’re going to do with yet. Pick plants of any shape, colour and size you immediately are drawn to.

A good guide to planning your containers is to



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Photo above: Winners Candice Avery and Eddie Valender of the Bill Graham Memorial Euchre Tournament held at the Elmvalle Legion on Saturday April 20th 2024.

Bill Graham Memorial Euchre Tournament

By Linda Belcourt, Editor

May 6, 2024 - The annual Euchre tournament is hosted by Char, Bill's wife. Bill loved to play cards and this event is held in his memory. Funds are raised to donate to a worthy cause. This year \$900 was donated to the Legion. Eddie Valender and Candice Avery donated their winnings to Emma Reynolds that has been diagnosed with cancer recently. The total that went to Emma's fund was \$1,545.00. Second place was taken by host Char Graham and son Brooke. Third place was earned by Sharon Crozier and Arlene Greenlaw and they donated their winnings back. This is a fun filled day of laughter and friendship.



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Kenny, on right, and his brother, Marshall, in Dallas at the Rough Riders Stadium

Look Out World Here Come Code Ninjas

May 2, 2024 - Barrie, Ontario - Code Ninjas Barrie is proud to announce that Kenny Parkes who is 12 years old, in Grade 7 at Elmvalle District High School, was one of 9 winners of the Prodigy Program. This is a contest that spanned across all the Code Ninjas businesses (400+ locations) with each centre being allowed to submit 5 contestants. Kenny created a video game from start to finish with a drone theme that was judged to be the best in the entire northeast section of the US and all of Eastern Canada. The winners of the contest received a free trip to Dallas Texas for their whole family and while there, Kenny helped code a real-life drone show that was broadcast in the night sky over the Rough Riders Stadium in Dallas! Kenny said "it was so amazing".

It is a great honour for the local owners of this Code Ninjas centre in Barrie, Mark and Yao Diephuis, and Kenny to be chosen as one of the winners and it is a huge accomplishment to be celebrated as it was an international contest across North America. There were many requirements that had to be achieved to qualify for this competition including coming up with an idea for a game that was feasible using the available software platform and tools, coding the game, debugging it and play testing it. Kenny did all of this with minimal assistance.

"We are thrilled to acknowledge Kenny's amazing work and achievements". On top of being one of the contest winners Kenny is also well on his way to being a black belt ninjas here at Code Ninjas," said Yao Diephuis, one of the owners Code Ninjas Barrie.

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LOCAL LADY ADOPTING SAINT LUCIA ANIMALS



By Peter Jennings

April 28, 2024 A Tiny Township citizen is working hard to help people in Saint Lucia look after stray dogs and cats. Rosemary Mankiewicz says the situation there is desperate.

"Saint Lucia is such a wonderful Caribbean island," says Mankiewicz, who has visited several times. "Yet, they have a real challenge: far too many stray animals. That's why the Saint Lucia Animal Protection Society (SLAPS) was founded as a registered, non-profit organization to try to care for sick and injured dogs and cats. But they do need help."

The SLAPS organization works with local vets to reduce the overwhelming population of stray animals. Currently there is a shelter for dogs, but there is nothing for cats. "There is an urgent need for a building to house cats," Mankiewicz says. "I know of one volunteer lady who is caring for 52 cats in her house. That's not sustainable. If people donate, we can help raise the funds to get a shelter for cats."

Rosemary Mankiewicz has had a website created (slapscanada.com) which features a direct link to the SLAPS Go Fund Me page. "I had the website set up to encourage donations," she says. "The hard working people in Saint Lucia inspire me with their dedication and hard work that so often goes unrewarded. I make no money from this. I am not a part of the SLAPS organization. I am merely an individual Canadian who loves animals, wants to see them treated well, and who knows Saint Lucia needs help with this. My family donates and I hope you will too."

Along with donations, Canadians can arrange to adopt dogs or cats from Saint Lucia and have them brought here.

As well as producing the website that handles donations, Rosemary Mankiewicz is working to set up local fund raising events. "I will have more information on this soon," she says. "Let me encourage those interested to look at slapscanada.com/events.html for updates."

You're encouraged to visit slapscanada.com and click on the donations button which goes directly to the SLAPS Go Fund Me page. "Your generosity will be so appreciated," says Rosemary Mankiewicz.

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STRAWBERRY RHUBARB SMOOTHIE – SPRINGTIME BLISS IN A GLASS

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Ingredients:

- 1 cup (250 ml) fresh or frozen rhubarb, cooked on the stove or in the microwave
- 1 cup (250 ml) fresh or frozen strawberries
- 1 apple, cored and chopped
- 4 dates, chopped or 2 tablespoons (30 ml) honey or maple syrup
- 1 ½ cup (375 ml) yogurt plain or Greek
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon (1.25 ml) ground nutmeg

- 1 scoop protein powder & ¼ cup (63 ml) water or 1 cup (250 ml) skim powder & 1 cup (250 ml) water

Instructions:

1. Place the chopped rhubarb in a pot and add a teaspoon (5ml) of water. Cook on the stovetop, stirring regularly until softened. Alternatively, cook the chopped rhubarb and water in the microwave on high heat for 3-5 minutes. Cool and then, freeze before preparing the smoothie.
2. Next, add the frozen rhubarb, fresh or frozen strawberries, apple, dates, honey or maple syrup, yogurt, cinnamon, nutmeg, protein powder or skim milk powder and water to a blender.
3. Securely attach the blender lid and run on high until smooth.
4. Pour into desired glasses and garnish with a sprig of mint, if desired.

Enjoy!

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Did You Know?

Adding an extra source of protein to your smoothies is a great way to ensure you are meeting your daily protein needs. Long before tubs of protein powder lined the shelves of health food stores and supermarkets, there was skim milk powder. Skim milk powder is essentially dehydrated milk that is sold at your local grocery store in resealable pouches. An excellent and economical way to boost the protein content of your smoothies and everyday cooking, skim milk powder also adds a creaminess with no unpleasant aftertaste that is so common with protein powder. This is because the protein in skim milk powder is mostly casein while the protein in protein powder is typically made of whey protein concentrate or isolate. A scoop of protein powder often contains 25 grams of protein. To match this amount, use 1 cup of skim milk powder.

Bearbells by Leslie Noonan



May 3, 2024 - The day was grey and dull, with the occasional misty rain, perfect weather for two gals who easily overheat. I grabbed my neighbor and we headed a short 25 minute drive to Six Mile Lake, a small Provincial Park north of Port Severn and just off highway

400. The gate to the park was open, but with a small barricade across one side. Not one to be discouraged, I shrugged and maneuvered around the barricade to the parking area. An attempt to enter the ranger's station to pay the daily fee was met with locked doors, until a nice employee appeared and kindly pointed out the, ahem, barricades and signage, announcing the park closure until the season starts on May 10. Our winning dispositions apparently made an impact, as the employee agreed to let us park off the property and walk on through to the hiking trails.

