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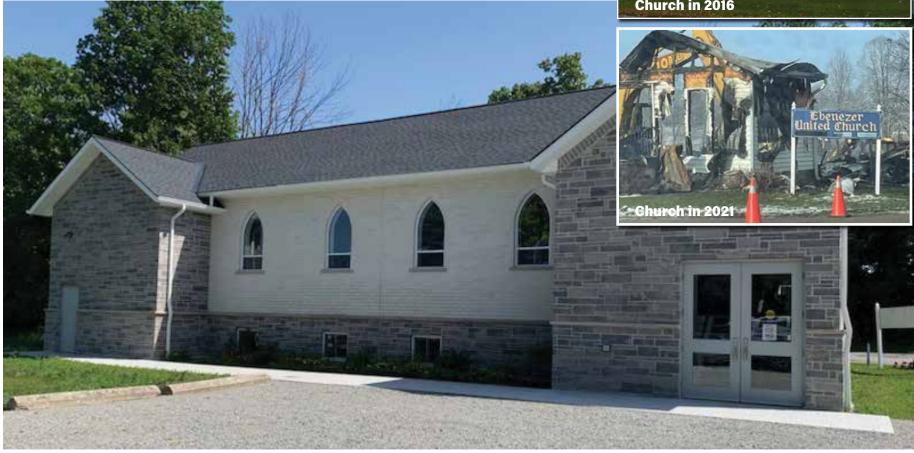
Ebenezer United Church Invites Community to Reopening Celebration

By Dennis Patrick, Aug 18, 2025
After four long years of rebuilding, Ebenezer United Church is delighted to announce its grand reopening on Saturday, September 13, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 5450 Ebenezer Side Road, Midland, Ontario. The historic congregation, founded more than 135 years ago, suffered a devastating fire in 2021 that destroyed its cherished building. Thanks to the strength and generosity of the Community, as well as countless hours of

dedication from members and supporters, the church has been lovingly restored and is ready to welcome everyone once again.

The reopening celebration will feature live music, refreshments, and fellowship, offering neighbors and friends the opportunity to gather, share memories, and celebrate a fresh beginning. All are welcome to join this special event, which marks not only the reopening of a building but the renewal of a spiritual home.









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RE: the relocation of the Wye River channel and bridge construction along highway 27 Anthropocentric changes to river/stream courses have been going on throughout history; usually by engineers, and with little knowledge about how to evaluate unintended consequences. When river channels are relocated, they should, as much as possible, match the current patterns exhibited by the undisturbed flow. If the relocation does not consider this, the consequences to the riparian zone, and floodplain, can be serious for all facets of the river system in question: erosion, deposition, bed form, sediment load (turbidity), vegetative loss, flow characteristics, ecological disruption, aquatic species, and water quality. Avoiding the potential deleterious impacts of relocating, or seriously changing a channel, requires that the proponents of change have a deep understanding of the conditions responsible for the natural water course, and how to reduce impact to those conditions. In the case of the Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, Public Information Centre No. 1

OPINION

and 2 (bridges 027574 and 027576); highway 27, north of the city of Elmvale, ON., as related to the Environmental Assessment Act (R.S.O. 1990, c. E. 18, s. 2.), there seems to be little or no consideration of the above mentioned concerns.

Strategic project planning and implementation require knowledge of pre-project, baseline conditions as well as post-project targets so that change can be measured during and subsequent to project completion. This is the only way to measure project success and to mitigate risks that are anticipated that might disrupt project success. This is the process of "evaluation" and requires that targets exist within a set of indicators that measure the progress of the project.

The assessment submitted to the government has no quantitative information on the current parameters that might be impacted by this intervention nor a way of measuring the anticipated level of change towards the desired outcomes. That is, there is only qualitative reference to any of the potential changes. Interestingly, within the report, there are many instances where the report mentions potential unwanted changes to the environments mentioned above but each is followed by a "however" statement that assumes that the worst-case scenario will not happen, and suggests, without justification, that the condition of the river system may improve. These statements seem to promote the choices that have been made, and temper the assessment to confirm the choices.

Finally, the assessment indicates that the

intervention will take place below the groundwater table and that the water table is under pressure (artesian, flowing), which may cause problems. I would ask the proponents to make public their hydrological study that has measured the depth to the water table and to the artesian aquifers they mention I would point out that the water table exists in a very shallow soil that has formed on a virtually impenetrable, thick clay bed and that the artesian surface lays below this bed. The "evaluation" is inconsistent with the known hydrological setting.

This groundwater is the subject of a large, complicated project to understand its quality; the channel relocation could impact the outcome of this study, which is being anticipated internationally. The Wye River feeds Tiny and Wye marches, before entering Severn Sound or Georgian Bay: the entire water course along the existing flow path and the marshes and shores may be threatened by this project.

Are the risks commensurate with the importance of this construction? Have the assumptions of "neutral" (no impact: from assessment) been properly assessed by the proponents? Could the bridge regeneration occur in place and provide reasonable stability for the highway and future of the river? Have we really evaluated the changes proposed???

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Disclosure: Mike Powell is a personal friend and colleague of Bill Shotyk, whose letter appeared in the News last week.



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THE SCOOP By Linda Belcourt, Editor

I am getting calls from residents of the new subdivision, Stonemaner Woods, in Snow Valley area about the water ban that was just in that area but not for the rest of the Township. The fire ban since been lifted. When I called the township of Springwater I was told it was "due to higher consumption levels specific to that area". How can the Village of Elmvale and Midhurst not have a fire ban lifted and not on the that area of housing? It makes no sense that one area would be using more than anyone else. We are going to get to the facts of this issue. The residents are very concerned about that the treatment plant is not supplying enough and needed to be fixed. They also complained to me that the water turns brown intermittently and is not from notified flushing.

The big concern here for residents is that with more housing going in it will get worse. Please reach out to me if you have some information on **this.** That's the scoop!

MIDLAND

Attendees dinged for parking on municipal grass during Tall Ships fest

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, Aug 22, 2025

A successful festival can be counted by the number of attendees, but what does the number of parking

Tiny Township resident Marietta Lacroix and her disabled husband received a \$50 ticket for parking on municipal grass during last weekend's Tall Ships event when accessible parking was unavailable.