We followed the paved roads through the park, passing lonely campsites not yet ready for the season, with picnic tables resting on their sides. The sites are

quite lovely, with great scenery and privacy between sites, as well as three different sandy beaches. Not backcountry, but a nice place for more communal camping. After road hiking for about ten minutes, we turned left onto a dead end road that is also the start of the trail system. There are three linear trails that interconnect, all rated moderate due to the ruggedness of the routes. The Living Edge Trail is a short 1.2 km trail that begins at the southern end of the camping area and terminates at the furthest road for the park. It is a lovely trail that winds through wetlands and along the edges of beaver ponds. Within a short distance there is a branch to the left that begins the David Milne trail, a short 0.6 km trail that is named for a Canadian painter from the area. This route is more rugged, and traverses up and down the Canadian Shield and leads out to a lake from which you can watch the traffic barrel pass on the 400. No matter how far we travelled, the noise of the traffic sadly never fully disappeared.

We continued to the left onto the 1.1 km Marsh Trail, and true to its name, this was one wet area. I would frequently pass off one of my hiking poles

to my friend, in order for us to balance around and over wet areas. We lost the trail briefly as we scrambled around a larger quagmire next to a beaver dam, but easily found the trail again. The blackflies are already out, flying into our ears and noses and annoyingly swarming around our heads. This is not a trek I would want to take in a month or so, as you would run the risk of being carried away. We only had one small incident, when bushwhacking around a large wet area. My friend slipped on a wet stick and went down hard and my immediate thought was how to immobilize a broken bone, getting a fire started with my fire starter and how glad I am that I always have an emergency blanket. Always prepare for the worst, and hope for the best. Luckily the worst that happened this time was a muddy and sore knee that could be taken care of with a washing machine and some Tylenol. After a short break we continued along the Marsh Trail and back to the Living Trail, following this to the northern end of the park and the paved road and back to the car.



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ANTEN MILLS by Dennis Gannon

A record was broken during the month of April here in Anten Mills and locally. That record was for the amount of rain that fell during the month. According to Environment Canada, the Barrie area received 146.7mm of rain which surpassed the 1991 record 129.2mm. To put that in inches, that's 5.7 inches for the new record. Here in Anten Mills 6.41 inches or 163.8 of rain was recorded. This comes from a volunteer weather and rain gathering organization known as CoCoRaHAS which has thousands of volunteers throughout Canada and the United States as well now in the Bahamas. Locally there are rain, snow and hail reporters in Phelpston, Apto and Anten Mills. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer check out their website cocorahs.org for more details.

The Anten Mills Community Recreation Association held its annual general meeting on April 25. The purpose of the meeting was to go over planned events for the balance of the year as well as to approve a board of directors as required by the Township of Springwater. The board remained the same with Lawrence Pavan as the Chair and Karis Able remaining as the Recording Member, Rick Hutchinson and Roslyn Watkins as Members at Large and Dennis Gannon as the Community Coordinator. A good discussion was held on the planned events for the rest of the year and it was noted that they cannot be held without the essential and great work by those who volunteer their time. Two weekly events that see continued support are the Knotty Knitters who meet on Tuesday and the Thursday Night Euchre group. It was noted that the knitters monthly support the Elmvale and District Food Bank with the donations they provide in support of women. While the knitters will officially end their season at the end of the month they will definitely pick back up in September and continue their efforts. What was acknowledged is that the following events will occur with volunteers. There will be two movie nights one each in July and August, the Autumn Artisans Fair in September which will also include a new event in the form of a chili cook off. In October there will be the Witches Walk and Kids Halloween Bash and the annual Christmas in the Village. As we move closer to the dates more information will become available and volunteers will be needed.

Along with those events and one that has been asked about a number of times already is the community

wide garage sale. Mark your calendars now for two sales this year. The first will be on Saturday, June 15 and the second on Saturday September 14. Karis is leading these events and more information will be posted on the Anten Mills Community Bulletin Facebook page so check it frequently.

In 2021, the community got together and planted an anniversary garden in recognition of Anten Mills having a recreation and social association for 50 years. The garden, which is designed for pollinators, has grown well over the past several years and is purposely left over the winter with stalks and leaves so that the insects needing shelter can have the same. This Saturday, May 11 at 9:00 AM, the community is asked to come out and help clean up the gardens as well as the community park. It's not difficult work and many hands will make it complete quickly. All that is needed is a pair of gloves and some basic gardening tools. High school students who need their community hours can get them as well. The community support is appreciated so please attend and see what has been planted and enjoy the early flowering plants that are in bloom now.

There are a few families who have gone out of their way to clean up some of the walkways as well as ditches in the community. They are not looking for recognition but it is important that we recognize and thank them for helping to keep Anten Mills beautiful.

The Anten Mills Collection clothing line has been well received and beneficial to our CRA. Now is the time to order your summer attire. There are t-shirts, both long sleeve and short for kids and adults, hoodies and ball caps and new for the spring and summer, ladies v neck t-shirts, as well as golf shirts for both women and men. The quality is excellent along with a good colour variety. Check out the website, antenmills.justadd10.com and get your order in now.

For the past several summers, the Watkins family was hosting youth pick up ball at the community centre on Sunday mornings. They are not able to continue this year but are pleased to advise that Meghan Priest is going to take over with a bit of a change. Instead of Sunday mornings, Meghan is looking at Thursdays starting at 5:30 at the community ball diamond. Meghan has already posted on the facebook page with the starting date of May 23 so if you have some young ball players who may be interested, check out the post and head over and have some fun.

The Midhurst United Church has been fundraising for the past several years with delicious take out meals. This Saturday, May 11, they are having another Roast Beef dinner for only \$30 per serving. This is a scheduled event so you must pre purchase in advance. Each meal comes with roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy and vegetables and a slice of great homemade pie. More information is available by checking out their website or facebook page so don't miss this tasty meal and help support the church.

This Sunday is Mother's Day. While we should remember and support our mother every day, this is that yearly opportunity to do something special for them. To all mothers in our community, we thank you for all that you do and hope that your day is enjoyable.

That's it for this week. Hopefully you can come by the community centre on Saturday morning and until next time, THANKS for READING, BE WELL and STAY SAFE.

EDGE TALKS:

TICKS - LYME DISEASE

By Nancy Lockhart

I think spring is finally here. And if you're like me, you've hibernated through the winter - or what we had of it. The outdoors are calling. It's staying light much longer now. Let's go take a walk and bring the dog. But before you head out on that walk, you should head on over to EDGE's May meeting. There you will learn about Ticks-Lyme disease with Dusana Bondy of Abell Pest Control. Even working in the garden, you have to be prepared. So if you have questions, bring them with you. We will be gathering on Wednesday May 22 at 7:00 p.m. upstairs at the Elmvale Legion. I am sure that there will be lots of useful information so don't forget to bring paper and pen. There will also be refreshments so don't forget to bring your mug. I saw Daffy at our last meeting. Guests are always welcome.

Also EDGE will be having a Plant Sale at Heritage Park Saturday June 15th from 9 - 2 p.m. These plants will be coming from our own gardens. You can't get any more local than that. And as every gardener knows there is always room for more plants.



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'Mind-blowing' Engineering Report to Save Midland Money Now, in Future

By: *Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, MidlandToday.ca*

May 03, 2024 - The best way to make a council happy is to present cost-savings for the municipality and the taxpayers, and a \$40,000 gain by staff put Midland council members in the smile zone.

At the recent meeting of council, a report on revised engineering development design standards was presented, which looked at both industry and internal revisions since the last standards were implemented in 2012.

A year in the making, the 140-page draft document addressed the engineering intricacies of submission requirements, design and construction, inspections, roadway design, storm and sanitary drainage systems, water systems, street lighting, and more.

"I found it a little mind-blowing," said Coun. Catherine MacDonald on the complexity of the report; it was a sentiment shared by Bill Meridis later when he stated: "it's kind of over my head with being knowledgeable about this."

However, engineering manager Mitch Sobil was on hand to explain the benefits of updating the standards when MacDonald asked for report highlights.

"In some cases when a developer had come to us and asked how we were going to install a water service - what type of standard is it going to be - there was an inconsistency there," stated Sobil. "We always revert back to provincial standards where possible, but now with this new standard we have our own set of standard details that we can just hand to a developer, or anybody - even our own designers for our own projects."

Sobil added: "It's just overall consistency through the town, which will be huge (for) efficiencies across the board."

A concern Meridis shared was that developers interested in the town could see the revised standards and potentially "handcuff" them; his question to Sobil was if the revisions were favourable for both developers as well as the municipality.

"That was on our mind throughout the whole process," replied Sobil. "It's not just as much a tool for us as it's a tool for them. We've aligned our standards with a lot of the surrounding municipalities in the area that have done updates like this."

"By no means, we don't want this to be a red tape type of thing for developments. It's more of an update to industry best practices and a good tool for everybody," said Sobil.

A concern was made by Coun. Jaz Patel, who shared his feelings that LED lighting "lumens are a little bit on the low end."

Sobil responded that the streetlights were one of the few unmodified standards, as they had remained consistent since 2012 conversions from the previous standards.

"We'll review that and as technologies change," said Sobil, "and if we think we have a lighting issue, we'll keep an eye on it and verify that we'll have acceptable lighting levels in developments."

The comment was followed up by Mayor Bill Gordon who stated, "We have dark sky policies basically for commercial but not for residential, so we need to abide by those in our municipality too, when subdivisions get put in... while not having said lights going into people's living rooms and what not."

"That's the balance," Gordon added. "I think there's a couple of open complaints about lighting from the (Walmart) Supercentre area that literally lights up Little Lake at night; bounces across and it's like having lights from a stadium shining across the lake."

Cost-cutting and ratepayer savings have been a continual factor in many municipal decisions throughout the current term, primarily during budget deliberations. During the 2023 budget, council had approved a \$40,000 consultant cost in assisting updates for the standards. However, the report stated that "with strategic work prioritization and competent staff", the draft document for revisions was kept as an internal project allowing a savings of \$40,000 instead.

Coun. Jamie-Lee Ball admitted: "I know at budget time I was a little hesitant to see all of these consultant and external studies coming through, so I like that we used our in-house talent and we were able to accomplish that. I appreciate that, thank you."

A thankful MacDonald danced around the question of where that savings went and if it could be used to offset taxpayers, but CFO Lindsay Barron responded: "The money would remain in the capital reserves, which is where it's needed."

The recommendation by staff was if the draft document were approved by council, it would be finalized with published revisions so it could be used immediately; council approved that recommendation.

The revised engineering development design standards report, including the 140-page document, is available in the council agenda on the town of Midland website.

Council meetings are held every third Wednesday, and can be viewed on Rogers TV cable channel 53 when available, or through the livestream on the Rogers TV website. Archives of council meetings are available through Rogers TV and on the Town of Midland's YouTube channel.

All Aboard! Keewatin Soon to Open to Kingston Public



Photo above: Keewatin in its new home: the historic kingston dry dock at the Great Lakes Museum. Photo by Michelle Dorey Forestell.

By: *Michelle Dorey Forestell, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: Kingstonist.com*

May 6, 2024 - All aboard! The S.S. Keewatin (Kee-way-tin) will officially open to the public on Saturday, May 25, 2024, with a launch party beginning at 11 a.m. to welcome guests for its first season in Kingston.

Ahead of the launch party, the Great Lakes Museum --- current steward and owner of the Keewatin --- has opened ticket sales for tours. Tour experiences, including visits to both the Great Lakes Museum and Keewatin, can be booked online on the Great Lakes Museum website. Students receive discounted rates, and children under five are admitted free.

"We are delighted to finally unveil this beautiful and historic ship to visitors and the community and to celebrate the hard work of our volunteers, staff, and board members," said Chris West, Board Chair for the Great Lakes Museum.

"We're excited to embark on the next phase of this important vessel's life in Kingston and integrate its story into our collection covering the last 200 years of Great Lakes history."

The Keewatin, built in Scotland in 1907, was

formerly owned by Canadian Pacific Railway. CP Rail steamships such as the Keewatin transported tourists, settlers, and cargo throughout the Great Lakes and across the world from the late 19th century until their retirement in the 1960s. Of the approximately 3,800 similar passenger steamships built between 1900 and 1920, the Keewatin is one of only three to survive. It is the last remaining Edwardian-era passenger steamship liner in the world.

The ship was donated to the Great Lakes Museum in 2023 by its previous owner, Skyline Investments, to capitalize on Kingston's strong tourism draws and ensure the Keewatin was housed with an organization which could adequately provide for its upkeep.

Keewatin underwent partial restoration work at Heddle Shipyards (now Ontario Shipyards) in Hamilton in the summer of 2023 before arriving in Kingston in the fall. Restoration work will continue on the ship in the years ahead as the Great Lakes Museum works to open additional areas of the boat for visitors.

This spring's opening for tours was made possible in part due to the support of the Friends of Keewatin, a dedicated community group that previously operated tours aboard the ship in Port McNicoll, Ontario. The Great Lakes Museum even invited the Friends to visit Kingston and show the staff the ropes as they prepared the ship for public tours. Several Friends of Keewatin members visited in April to work alongside Kingston volunteers to stage the ship's interior for public visits.