With a desire to attend the dual event in the harbourfront area, the couple attempted to locate an available parking spot between the Midland Legion and the town harbour. There are three municipal locations which provide accessible parking spots in the harbour area, notes the town parking website.

"Because my husband walks with a cane, that's why we were looking for a handicap spot," said Lacroix, "and then he can only walk so far and then he has to turn around and go back home."

Unable to secure a location for either accessible or regular parking during the busy festival, Lacroix found an alternative. "We noticed a number of vehicles parked on the grassy area adjacent to the parking lot."

According to Lacroix, there were no signs visible indicating that parking on municipal grass was against the town bylaws.

"When we returned to our car we had a nice surprise parking ticket; \$50 if you paid within seven days and \$70 within 15 days."

When Lacroix went to pay at the town office the following Monday, town staff informed her that she could have asked for an early resolution with a request to have it reduced further.

"I said: 'I don't know what that is'. I've never had a parking ticket in the 60 years I've been driving," said Lacroix.

As she was paying the ticket, Lacroix shared her thoughts to town staff that for future events, perhaps roping the area off or placement of pylons would be a visible indication to not park on the grass.

MidlandToday contacted the town for further information, and was told by municipal law enforcement manager Rob Kennedy that between Aug. 15 through 17, a total of 64 parking tickets were issued in the harbour area.

According to Kennedy, "no vehicles were observed misusing the designated handicap spaces; therefore no tickets were issued for that purpose," but two tickets were issued for illegal parking in EV charging

"Municipal law enforcement were actively engaged throughout the weekend to support and observed several instances of vehicles parked illegally outside of designated stalls, including some driving over curbs to park on parkland," said Kennedy. "The town's parking bylaw 2025-7 outlines that vehicles are prohibited from parking outside of legally marked parking stalls and on parkland at all times.

"During the festival weekend, municipal law enforcement focused on public safety and reported seeing several close calls between vehicles and pedestrians due to the congestion," Kennedy added.

However, Kennedy provided an additional component which could have contributed to the increased enforcement.

"The town of Midland was under an active fire ban during the festival weekend, making safety precautions especially critical. Dry grass areas were highly susceptible to ignition, and the heat or a spark from a vehicle's undercarriage could have easily triggered a fire," said Kennedy, who noted the town remained vigilant to prevent major fire incidents from occurring.

Kennedy also explained the town webpage provided access for festival attendees to utilize the 10 municipal parking lots in the downtown, with a

free shuttle service on Saturday and Sunday available as an alternative to harbour parking.

Midland Mayor Bill Gordon also provided comments on the festival, praising staff and event organizers for a successful weekend while thanking residents and visitors for their participation.

"It was great to see so many people enjoying the celebration," said Gordon. "A lot of work goes into making events like this safe and accessible, and our event teams did a fantastic job, from setting up designated parking lots to coordinating the free shuttle service.

When asking if Lacroix and her husband were able to enjoy the festivities, she said a small amount of luck did flow their way despite the \$50 ticket.

"We didn't even go into the tall ships because it's a lot of walking, and I couldn't believe how much they were charging just to go in to look at them," admitted Lacroix. "I said: 'never mind, my husband can't walk that far so forget it'.

"We walked into where the (Northern Heat Rib Series and Beer Fest) and the band music and all that vendor stuff was going on. We didn't know we had to pay \$2 to get into there - we just kind of walked in and nobody said a word," said Lacroix with a laugh. "So I guess we saved \$4."



As seen in this 2024 Tall Ships photo, vehicles disregarding parking bylaws at the Midland harbourfront has been an ongoing issue for some time. As seen in this 2024 Tall Ships photo, vehicles disregarding parking bylaws at the Midland harbourfront has been an ongoing issue for some time.

Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter



POLITICS

Despite parking concerns, Penetanguishene town dock project relaunched

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative five years," said Sajecki. "These are still under Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, Aug 21,

After years of revisions, the Penetanguishene town dock secondary plan has achieved a project relaunch due to the approval of council wanting to move the process along.

A presentation by David Sajecki, of Sajecki Planning Inc., at a recent committee of the whole meeting refreshed the minds for council and residents on the town dock and its relation to a master plan project, which had been initiated through a Simcoe County grant in 2019.

While a 2021 proposal had been offered for exploration, concern over logistics and creative vision hampered progress, with much of the discussion centred around roughly 200 parking

Results from a parking study also received criticism in February, primarily from Deputy Mayor Dan La Rose in his defence of users of the boat launch and the vehicles with trailers that would use that space, and the dissonance of having paid parking readily beside free parking.

Within Sajecki's presentation, the revised master plan proposed changing entry and exit points for different types of vehicles, optimization of the boat ramp, and a suggested four-way intersection at Main and Wolfe streets.

From there, Sajecki proposed a two-phase approach for the revised town dock secondary

"The first phase is identified to last approximately

development, but those are less of the larger, substantial, more costly endeavours. It is identified as including new public washrooms (and) relocation of the tourist information centre.

"The Dock Lunch would remain in the first phase, and then upon completion of the second phase — we're probably looking at about a 10- to 15-year period — we would see full build-out of all of the items that have been identified in the master plan."

When asked if anyone had questions regarding the presentation, La Rose jumped ahead of the agenda and took the opportunity to reiterate parking concerns, while noting the proposed entrance change would make access more difficult for cruise ships and boaters using the launch for deliveries and supplies.

"Some of the stuff in the concept, I like, but a majority of it, I do not," said La Rose. "I'm stuck on the entrances and the parking ... Just makes absolutely no sense. I've never seen a parking lot in the world where one car can come in and park for free and the next car in has to pay ... To me, it just won't work."

er in the meeting, an allotted section allowed council to discuss the presentation. Coun. Suzanne Marchand, who sat on the technical advisory committee, admitted she had "learned more about the length of a trailer and pulling a boat in a three-point turn" due to boaters on the committee, but she emphasized parking was not an issue to get stuck on.

"I'll steal a line from Coun. (Bonita) Desroches: We want to be bold around what we do with this dock space. It's not just about where we park and launch a boat; it's about green space. It's about welcoming, getting people out of their cars, active transportation."

Coun. George Vadeboncoeur said: "Not everybody (on the committee) is supportive of this plan ... but there (are) divergent viewpoints. There (are) some strengths in this plan and there (are) some weaknesses, but overall it was felt that it was in a state where it could move forward for public input."

La Rose added concerns that an anticipated public meeting on Oct. 8 wouldn't reach the entire boating community including seasonal boaters. Marchand countered that given the passion of the discussion, "I think that they'll be the ones that fill the room."

Upon approval, council directed staff to conduct public consultation, with results due early next year.

The proposed town dock master plan and secondary plan, including presented slides, can be found on the agenda page of the Town of Penetanguishene website.

Meetings of Penetanguishene council are held on the second Wednesday of each month, and can be watched live on Rogers TV cable 53, or on the Rogers TV website.

Archives of council meetings are located on the Town of Penetanguishene YouTube channel.

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On Monday, September 1, 2025:

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- Recreation Centre will be closed
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Seasonal Closures

Harbour Closure

The Town Harbour will close mid-October, re-open April 2026

Outdoor Washroom Closure

Town outdoor public washrooms will close mid-October, re-open Summer 2026

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Midland's first Mural Festival

Join us on September 27 at Harbourside Park from 10am - 5pm.

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Community Safety Speed Cameras

The Community Safety Speed Camera program starts September 2025.

Midland's Community Safety Speed Camera program uses Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) to help reduce speeding around schools and in Community Safety Zones.

There are two community safety speed cameras in Midland running 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

- William Street in front of Sacred Heart Catholic School
- · Yonge Street in front of Mundy's Bay Public School

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Recreation and Special Events

Senior Speaker Series

Join us for our annual Senior Speaker Series occurring this Fall. We're excited to present five informative workshops addressing topics and issues related to seniors, older adults, and their caregivers. To register, visit www.tiny.ca/playportal, or contact the Recreation and Special Events Department at 705-526-4204 or recreation@tiny.ca.

Recreation and Special Events Activity Guide

The Recreation and Special Events Activity Guide is now online! Discover fun for all ages—sports, fitness, arts and more!

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Public Meeting - Development Charges Update

Township of Tiny Council is holding a public meeting on September 3, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. to discuss proposed development charge rates as well as the policies that will be applied throughout the Township. Council will be considering the approval of an updated development charges by-law on a date following this public meeting.

- Date: Wednesday, September 3, 2025
- (1) Time: 5:00 PM
- Location: Council Chambers, 130 Balm Beach Rd W., Tiny, ON LOL 2JO
- Livestream: Township's YouTube channel at: www.tiny.ca/livestream

For more information about this project, visit www.tiny.ca/DCBylawUpdate.

Council Meeting Schedule









Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers and are open to the public. The Meeting of Council Schedule is subject to change. For complete details, visit the Community Calendar at www.tiny.ca/events.

Boating Speed Limit

The boating speed limit within 300m of shore is 10km/hr between Concessions 1 and 16 in the Township of Tiny.



Seasonal Reminders



Tiny Beaches

Residents and visitors are reminded that personal items/private property cannot be left unattended or overnight on municipally owned property.

Waterfront structures such as boat lifts on the lakebed that are regulated under Provincial law and are not permitted in front of any municipally owned properties.



Garbage at Tiny Parks

Garbage cans at Tiny parks and beaches are meant for waste from your time at the park or beach only.



Entrance Permit

Planning to work on the entrance (driveway) to your property this summer? Apply for your entrance permit first!

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We're looking for Tiny residents to join the Youth Advisory Committee!

- Youth Committee members aged 13-18
- Adult allies aged 18+

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SENIOR TINY TIMES

By Jennifer Gray, Volunteer Writer, Aug 28 2025

Township of Tiny Senior Speaker Series

This coming Fall, the Township of Tiny's Senior Advisory Committee is pleased to present our annual Senior Speaker Series event - a series of informative workshops on issues pertaining to seniors, older adults and their caregivers. The five sessions will be held in partnership with local clubs and service providers. Admittance to the following presentations is free with preregistration:

Thursday September 11, 2025: The Benefits of Being in Nature

Discover the many physical, mental and emotional benefits of spending time in nature. Attendees will learn simple, accessible ways to connect with the natural world, reduce stress and improve overall well-being. Whether it's a walk in the park or simply noticing the world around you, learn how nature can support healthy aging and a more mindful life.

Presenter: Karen Chaplin, Certified Forest Therapy Guide; Caitlin O'Connell, Scientific Visual Communicator and Outdoors Enthusiast

Time: 9:30am-12:00pm

Location: Township of Tiny Community Centre (91 Concession 8 East, Tiny)

Thursday, September 25, 2025: Strong, Supported and Active: Living Well with Arthritis and Osteoporosis

Join us for an empowering session featuring experts from the Arthritis Society of Canada. Learn practical tips to stay active, protect your joints, support your bone health and maintain the quality of life you deserve. Whether you're living with arthritis, osteoporosis or simply want to learn more, this session will provide useful strategies to help you move with confidence and stay strong.

Presenter: Renee Scrutton, the Arthritis Society of Canada

Time: 9:30am-12:00pm

Location: Township of Tiny Community Centre (91 Concession 8 East, Tiny)

Thursday October 16, 2025: Aging Well in Simcoe County

Recognized by the World Health Organization as an age-friendly community for its commitment to older adults, the County of Simcoe is investing in programs and services through its comprehensive Age-Friendly Positive Aging Strategy. Join us to explore initiatives such as the Seniors Housing Grant, Recognition Awards, a new Activity Calendar and see how they are helping to foster inclusive communities where residents of all ages can thrive. Presenter: Tracy Hill, Supervisor, Program and Support Services, Senior Services Age-Friendly Champion, County of Simcoe

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

Location: Township of Tiny Community Centre (91 Concession 8 East, Tiny)

Thursday, October 30, 2025: Active Living for Life

Staying active is one of the best ways to support your health and happiness as you age. This fun, interactive session will introduce easy exercises and activities to help you move more, feel better and boost your overall well-being. No special equipment or experience needed, just come ready to participate and enjoy.