"It is an astonishingly long and detailed process. We are overwhelmed by the generous time commitment from Kingston and Port McNicoll volunteers. We are two teams working on one mission: to preserve and celebrate the Keewatin," said Kelly Pope-Wiley, Board Vice-Chair for the Great Lakes Museum.

Programs And Communications Manager Michelle Clarabut said she was also grateful for the help, as she led a sneak peek tour of the ship in late April.

"We're taking our cues from Port McNicoll... They

are training us on how to stage her, and then as we go forward, we'll start to figure out how we want to do it. We'll make modifications, but this is a starting point. It's part of the learning process," explained Clarabut.

Connie Cochrane, the staging lead from Port McNicoll, travelled to Kingston to help the new crew navigate their mission. She said the Port McNicoll group hoped the Friends of Keewatin might get an invitation, so when they received it, they were "absolutely thrilled."

"Our main purpose was to make sure the ship survived," Cochrane shared as she demonstrated to a Kingston volunteer how to stack the set of antique travel trunks in the ship's hold.

"This is a better place for her. You'll have more tours and a little more money to take care of it."

Tour options include guided tours of the passenger areas and tours of the engine room. In addition to the tour, the museum will offer an S.S. Keewatin exhibit to showcase artifacts and historical displays relating to the Keewatin and its connections to Great Lakes commerce, people and personal stories, and Canada's westward expansion. This exhibit will open in June.

Donations to support the ongoing historical preservation and restoration work are appreciated and eligible for a tax receipt, as the Great Lakes Museum is a registered charity. Visit the Great Lakes Museum website to learn more about supporting or visiting the Museum and S.S. Keewatin.

Unfortunately, S.S. Keewatin is not fully accessible for those with mobility limitations. For more information, please email Michelle Clarabut at education@marmuseum.ca.

The Great Lakes Museum acknowledges the site it sits on and the water it interacts with to be the traditional water and land of the Anishinaabek, Haudenosaunee of the Six Nations Iroquois Confederacy, and the Huron-Wendat Peoples, and thanks these nations for their care and stewardship over these shared waterways and land.

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Council Welcomes Minister Lecce to Wasaga Beach, Celebrates Provincial Funding for First High School

By Town of Wasaga Beach

May 1, 2024 - New elementary and high school campus will become part of a Wasaga Beach Community Hub, building on the Town's new \$60 million twin-pad arena and library, and feature post-secondary programs, a community theatre, child care centre and outdoor recreational fields

"The Town of Wasaga Beach thanks the province for their partnership, collaboration and investment in this innovative K-12 school. This unique project will deliver more than additional elementary school capacity, a child care centre and a community theatre for Wasaga Beach. It is the first high school in the history of our community, and it is long overdue," said Mayor Brian Smith. "This is a defining moment – one that will help shape the future of our community and benefit families and kids in Wasaga Beach for generations to come. This government has made education a priority – and working together, we are putting students in Wasaga Beach first."

The Ontario Ministry of Education will fund a partnership proposal developed by the Town and the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board that will build an innovative K-12 campus adjacent to the new Wasaga Stars Arena and Wasaga Beach Public Library.

Future students of this new elementary school and high school will benefit from the Town's state-of-the-art arena and library facilities. All together, the K-12 campus will offer students a dynamic learning environment and offer residents a hub for education, sport and community engagement.

The project includes a new community theatre that students will have access to during the school day, which will be available to the Wasaga Beach community on evenings and weekends. This will fill a theatre facility void in the town and help support the growth of a strong arts and culture sector in Wasaga Beach.

Looking to the future, the Town has also established MOU's with Lakehead University and Canadore College that would see specialized programming delivered through the Town's twin-pad arena and library, and within shared facilities on this new K-12 campus. This specialized programming would be targeted to skilled trade professions in childcare, construction, healthcare and hospitality fields in addition to specific programming opportunities for adult and lifelong learning.

The County of Simcoe has also provided a letter of support to bring much needed child care facilities to the new school campus.

The new elementary and high school campus, and community theatre, is expected to open in 2027.

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OPP REPORT

OPP SEEKING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FOLLOWING SINGLE VEHICLE COLLISION INVOLVING ONE INDIVIDUAL BEING TRANSPORTED TO HOSPITAL

(WASAGA BEACH, ON) - Members of the Huronia West Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are requesting the public's assistance regarding a single vehicle collision.

On May 4, 2024, at approximately 5:00 a.m., members the Huronia West OPP along with Emergency Medical Services (EMS) responded to a report of a single motor vehicle in the ditch on Klondike Park Road in the Town of Wasaga Beach. One individual was transported to hospital with serious injuries.

The investigation is ongoing. If you have any information regarding this incident, including surveillance or dash cam footage, please contact the Huronia West OPP at 1-888-310-1122. If you'd like to submit information anonymously, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit information online at www.p3tips.com.

HURONIA WEST INVESTIGATION LEADS TO DRUG RELATED CHARGES AND FIREARM BEING TAKEN OFF THE STREET

(TOWN OF WASAGA BEACH, CLEARVIEW TOWNSHIP, ON) - Members of the Huronia West Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have arrested and charged an individual with several drug and firearm related charges in Clearview Township.

In late February 2024, Huronia West Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) initiated a drug trafficking investigation involving an individual from Brampton who was allegedly trafficking drugs in Wasaga Beach. Police were able to gather evidence further advancing their investigation.

On April 30, 2024, the accused was located travelling to the Huronia West Detachment area and was stopped in Clearview Township. During the investigation, the accused was arrested, the vehicle was seized, and items were seized including a loaded firearm, cocaine, and Canadian currency.

Tevonte BROWN-FENTY, 21-year-old of Brampton, was arrested and charged with several weapons offences along with other offences related to drug trafficking.

The accused was held for a Bail Hearing.

SEARCH WARRANT LEADS TO ARREST IN DRUG TRAFFICKING

(TOWN OF WASAGA BEACH, ON) - Members of the Huronia West Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) executed a search warrant which resulted in an arrest and drug related charges being laid in the Town of Wasaga Beach.

In January 2024, Huronia West Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) initiated a drug trafficking investigation involving an individual who was allegedly trafficking drugs in Wasaga Beach and Collingwood. Police were able to gather evidence further advancing their investigation.

On April 25, 2024, members from Huronia West, Collingwood, Southern Georgian Bay and Nottawasaga CSCU conducted an entry at an address in Wasaga Beach and simultaneously Tactics and Rescue Unit (TRU) conducted an entry at a separate address in Wasaga Beach.

During the search, officers seized a quantity of cocaine, fentanyl, indicia of drug trafficking along with a weapon.