Presenters: Donna Montgomery, Seniors Fitness Instructor; and Richlyn Spalding, Line Dancing Instructor

Time: 9:30am-12:00pm

Location: Township of Tiny Community Centre (91 Concession 8 East, Tiny)

Thursday November 6, 2025: Emergency Preparedness for Seniors

Being prepared brings peace of mind. This practical and informative session will focus on how to stay safe and ready for unexpected situations such as power outages and severe weather. You'll learn how to create a simple emergency plan, what to pack in a go-bag, and how to stay connected during emergencies. Designed with seniors in mind, the workshop offers clear, stepby-step guidance to help you feel confident and prepared.

Presenters: Denis Maurice, CEMC and Division Chief of Fire Prevention, Township of Tiny; and Sahar Balvardi, Emergency Management Coordinator, Canadian Red Cross

Time: 9:30am-12:00pm

Location: Township of Tiny Community Centre (91 Concession 8 East, Tiny)

Registration is free, but participants must reserve a ticket in advance.

For more information and to register, visit www.tiny.ca/seniors/programs. The information in this article is provided as a public service by the Township of Tiny Senior's Advisory Committee. We invite and welcome your feedback and suggestions on how we can make Senior Tiny Times a

valuable information resource for our Seniors. Website: www.tinv.ca/seniors

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Please note, all branches of Springwater Public Library will be closed Monday September 1 for the Labour Day long weekend. We will return to regular branch hours on Tuesday September 2.

Return of regular programming

With September right around the corner, our regularly scheduled programming will return as follows:

Mondays: English Language Learners Club 1pm at Elmvale Branch (registration required).

Tuesdays: starting September 9 - Storytime 10:30am at Elmvale Branch (no registration required).

Wednesdays: starting September 10 - Storytime 10:30am at Midhurst Branch (no registration required).

Wednesdays: Senior Tech Help 10am-12noon at Midhurst Branch (registration required).

Wednesdays: The YoungandtheRest of Us 1pm at Midhurst Branch (no registration required).

Thursdays: Senior Tech Help (bi-weekly September 11 and 25) 3pm-5pm at Elmvale Branch (registration required).

Thursdays: After School Games 3:30pm at Minesing Branch (no registration required).

Thursdays: Knit and Crochet 6:30pm at Elmvale Branch (no registration required).

Take and Make Craft Kit

Every month the library will have a new FREE craft kit for you to take home and make! Each month be sure to stop by and ask staff for a kit! September is an Apple Suncatcher Tuesday September 2. Kits are only available while supplies last

Encaustic Art Workshop for Seniors

The Barrie Community Health Clinic will be running an encaustic art piece workshop on Friday September 12, 1pm-3pm at Midhurst Branch. Cost: Free. Registration required. Register early as space is limited. All abilities are welcome!

Drop-In Craft

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hours to come in and make your cool creation. Thursday September 18: Acorn bookmark. Cost: Free. Available while supplies last.

Introduction to Online Resources

Want to get access to free movies, TV shows, E-books, newspapers and magazines? This fall the library will be offering an info session on how to use your library card to access thousands of free online materials! Participants are encouraged to bring their devices for individual help setting up. Not tech savvy? No problem! Library staff at the program will walk you through the process and help you get set up for success! Saturday September 20, 1pm-2pm at Midhurst Branch. Cost: Free. Registration required.

Discussing Diabetes Workshop

This workshop by the South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre covers all topics related to managing prediabetes and diabetes and is presented by a Registered Dietician/Certified Diabetes Educator. This program is for individuals who have been recently diagnosed or for anyone wanting an update on effective strategies for managing diabetes. Workshop topics may include new developments in diabetes care, medications, exercise, nutrition, mental health and preventing complications. *Caregivers are also welcome. Tuesday September 23, 6pm at Elmvale Branch. Cost: Free. Register at www.southgeorgianbaychc. ca/programs or by calling (705) 422-1888 ext 143

PA Day Program: Comic Book Contest

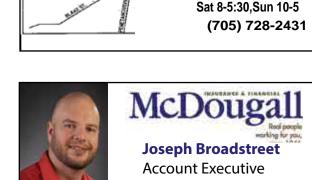
Visit your local library branch to participate in this awesome contest! Templates for hand-drawn comics and the use of laptops will be supplied. Friday September 26, 10am-5pm at Elmvale and Midhurst Branch. Cost: Free. No registration required for this drop-in program.

Ages 4-6: Using pre-filled templates, contestants will draw pictures to accompany the text.

Ages 7-9: Using the blank templates contestants will create their own comic. Comics must tell a story with a beginning, middle, and end.

Ages 10-13: Contestants will be able to use computers to create their own comic book on canva. Comic must be at least 5 pages long.





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Book Club

First Thursday of each month, 4:00pm – 5:00pm The book club is resuming this fall. We meet once a month at the library to discuss a pre-selected book. September's book is 'The Christie Affair' By Nina de Gramont. If you have any questions about the book club, please contact the library.

A minimum of 5 participants is needed to run the program.

Spanish Classes

Classes are from 1:00-1:45

Cost: \$40.00 for members, \$60.00 for non-members

Beginner- Mondays 6 weeks- Sep 8- October 27. No class Oct 6 and 13.

Advanced- Thursdays, 6 weeks- Sep 4- Oct 16. No class Oct 9

July 18- July 24- registration for Penetanguishene tax paying members.

After July 24- registration will be open to everybody. A minimum of 5 participants is required to run a program.

No Intermediate level this fall due to scheduling.

Real Estate Transaction Info Session

Friday, September 12, 10:30-11:30

Limited spots. Costs: \$2 for members, \$5 for non-members, non-refundable, non-transferable. August 1 to August 8: Registration open to Penetanguishene taxpaying members. After August 8: Registrations open to everyone.

Decorate Your Initials

Friday September 19, 4:00pm-5:00pm

Decorate your initial with assorted materials. Initial will be precut on cork. Upon registration, participants must say what letter they wish to decorate.

Cost: \$2.00 for members, \$3.00 for non-members. Non-transferable. August 18th - August 25th: Registration open to Penetanguishene taxpaying members. After August 25th: Registration open to everyone.

Seniors Walk & Lunch

Wednesday September 24, 10:45am- 1:00pm

The program includes a short walk or a long walk, healthy lunch, and a speaker from Meridian Bank. Cost: Free, non-transferable. August 8th - August 15th: Registration open to Penetanguishene taxpaying members. August 16th - September 16th: Registration open to everyone.

Awenda Park Visit

Tuesday, September 30, 10:00-2:00

Guided tour with Tim Tully, Chief Park Naturalist. The cost is \$5.00 members, \$7.00 for non-members. Bring your own lunch. Parking fees apply. July 21 to July 28: Registration open to Penetanguishene tax paying members.

After July 28: Registration open to everyone. A minimum of 5 participants is required to run the program.



COMMUNITY NEWS

IOOF Seniors Homes 20th Anniversary Young at Heart Motorcycle Ride Benefitting their Long-Term Care Expansion Project

By Elyse Martin, IOOF Seniors Homes Inc (Barrie, ON – Thu July 24, 2025) – The IOOF Seniors Homes is excited to announce the 20th anniversary event of their Young at Heart Motorcycle Ride taking place this summer on Saturday, August 23, 2025, in partnership with Barrie Harley-Davidson.

This important annual event benefits the IOOF Seniors Homes' long-term care residents and seniors in our community by raising funds for the IOOF's redevelopment campaign to expand the long-term care home.

"We are looking forward to celebrating this important milestone for the IOOF with our riders, residents, volunteers, and sponsors. The Ride began 20 years ago and some of our riders and sponsors have been participating year-over-year ever since. Barrie Harley-Davidson has been one of our long-time partners and we are so thankful to them and our participants for helping us to honour the 20th year anniversary to celebrate over \$314,000 raised to date for our long-term care home," said Garry Hopkins, CEO, IOOF Seniors Homes.

The 2025 Young at Heart Motorcycle Ride will feature a scenic country route, BBQ lunch at the IOOF with residents and their families, entertainment, raffle prizes, games and special performance from local swing big band the Baytowne Big Band!

"We are honoured to be able to partner with the IOOF again this year for their 20th anniversary Ride. Our team at Barrie Harley-Davidson and the Huronia H.O.G. Chapter who help coordinate the route look forward to this event every year. We are so pleased as a family-owned local business to do what we can to support a Barrie charity that helps our community's seniors," remarked Kate Insley, Owner & Chief Operating Officer, Barrie Harley-Davidson.

Proceeds from the Young at Heart Ride support the IOOF's redevelopment campaign to expand the long-term care home to a 226-bed facility. This initiative will modernize the long-term care facility at 10 Brooks Street in Barrie with 64 new long-term care beds, 66 upgraded beds, enhanced spaces, updated equipment, private rooms, and increased square footage. The IOOF Seniors Homes expects to complete the project in two



Photo above: The IOOF Seniors Homes Young at Heart Ride participants with Barrie Harley-Davidson and the Huronia H.O.G. Chapter. Register for this year's 2025 Young at Heart Ride in support of the IOOF Seniors Homes.

phases by early 2028 to meet the growing needs of Ontario's aging population.

With the incredible support of the community and through events like the Young at Heart Ride, the IOOF has raised over \$1.5 million reaching 76% of their \$2 million fundraising goal for the redevelopment campaign.

Thank you to our generous 2025 Ride Sponsors: (Location Sponsor) Barrie Harley-Davidson, (Open Road Sponsor) Royal ProResp Inc., (Cruising Sponsors) Caring Hands 4U Staffing Services, LiUNA Local 183, SJ Landscape (Blacktop Sponsors) Currie Truck Centre, Elevator One Inc., Home Care Assistance of Barrie, IBEW Local 353, Leslie Consulting Group, Midhurst Roofing Limited, Plumbtech Plumbing Inc., Surelock Homes Ltd., Versanet Solutions.

To register as a rider or to support visit IOOF. com or reach out to Elyse Martin, Capital Campaign Manager at 705-728-2389 ext. 315 or emartin@ioof.com. Registration fee is \$50 to participate, and riders are encouraged to collect pledges. 100% of the proceeds will benefit the IOOF's redevelopment campaign.

Caring is our reason for being...IOOF Seniors Homes Inc. (IOOF) is a not-for-profit organization, currently operating several facilities located in Barrie, Ontario, and has been serving the needs of Ontario residents for over 100 years. The IOOF provides exemplary accommodation, programs, and health care services to residents through an effective continuum of support that promotes independence and well-being through the latter stages of life.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Boston Pizza Midland supports Wendat Community Programs

By Andrea Abbott-Kokosin

August 14, 202Since 2005, Boston Pizza Midland has raised \$648,900 to support Wendat Community Programs through their annual Charity Golf Tournament. The 19th annual tournament was held on Monday June 23, 2025, at Brooklea Golf Course and raised \$62,063.

We are all very excited for Marc Dupuis who got a hole in one and won a Chevrolet Colorado from Tom Smith Chevrolet. Tom Smith Chevrolet has sponsored the hole in one since 2015. This was the first time in the history of the tournament that support", said Andrea Abbott-Kokosin, Executive there was a hole in one.

Director at Wendat. "We thank Andy Staffen and

All proceeds raised by Boston Pizza at the golf tournaments are used to purchase vehicles to transport clients to and from a range of programs provided by Wendat Community Programs. Currently, there are five vehicles on the road.

"Thanks to Boston Pizza Midland, we can ensure that transportation is available to bring adults with mental illness to our social club and frail seniors to our Day Program. We appreciate this ongoing support", said Andrea Abbott-Kokosin, Executive Director at Wendat. "We thank Andy Staffen and the staff of Boston Pizza Midland for their hard work and support of Wendat. We also thank all the sponsors, prize donors and participants for making this tournament a success."