Daniel CLARKE, 26-year-old of Brampton, was arrested and charged with:

- Trafficking Schedule I Substance - Cocaine

- Trafficking Schedule I Substance - Opioid
- Possession of Schedule I Substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Cocaine
- Possession of Schedule I Substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Opioid

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Collingwood at a later date.

IT'S NOT JUST A GAME, IT'S A PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE

(COLLINGWOOD, ON) - Twice in the past week, members of the Collingwood and Blue Mountains Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have responded to reports of young people in vehicles observed with firearms. Police have determined that both incidents were the result of youths and young adults playing a game called "Senior Assassin" with water guns.

Senior Assassin has grown in popularity across Canada and the United States. Although it's getting young people to take time away from their devices and online gaming, the Collingwood and Blue Mountains Detachment would like to raise awareness for players and the public to limit confusion between the game and a real scenario.

On April 24, 2024, Collingwood and Blue Mountains OPP received a complaint that several teens in a white vehicle had attended an address on Kirby Ave in Collingwood and were trying to get to another teen, who had taken refuge in a residence. Police were advised that one of the individuals was carrying a handgun. Multiple police units converged on the area and located the vehicle and suspects, taking them into custody before determining that the firearm was actually a water-gun and the teens were playing Senior Assassin.

On April 28, 2024, Collingwood and Blue Mountains OPP responded to a complaint that several teens were parked in a vehicle on Bush Street in Collingwood and acting suspiciously in front of a residence. It was believed that they had firearms with them in the vehicle. Multiple officers arrived and the teens were detained while the officers conducted their investigation. It was determined that the teens were using water-guns and playing the Senior Assassin game.

The Collingwood and Blue Mountains OPP warns the young people who are playing this game to ensure that they are not using water-guns that can easily be confused with a "real" firearm, stick to the brightly coloured plastic type; don't linger around other people's homes or trespass on their property; and don't wear face masks that cover the face. It is important for young people to understand how their actions could look/be interpreted by a member of the public, who is unfamiliar with the game that they are playing.

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(TOWN OF NEW TECUMSETH, ON) - The Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) attended 7th Line and 15th Side Road in the Town of New Tecumseth in relation to a motor vehicle collision, involving a horse trailer.

Members of the Nottawasaga OPP attended the scene of the two-vehicle collision which resulted in an overturned horse trailer, containing a 21-year-old horse named, "Donte".

With the assistance of New Tecumseth Fire, Simcoe County Paramedics, Two Tack Emergency Medical Services and a local veterinarian, the horse was removed from the trailer safely with minor injuries.

The drivers of the motor vehicles remained on scene sustaining minor injuries.

No charges have been laid at this time, and the roadway been reopened.



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NOTICE



E.D.G.E. May Meeting

**Ticks-Lyme Disease
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Pest Control**

Wednesday, May 22, 7:00 p.m.
Elmvale Legion, upstairs
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AUCTION NOTICES



**The Estate of Jean Little
Barrie - May 19 - 23**

This estate sale for Jean Little is not one to be missed. As a lifelong resident of Barrie, Jean was a collector of historical & antique items, full of provenance. This auction includes Victorian furniture, estate jewellery, Brooklin pottery, valuable & historical oil paintings by William Mellow, John Opie & Jule Edouard Diart, amongst many others. Step back in time, and enjoy the elegance & legacy that this auction offers.

Upcoming Auctions

- Moving Sale for Ryerson Nicklin - Guelph (May 12 - 16)
- Timber Tech Bonanza: Woodworking Equip. - Acton (May 12 - 16)
- Manuel & Dina Dos Santos Moving Sale - Waterdown (May 12- 26)
- The Estate of William Glendinning - New Hamburg (May 19 - 23)
- The James Elwood Hogg Estate - Guelph (May 19 - 23)
- The Estate of Maureen Sweeney - Guelph (May 19 - 23)
- Auction for Norma Gilmour & the Late John Gilmour (May 26 - 30)
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Elmvale Legion 50/ 50 Draw

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Community Events

MONDAY

Bid Euchre
Elmvale Community Hall 1 pm - 4 pm
Every Monday.
Call Anne for details 705-322-1232

Georgian Shores Swinging Seniors
Hustle and Muscle, 11:30 - 12:30 pm
Bid Euchre, 1 - 3:30 pm
The Place, 300 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny
Call Vickie for fees 705 526 5074 or gsseniors2016@rogers.com

Duplicate Bridge
Bay Shore Seniors Club 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
2000 Tiny Beaches Road S., Woodland Beach
705-361-1331

TUESDAY

Elmvale Legion
Tuesdays at 1 pm
Table Shuffleboard, Cost \$1

Palace Tavern Elmvalle BINGO
Every Tuesday night
Midland Rotary proceeds 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Barrie Rotary proceeds 8 pm to 9:30 pm

Bay Shore Seniors Club
Billiards/Pool 10:00 - 12:00 p.m.
Crafts - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Bid-Euchre - 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
2000 Tiny Beaches Road S., Woodland Beach

Georgian Shores Swinging Seniors
Line Dancing, Progressive Beginners
9:30 - 11:00 am
Line Dancing, Easy Intermediate, 11:30 - 1:00 pm
Seniors in Motion Fitness, 2:00 - 3:00 pm
The Place, 300 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny
Call Vickie for fees 705 526 5074 or gsseniors2016@rogers.com

Springwater Senior's Golf League 2024
May 7- Sept. 24 - Tues. 8:00 a.m. tee off
Springwater Golf Course
1481 Golf Course Road, Minesing,
Mixed seniors' league - scramble format
Contact intalatour@hotmail.com to join

WEDNESDAY

E.D.G.E. Elmvalle District Garden Enthusiasts
Meetings held **4th Wed. of each month from March to Nov. at 7:00 pm**
Elmvale Legion, 7 John Street Elmvalle
Guests always welcome, no charge bring a friend.

Bay Shore Seniors Club
Bridge - 12:30 - 4:00 p.m.
Indoor Pickleball 4:00-5:30 and 5:30-7:00 p.m.
2000 Tiny Beaches Road S., Woodland Beach

Barrie Region Aquarium Society
meets on the 2nd Wed each month from Sept-June
at East Bayfield Community Centre, Barrie
80 Livingstone Rd E.
Everyone Welcome! For more info, email
president@lbrass.com

Georgian Shores Swinging Seniors
Chair/Floor Yoga, 9:30 - 10:30 am
Zumba Gold, 11:30 - 12:30 pm
Games Afternoon, 12:30 - 3:30 pm
2nd Camera Club, 2:00 - 3:30 pm
The Place, 300 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny
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THURSDAY

Probus Club of Simcoe North
Meetings monthly 2nd Thurs. 10 a.m.
For women & men in retirement or semi-retirement.
Penetang Legion, 2 Poyntz St. For more information
email klarkins@csolve.net or call Joyce (705)526-3424

Bay Shore Seniors Club
Darts - 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
2000 Tiny Beaches Road, S., Woodland Beach

Georgian Shores Swinging Seniors
1st Movie and Lunch, 12 noon - 3:30 pm
2nd & 4th Tiny Stitchers, 9:00 - 3:00 pm
3rd Book Club, 1:30 - 3:30 pm
The Place, 300 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny
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Let's Do Lunch \$5:
Elmvale Presbyterian Church
2nd Thursday of the month. Eat in: 12-1pm. \$5
For take-out & town delivery \$6 call 322-1411
between 9 & noon on the Monday previous.
Pick-up Thursday 11:15 - 11:45 at East side of the church.