Wendat Community Programs provides high quality care and support services to adults experiencing mental illness or age-related challenges in the Simcoe-Muskoka area. Wendat has been in operation since 1987.

Hey Dads!

Aug 21, 2025 - Have you maximized your summer? It's almost done. Soon the snow will fly. Schools and homeschool schedules will pick back up, the lakes will freeze and the boats will be put away. We don't have a boat but we have friends with boats. They invited us out for some boating and tubing a few weeks ago. Honestly, I'm not a big fan of boats but my kids were all pretty excited for it.

These friends of ours have a few sons in the 20-30-year-old range. They took turns driving the boat that day. They have only one mission when they see an elderly man like me, who's north of 40, get on the tubey-thing behind the boat. The mission is to throw me up in the air as high as possible and watch me crash into the water. If the elderly get injured that's like a bonus to these guys.

Well, I can play that game too. I took Mabel along on the boat. Mabel is four years old and she was pretty pumped to hop in the tube. Surely they would not dare toss little Mabel in the drink! The dad took the wheel so I thought he would take it easy on us. When it was our turn, Mabel hopped up on my lap in the tube and we were getting towed at a nice reasonable pace. They were doing some sharp turns and chopping up the waves a bit. Although we weren't traveling at top speed we were traveling through some rough waters. The front of the tubeything caught in the water and started to get sucked down. Before you could say, "Is her lifejacket on?" Mabel and I were sucked beneath the waves. When I realized we were going down I attempted to toss her up in the air so she wouldn't be completely submerged. I was partially successful.

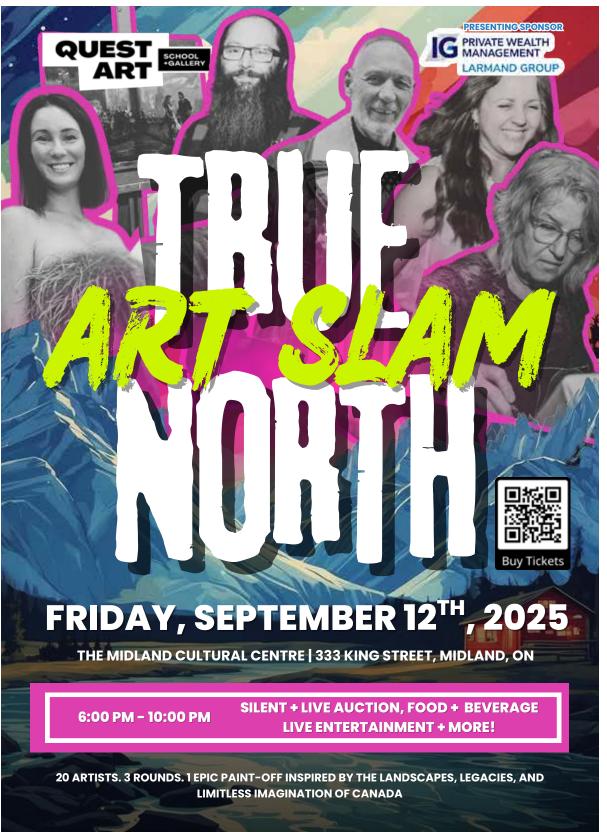
Mabel got some water in her mouth but stayed pretty close to the surface. What Mabel didn't realize was that once you're out of the tube the boat just travels off into the distance without you. This was more concerning to her than the water. She thought they were leaving us out in the middle of the lake to fend for ourselves. "They're coming back!" I told her. She didn't seem convinced. And she was done with tubing for the day.

The boat came back and Mabel wanted nothing to do with the tube flailing behind it. Up into the boat she went to get dry and warm. The boat took off before I could get in. Of course. Now I was forced to get back on the tube with one of the enemies whose primary goal was to see me back in the water. Preferably in a mostly-violent way. But they would not succeed. I held on really tight. They tossed me around the lake. The tube flailed and flung around but I remained upon it. The master of my domain. Maybe they didn't try their hardest but the pain I felt in my body after that ride proved them somewhat successful in their mission.

There's some warm weather left still, dad. Maybe you've got a boat or you can ride along with some friends. Or you could build a campfire, go camping, or canoe if that's more your thing. Whatever it is, remember time flies! Make every moment count! Even the wet, painful ones.

Jason Weening rarely gets in boats with his 10 kids and one wife. Read about other vehicular adventures in his book, "Yes, Dear...I'm Watching Them", on Amazon.





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City hosts Game On! After Dark evening gaming event



Bu Office of City of Barrie, Aug 18, 2025

(Barrie, ON) – Game On! After Dark is the City's gaming event, where you can experience all things gaming—from a video game tournament to a thrilling escape room, epic board game battles, and much more. The 19+ event takes place Saturday, September 20, 2025, and will once again be hosted by Canadian hip-hop artist, three-time Juno Award winner, and video game voice actor, Infinite, of the "The Infinite and Louise Show", along with Louise Jackson, a dedicated leader and inspirational speaker.

"We are excited to be back for another year of Game On! After Dark. This event connected us to the Barrie community in ways we never could have imagined. The energy, the passion, and the people—this experience continues to inspire and uplift," said Infinite and Louise. "We can't wait to see who will rise as this year's champion. Thank you to the City of Barrie for believing in the power of gaming and community. This event is truly changing lives."

Game On! After Dark goes from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Five Points Theatre, located at 1 Dunlop Street West. The evening will feature Barrie's Ultimate Gamer Tournament, where competitors will face off for the chance to be named "Barrie's Ultimate Gamer 2025" and win a prize.

The evening event will also feature a cosplay mix and mingle, an escape room, and gaming and board game lounge areas. Admission is free, and tickets are not required to attend. Pre-registration is recommended to participate in the tournament portion of the event. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

Attendees will also have an exciting opportunity to try out the new Nintendo Switch 2 system at the event. Be among the first to experience the next generation of Nintendo gaming with hands-on demos available throughout the evening.

Game On! is one of four City events named to the 2025 Top 100 Festivals list by Festivals and Events Ontario. This year's event is generously supported by the following media partners: Rock 95, 107.5 Kool FM, Pure Country 106, BOUNCE 104.1 Radio, 93.1 Fresh Radio, 101.1 Big FM, and CFRH.

For more information and to register for the tournament, visit barrie. ca/GameOn

Registration opens August 26 for fall recreation programs

Bu Office of City of Barrie, Aug 19, 2025 -

(Barrie, ON) –The City will open registration for fall recreation programs on Tuesday, August 26, at 8 a.m. Customers can currently browse offerings at play.barrie.ca and save them to their "Wish List" to conveniently find desired programs when registration opens. Starting this fall, City of Barrie residents can register seven days in advance of non-residents. As part of this change, the non-resident fee for recreation programs/memberships will increase to 25%.

"Stay active, connect with your community, and join the fun with our great fall lineup of programs for all ages and interests," said Kevin Datema, Director of Recreation & Culture Services. "From youth sports, skating and swimming, to adult fitness classes, or a learn-to-play sport—there's something for the entire family."

Registration will be available online at play.barrie.ca or by visiting Allandale Recreation Centre (190 Bayview Drive), East Bayfield Community Centre (80 Livingstone Street East), or Peggy Hill Team Community Centre (171 Mapleton Avenue).

In addition to registered programs, the City offers recPASS memberships that include access to all drop-ins, including fitness, skating, open gym, kids programs, and swimming, as well as unlimited access to the City's fitness centres at East Bayfield Community Centre, Allandale Recreation Centre, and Peggy Hill Team Community Centre.

The City also provides a fee assistance program, called recACCESS, that offers support to low-income families and individuals in Barrie by providing qualifying participants with a recPASS membership and youth credits that can be applied to the registration fee for qualifying programs and activities.



Here to help! My office is here to assist with any federal programs including CRA, Passports, Service Canada, and Immigration. DOUG SHIPLEY MP BARRIE - SPRINGWATER - ORO-MEDONTE DOUG.SHIPLEY@PARL.GC.CA - (705) 728-2596 DOUGSHIPLEYMP.CA

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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.

We can assist with the following matters:

- Passports
- Canada Revenue Agency Inquiries
- Employment Insurance
- Canada Pension Plan and Canada Pension Plan Disability
- OAS and the Guaranteed Income Supplement
- Immigration Refugee Citizenship Canada inquiries
- Any other federal matters

How we can help is determined on a case-bycase 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.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely, Doug Shipley

Member of Parliament, Barrie – Springwater – Oro-Medonte

Ontario Investing in Mobile Crisis Response Teams to Better Protect Communities



Funding will help police in Barrie support people experiencing a mental health crisis

By Office of Doug Downy, August 22, 2025 BARRIE— As part of its plan to protect Ontario and keep communities safe, the Ontario government is enhancing public safety by investing \$240,000 over two years to support the mobile crisis response team led by Barrie Police Service. The funding will enable police to work with trained crisis workers to provide the specialized support often needed when interacting with people who are experiencing a mental health-related crisis.

"This funding will help the Barrie Police ensure our downtown remains safe and accessible to families and businesses, while helping to address the needs of those experience mental health or addiction crises," said Doug Downey, MPP for Barrie – Springwater – Oro-Medonte. "Connecting these vulnerable people to the supports they need will help improve our downtown core's overall safety and the lives of all involved."

"Our government is taking decisive action to protect Ontario by ensuring police have the tools, resources, and partnerships they need to keep our communities safe," said Solicitor General Michael Kerzner. "Through this grant, we are equipping police services with the means to strengthen Mobile Crisis Response Teams—made up of police and crisis workers—who are uniquely positioned to respond to people experiencing a mental health or addictions crisis, de-escalating situations that could threaten public safety while connecting vulnerable individuals with the support they need."

"The Barrie Police Service Mobile Crisis Response Team has become a valued resource in our community. The partnership of a police officer, as well as a Canadian Mental Health Association worker allows for the most appropriate response to be offered to those experiencing a mental health crisis," said Chief Rich Johnston of the Barrie Police Service. "This grant allows us to have a Mobile Crisis Response Team focused on the downtown, where we know there is a need for this type of outreach, we can better support those community members who are experiencing mental health crises, as well as supporting them through follow up visits, and connecting with any ongoing services."

For 2025-26 and 2026-27, 36 police services and OPP detachments will receive approximately \$9 million through the Mobile Crisis Response Team Enhancement Grant to increase the capacity of mobile crisis response teams across the province.

Ontario Supporting Ontario Workers Get Training and Land Jobs in Simcoe North

Government investing nearly \$500,000 to help people gain the skills needed to work in the automotive industry

By Office of Jill Dunlop, MPP, Jul 31, 2025
MIDLAND — The Ontario government is investing nearly \$500,000 through the Skills

investing nearly \$500,000 through the Skills Development Fund (SDF) Training Stream to support people in Simcoe North get the skills they need to land good-paying, in-demand jobs in the automotive industry. This funding is a part of our broader effort to strengthen Ontario's workforce, improve productivity, and protect workers from U.S. tariffs. This investment underpins our government's \$2.5 billion investment to promote

better training, better jobs, with bigger paycheques. "Under the leadership of Premier Ford, our government is protecting Ontario by investing in the tools, training, and resources needed to keep our workforce strong," said David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development. "Through targeted funding, we're strengthening our supply chains, growing a job-ready workforce, and building the foundation for a more self-reliant and productive province – one that can compete, deliver, and win."

The SDF Training Stream has supported over 1,000 training projects across the province, which has helped protect Ontario workers supporting

Ontario's workers, and making sure their jobs are protected so our economy can stay competitive.

The Skills Development Fund Training Stream is open to a wide range of applicants, including employers, industry associations, labour unions, hospitals and many more. The funding announced today builds on our government's mission to protect Ontario and ensure it remains the best place to live, work, and raise a family. 2

Since its launch in 2021, Ontario's Skills Development Fund has helped connect more than half a million jobseekers with the skills and training they need to find good-paying and fulfilling careers close to home.