Coffee Party
Last Thursday of the month 9:30 - 11 a.m.
Elmvale Presbyterian Church
All Welcome, Cost: \$3

Wasaga Beach Parkinson's Support Group
1st Thursday of each month, 12:30-2pm
Wasaga Beach new Public Library 544 River Rd.,
Wasaga Beach. All Parkinson's patients & caregivers
welcome. For more information contact Phil Bender
905-703-6248 bender.philip@gmail.com

Connecting Together - Fellowship with Others
Thursdays 2-3:30 pm call 705-526-6077
St. Pauls United Church Atrium, 308 King St
Midland

FRIDAY

Bay Shore Seniors Club
Gentle Fitness Program - Free VON Exercise 9:30
- 10:30 a.m.
Shuffleboard 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Indoor Pickleball - 4:00-5:30 and 5:30-7:00 p.m.
2000 Tiny Beaches Road, S., Woodland Beach

Georgian Shores Swinging Seniors
Bingo & Lunch
3rd Friday, , 12 noon - 3:30 pm
TGIF social, 4:00 - 6:00 pm
The Place, 300 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny
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SATURDAY

Elmvale Legion
Saturday at 5 pm
Meat Darts- \$ 10.00 for 3 games
3 prizes per game and a meat draw prize after \$1.00
a ticket (\$25.00 value)

SUNDAY

Good Vibes
First Sunday 2-5 from 2 to 5 p.m.
An open-mic music event. For winter months,
relocated to Hackney Horse Bed & Breakfast, 3276
Penetanguishene Rd. near Craighurst. \$5 donation,
tea, coffee & baking at a small extra cost.

Bay Shore Seniors Club
Indoor Pickleball - 4:00-5:30 and 5:30-7:00 p.m.
2000 Tiny Beaches Road, S., Woodland Beach

MONDAY to FRIDAY

Low Impact Gentle Fitness Program
VON SMART Program
Adults 55+ FREE
Mon. 9am @ Springwater Room (arena)
Wed. 9am @ Elmvalle Community Hall
Fri. 11am @ Elmvalle Community hall
Also available - pole walking at Heritage Park on
Wednesdays 9:15am
Times and locations all subject to change.
Bring good support (running) shoes and water
Call 705-355-2200 to register or walk ins

Midland Bridge Club
427 William St, Midland
Mon. 12:45pm: Duplicate Bridge, **Tues 6:45pm:**
Social Bridge, **Wed., 12:45pm** Duplicate Bridge,
Thur. 12:45pm Duplicate Bridge, **Fri. 12pm:** Bid
Euchre. Contact Vern 705-730-9998. Possible lesson
if desired. midlandbridge@gmail.com

Ganaraka Hiking Club-Wasaga Beach
Wed hikes 09:15-09:30am at various locations,
year round. Also a casual hike, same time. Winter
can be snowshoes. Weekly, hikes **Sunday 1:30pm**
from a park near Foodland, WB. Weekly, Monday
morning bike tours from various locations. Seasonal.
Please contact Lorraine for info. 416-606-5081. Or
lorvanvlymen@gmail.com

Georgian Bay Coin & Stamp Club
3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Prime Time Club, 1724 Mosley St., Wasaga Beach
1st Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm - 8:30pm
(North Simcoe Chapter) Penetanguishene Memorial
Arena, Brian Orser Lounge, 2nd floor. 61 Maria St.
For more info.: www.geobaycoinstampclub.ca

Open Gym Drop-In
Mondays: - 5:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - Drop-in
basketball - All ages are welcome.
Tuesday: 5:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - Drop-in pickleball
- All ages are welcome.
Drop-in programs will be no charge for July and
August.
The Township is pleased to offer sessions at Elmvalle
District High School (25 Lawson Avenue)

Georgian Shores Swinging Seniors
Billiards/Pool, 9:00 - 11 am
The Place, 300 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny
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ALL DAYS

Indoor Pickleball
Sun 2:00 p.m.; Wed 4:30 p.m. and Fri 4:00 p.m.
Bayshore Srs Club, 2000 Tiny Beaches Road S,
Woodland Beach

One Time Events

Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival
April 27, 2024 from 8 am - 5 pm
Arena Grounds, Elmvalle
Pancake House, Live Entertainment, Arts & Crafts
Shows, Over 250 street vendors

Chili Luncheon
Sat. April 27, 11am-2pm
Elmvale Presbyterian Church, 22 Queen St. E
Lunch of chili, roll, sweet treat and a drink. Adults
\$10, Children 4-12 \$5, children under 3 free.
Proceeds to support Church Youth Ministry.

2024 Springwater Farmers' Market- Elmvalle
Application now available!
33 Queen Street West, in Elmvalle
Presented by the Elmvalle BIA Vendor Package and
Application now available! The market will operate
every Thursday evening, rain or shine, June 13
through August 29, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
Visit www.elmvalebia.ca or email info@elmvallebia.
ca for additional information.

Gardeners' Gathering
Sunday May 5, 2024, 10:30am to 1:30pm
North Simcoe Sports & Recreation Centre
527 Len Self Blvd, Midland
Brunch, Silent Auction, Raffle prizes, Guest Speakers
on Indigenous, Native & Pollinator Gardening.
All event proceeds support animals in need in our
community. Tickets: \$20, available at the OSPCA
Animal Centre, 15979 Hwy 12, Port McNicoll, 705
534-4459

Thread Art Card Workshop
May 6, 2024 Meeting 1pm. Doors open 12:30
Simcoe County Museum
Also included is a special make and take project.
Members \$10. Guests \$15 (Cash only please)
Register with Betsy to attend:
littlerockimages@simcoe.net or 705-727-7389

Midhurst United Church Take-Away Roast Beef
Dinner
Date: Saturday, May 11, 2024
Pick Up: 4:00-6:00 pm
Cost: \$30 cash or \$33.28 through Eventbrite

Café Convo
May 24, 2024 at 7pm
Coffee and conversation on investing
Midhurst United Church, 91 Doran Rd

GGG (G Bay Gals Give) Spring Giving Event
May 27th from 5:30 PM to 7 PM.
Brooklea Golf and Country Club
Contact gbaygalsgive@gmail.com

St. Louis Spring Bazaar, Plant & Bake Sale
June 1 from, 9am -12:30 pm
Line 4 N. at Mt. St. Louis Rd.

Elmvale Lions 75th Anniversary
June 8, 2024 from 11 am - 3 pm
Family Fun Day. Kids activities, games and prizes.
Hotdogs and drinks. Open to public.
Lions Hall - Flos Rd 7 W, Elmvalle

Buttertart Luncheon
Sat. June 8th, 2024, 11am-2pm
St. Margaret's Church, 589 Hugel Ave. Midland
Lunch of sandwiches, desserts and a drink for \$10
Luncheon, bake sale, craft sale and buttertarts



The Butter Tart Buzz has sTARtEd in Midland

By Town of Midland

(May 3, 2024, Midland ON) With at least 200,000 butter tarts expected, Midland is getting ready for the sweetest day of the year with Ontario's Best Butter Tart Festival on June 8.

The festival begins at 9 a.m. when Mayor Bill Gordon will declare the festival open following the Piping of the Tart throughout the festival with the Midland Legion's Pipes and Drums.

"Ontario's Best Butter Tart Festival is an experience like no other," said Mayor Gordon. "Our festival is held on the shores of beautiful Georgian Bay and it's such a great day to be in Midland, enjoying a uniquely Canadian treat. We are looking forward to welcoming festival visitors in June."

The award-winning festival, which first began in 2013, is the original and largest butter tart festival in Canada drawing 60,000 visitors for the one-day event.

"The great Canadian debate, that may never be resolved, is should there be raisins or not in butter tarts," said Karen Mealing, Manager of Culture and Community with the Town of Midland. "But whether you like your butter tarts plain, with raisins or pecan, with a runny or firm filling, or vegan or

gluten-free, everyone will be able to find a favourite at our festival."

In addition to butter tarts, the festival features many downtown merchants who expand their businesses onto the sidewalks in front of their establishments and more than 200 vendors selling everything from butter tarts to clothing, jewellery, home décor, personal care products, and hand-crafted items. There will also be food trucks with delicious options that will intrigue all foodies.

The admission-free festival features the Toronto Regional Real Estate Board Stage with live music all day. Bands include Late 2 Skool, a youth band, and 93 North, Gibbons & Figgs, Rick Robichaud Band, Bustin' Loose, Unlocked and Barstool Academy.

Other family-friendly activities include a Kids Zone that will be located in Harbourside Park and there will be buskers and performers entertaining visitors throughout the festival.

The Egg Farmers of Ontario Butter Tart Contest will see one butter tart crowned the best butter tart in Ontario. The competition is open to both professional and amateur/home bakers and the festival will accept entries until May 24, unless the maximum number of entries is received before this date.

Contest categories include Traditional butter tarts such as plain, raisin, pecan, or walnut and Wild Style, which is a butter tart with a non-traditional ingredient or two. Those interested in sampling the same tarts as the contest judges will be able to purchase mixed six-packs of contest butter tarts for \$15.

Visitors will enjoy the free shuttles that will allow them to park offsite and travel to the festival. Tourism Simcoe County and Cycle Simcoe will be staffing a free bike valet, Town of Midland transit will be running at no cost that day and there will also be a free festival shuttle from the Town of Penetanguishene.

Visitors looking for more information, including free shuttles and accessible parking, should visit www.buttertartfestival.ca and follow the festival on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

The admission-free festival also includes food trucks, all-day live entertainment, free shuttle service and a free bicycle valet provided by Cycle Simcoe. There is a kids' zone located in Harbourside Park with a ticket fee.

For more information about the festival, visit www.buttertartfestival.ca.



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BERTRAM, Michael David

Michael David Bertram of Elmvale; passed away peacefully at Hospice Simcoe after a courageous battle with cancer, on Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024 in his 60th year. He is survived by his sons, Mike Bertram and Alex (A.J.) Bertram, his sister Heidi (Russell) McElwain & his father David (Lynda) Bertram. He is pre-deceased by his brother Glenn Bertram, his cherished mom Marian Currie and stepfather Alex Currie.

Throughout Mike's life journey, he built strong relationships with a vast group of friends who became his family. The impact he made on the people he touched was keenly felt during his final weeks at Hospice, where many friendships and relationships were renewed & celebrated, and the bonds of friendship strengthened with the many friends who were his constants in life.

During his battle with cancer Mike's dear friend Dory Cameron, who he adored; together with a group of close friends, made sure that Mike received the care that he needed and that he was surrounded with people who cared for him.

He will be missed by all who knew him, and his beloved musical community will be a little quieter today for the loss of one of their most passionate drummers.

A gathering to share memories of Mike's life will be held at the Elmvale Legion on Saturday May 4th, 2024, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Mike's family & friends will always be grateful for the care and kindness shown by Dr. Cohen & the staff and volunteers at Hospice Simcoe during his time there. If desired, memorial donations may be made to Hospice Simcoe or a charity of choice.

Honouring Past County Warden Arthur Stewart

Flags at the County's Administration Centre will be lowered to recognize and honour the life of past County Warden Arthur Stewart who recently passed away. Further information regarding funeral arrangements will be shared if/when received.

Art served as Deputy Reeve and then Reeve of Penetanguishene in the 1970s and 1980s for a period of nearly 15 years. He was a County Councillor during that time and served a term as County Warden in 1983.

Flags will remain at half-mast until the day after the funeral.

Flags lowered in honour of the passing of past County Warden, Arthur Stewart



Dr. Robert Martin Stone, MD, FRCSC, FACS 1940-2024

Quietly, after a cardiac event, our beloved husband, brother, father, uncle, grandfather, and great grandfather Bob, passed peacefully on April 26th, 2024.

He is survived by his loving wife Mary Stone (nee Morrison), children Michael (Jom), Julie (Gerrit), Jennie (Jeffrey) and Jason (Katie) Stone, and pre-deceased by his oldest son Paul (Natalie). He loved his six grandchildren Shannon, Connor, Oscar, Edie, Chloe, and Iris and his two great granddaughters Teagan and Rory.

Robert Martin Stone was born on December 7th, 1940, to Mildred and Martin Stone in Kirkland Lake, Ontario. He was the oldest of six children and is survived by his best friend and brother Bill (Darlene), Maryanne (Roberto), Stephen (Debbie), John Paul (Susanne) and Mark (Chris).

He had a very illustrious career after completing his medical degree at Queen's University in 1964. Following his start at the Toronto General Hospital, he became the Surgeon-in Chief at Mount Sinai Hospital. He went on to serve as Surgeon-in-Chief at the Toronto Western Hospital and from 1993-2006 he was the Head of the Department of Surgery at Dalhousie University where he became Professor Emeritus upon retirement.

His many accolades include several awards for his excellence in teaching. He was the Vice President of Education at the Toronto Hospital and Professor of Surgery at the University of Toronto. His guidance and support of students from medical school to post-graduate fellowship have been long celebrated. All remember the 'Stone-look' over his bifocals that molded the medical experts of today. His acumen and support for research shaped medical education and innovation.

Bob's insight, warmth, sense of humor, empathy, and ability to never lose 'the common touch' was what made him the remarkable and special man we love so dearly. His passing leaves an enormous hole in our hearts and he will truly be missed by all who knew him.

A funeral service will be held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home, 15 Yonge St S, Elmvale Ontario on Saturday, May 4 at 1 pm.

Interment St. Patrick's Cemetery, Phelpston.

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GILBERT, James (Jim) Douglas

James (Jim) Douglas Gilbert, in his 78th year of Elmvale, Ontario, passed away peacefully in his sleep on April 23, 2024, after spending a wonderful evening with his wife and children.

Jim led a rich and adventurous life, achieving numerous career and personal milestones at a young age. He grew up working the family farm alongside his 7 siblings. Jim made his mark in the print industry with his strong work ethic, establishing successful businesses and long lasting relationships over the years. By far his proudest accomplishment was a large and loving family alongside his wife Ruth.

Jim's hunt camp adventures, annual fishing trips, and Friday night poker with his buddy's will be a topic of conversation for years to come. He could always be counted on for a good prank and a laugh. With open arms, a welcoming smile and witty banter his kindness and generosity will forever hold a special place in the hearts of those he knew. He passes along a legacy of family, love, and storytelling.

Jim leaves behind his beloved wife Ruth Gilbert. He is predeceased by cherished daughters Bonnie (Leo) Stephens and Sherri -Ann Gaudon (Billy). Survived by loving children Darlene (Mike) Pearson, Arlene (Mark) Elliott, Liz (Bruce) Jones, April O'Leary (Steve), Gloria (Rino) Stornelli, Shawn O'Leary (Stephanie). He will be greatly missed by his 19 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Predeceased by siblings Etta (John) Maxim, Charlie Gilbert, Gladys (Kinnard) Agar. Survived by siblings Evelyn (predeceased Fred) Harpell, John (Sharon) Gilbert, Sharon (Doug) Adamson, Valerie (Darl) Hebner, and many nieces and nephews.

May Jim's spirit rest in peace, surrounded by the love and warmth he shared with so many throughout his remarkable life.

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



HART, Jack

Jack Hart of Midland, Ontario passed away on April 19, 2024 at the age of 95.

Jack was born in Toronto, Ontario to Norah and Harold Hart of England. In 1938 Jack and his family returned to England. At age 14 Jack worked at Saunders-

Roe Aircraft as a fitter apprentice, then served in the R.A.F. as an air frame mechanic. He returned to Canada in 1949. Jack married Marguerite on Valentine's Day 1953 and together they had 4 children. Jack worked as a machinist for 31 years at DeHavilland Aircraft in Downsview, Ontario and enjoyed family camping and woodworking. He was a proud member of the OSPCA for many years where he volunteered his time in the love of animal rescue.

Jack is survived by his wife, Marguerite, his 4 children, Michael (Suphan), Patricia (Bryan), Robert (Karen) and Deborah (John). Also survived by his sister Phyllis. Grandchildren: Christian, Sarah, Lindsay, Daniel, Lauren, Jeffery and Melissa. Great grandchildren: Kyle, Ryan, Tyler, Liam, Nathan, Moira, Faye, Brianna, Annette and Elliot. Jack will be sadly missed by all.

The family wishes to thank his doctors, nurses and staff at Georgian Bay General Hospital, North Simcoe Family Health Team and RVH for their kind support.

No funeral services will be held. Memorial donations may be made in Jack's name to a charity of your choice.



JEAN PETROPOULOS (nee: Tipping)

July 25, 1930 - April 1, 2024

It is with sadness we announce the passing of Jean Petropoulos, peacefully in her 94th year, on April 1, 2024.

Jean was predeceased by her husband, Peter, who she was devoted to for 64 years. She was a loving mother and mother-in-law to son, Paul (Leesa) and daughter, Jan (Drew); and proud Nana to her granddaughter, Cassy.

She was Aunt to Cathy (Les), David (Maggie), Susan (Dick), Rob and Stuart (Kristel), Dave (Lauren), and many grand-nieces and nephews. Jean was predeceased by her parents, Stan and Aileen Tipping; brother, Jack; dear sister, Kay; and husband, Bill Laidlaw; and Peter's dear brother, Jim Petropoulos; along with special friends, Ann Harvey Russell, Donna Karabin, Helen Craig, and Nancy Compton.

Jean grew up in Elmvale, Ontario where her father ran the local creamery and her mother was a teacher. At the age of 17, she left the small town to attend University of Toronto, earning her BA in Nursing. After university, Jean and several of her friends ventured to Europe, which was a trip of a lifetime for a small town girl. She began her nursing career in Toronto, where she met Peter, and after a couple of years they began their lives together in Bayview Village. Jean and Peter were always on the move hosting family celebrations, spending summers at her family cottage at Wasaga Beach, and weekends gardening with Peter at their Innisfil retreat, always with one of her faithful dogs by her side - Duke, Blue or Roxy. Although Jean enjoyed the winter and cross-country skiing, they managed to escape to Florida for a few weeks each year spending time in Treasure Island, Fort Lauderdale, Singer Island and Vero Beach. In the spring they enjoyed bus tours where they visited botanical gardens in Victoria, New York, Chicago, Boston, and Washington.

Jean was one of the most kind and generous person one could meet. There was not a family member, friend, cause or charity that she would not help or support. Walking tours at Edwards Gardens, Cancer Society Daffodil Day Fundraising, delivering Meals on Wheels and volunteering at Alzheimer's Society, to name a few. She was very active in the community, being a 50-year member of the Church of Incarnation as well as being very involved with her bridge groups, weekly exercise class, and University Women's Club. Her calendar was always full.

For the last 10 years of her life, Jean was living with Alzheimer's. She spent her last five years at Cedarhurst, where she was very fortunate to have the love and support of her caregiver Mara by her side. Special thanks also to Lynn, Marina, Lydia, and all the staff at Cedarhurst.

Hopefully she is now enjoying a nice cold drink with Peter, on "the lookout" at Wasaga, watching the sunset.

A small family service will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made, in her honour, to Women's Brain Health or Toronto Botanical Gardens.

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