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Tiny looking at budget hikes to 'close the infrastructure gap'



Members of Tiny Township council pored over forecast costs in a recent special meeting, which looked at long-term planning until 2045. **Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter**

By: Derek Howard, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Source: MidlandToday.ca, Aug 20, 2025 Residents of Tiny Township were provided a glimpse into the possibilities within the next 20 years as a recent special council meeting aimed municipal finances for a course toward 2045.

The working session document for a long-term forecast report was presented to Tiny council during the meeting by deputy CAO and corporate services director Haley Leblond. It was a meeting with intent to guide council toward the 2026 draft budget and future budgets, with assumptions and omissions based on various known and unknown

One key item not included in the forecast was the municipal building at 130 Balm Beach Rd. W., as the assumption was its sale due to the construction of a new administration centre at 255 Concession

"The asset management plan recommends a 2.39 per cent annual increase, based on the 2024 municipal levy, over 20 years to close the infrastructure gap," said Leblond. "This equates to \$375,500 annually reaching \$7.5 million in full funding set aside in the infrastructure reserve by 2044."

Leblond also noted that while 2026 and 2027 estimates were considered stable with no major economic shifts forecast, "like tariffs," a 15 per cent

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contingency was added to all road infrastructure

bridges and culverts; buildings; equipment and reports (such as the asset management plan); fleet; land improvements; road networks; storm network; and other (including septage receipt).

2029 for municipalities not just in Tiny Township

As discussed among council, the costly transfer to a new system could be diffused throughout various municipalities if a proposed municipal pool were to materialize, similar to a recently established county municipal insurance pool.

Dave Brunelle requested granular access to the maintenance logs of fleet maintenance staff. The who gave varying responses that, essentially, the township staff were trustworthy enough for council to keep to high-level decision making instead of council members getting in so deep.

Brunelle immediately requested a bio-break, and

The meeting delved into various categories:

One particularly expensive necessity forecast by Leblond involved replacement of financial software (responsible for tax collection and more) as the current system was reaching end of life in but across Canada.

The meeting wasn't without contention. During a discussion on fleet assets, Coun. query prompted responses from public works director Tim Leitch, and Mayor Dave Evans,

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during the intermission he spoke to residents in attendance for the finance meeting.

Council returned and continued poring over spreadsheets of departments, and upon a lengthy pause Leblond made a suggestion for council to provide spending targets for which staff could return reworked figures at a later date.

Coun. Kelly Helowka said: "We've got a big expense, a necessary evil in the building that is a necessity. The new building is going to hit us with a pretty large price. I think we need to trim everything else for the next couple of years."

The comment sparked response from attendee Karen Zulynik in a brief challenge, which was diffused by Evans, who reminded Helowka the administration centre, with a price tag estimated at \$25 million, would be financed through debt.

With CAO Robert Lamb advising that unforecasted occurrences could impact asset management between budget cycles, such as a \$3.6-million septage deal with Midland in February, council members continued to refer to Brunelle's granular scrutiny comment while they suggested looking at higher-level overview suggestions.

A motion was passed for council to receive the report as information, with staff to keep capital projects as a budget priority, "including risks associated with project deferrals."

Deputations followed the approval, where frequent opponents to the Tiny Township administration centre (Zulynik, Drew Ironstone and Paul Bell) all spoke against the construction project; Ironstone offered that asset management plans included arbitrary life spans for their forecasts.

The long-term forecast report and working session documentation 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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Providing Provincial Support in Simcoe North

- Anniversary, Birthday
 & Special Event Scrolls
- Birth, Death & Marriage Certificates
- Family Responsibility Office Issues (FRO)
- GAINS (tax credits for disabled persons and seniors)
- Health Care
- Health Cards/OHIP Issues
- Natural Resources & the Environment
- Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)
- Ontario Student Assistance (OSAP)
- Provincial Government Programs
- Seniors Issues
- Small Business Issues
- Transportation
- Trillium Drug Program (OTDP)
- Workplace Safety & Insurance Board (WSIB)



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Local Priorities Fund invests in specialized equipment and programs

By Office of August 25, 2025 SIMCOE NORTH — The Ontario government is investing \$35 million to help long-term care homes across the province support residents with complex needs. The Local Priorities Fund (LPF) is designed to support programs that connect people with the right care for them, reducing emergency department visits and hospital stays. This investment is part of the government's plan to protect Ontario by ensuring long-term care residents get the quality of care and quality of life they need and deserve.

MPP Dunlop Message

Aug 18, 2025

As we move into September and welcome the changing colours of the season, it's my pleasure to update you on some of the ways the province is continuing to strengthen and support communities across the province.

I'm pleased to share that Ontario is launching the sixth round of the Skills Development Fund (SDF) Training Stream, with \$260 million now available to support innovative projects that will help hire, train, and upskill workers across Ontario. Since 2021, this program has supported training for over 700,000 workers, helping them make a real and lasting impact in communities across Ontario.

Ontario's workers are essential, powering the growth and strength of our communities every day. That is why it's part of our broader \$2.5 billion commitment to ensure Ontario workers have the tools they need to succeed in rewarding, good-paying jobs, while helping our province remain competitive and thriving in the face of global challenges like U.S. tariffs. Applications are open until October 1, 2025, and I strongly encourage eligible organizations to apply.

I'm also excited to share that the province is investing \$89 million to protect Ontario's seniors by making the Community Paramedicine for Long-Term Care (CPLTC) program permanent and expanding services in First Nations communities. This program provides 24/7 access to non-emergency medical support, such as at-home treatments, diagnostic procedures, and remote monitoring, so more seniors can age safely at home, surrounded by comfort and familiarity. With this new investment, more Ontarians will benefit from timely, compassionate care in their own communities.

Together, these investments show our government's commitment to building a stronger, healthier Ontario, one that supports workers, protects seniors, and strengthens communities across the province. I look forward to continuing this important work alongside you as we transition into fall.

As always, I'm honoured to represent Simcoe North and to stand up for the priorities that matter most to our region. I hope everyone had a restful and memorable summer, and I look forward to the opportunities this fall will bring to our communities.

Originally launched in 2022, the LPF provides specialized equipment, services and staff training to enable long-term care homes to admit new residents with specialized needs and support current residents with complex needs. Ontario's funding helps long-term care homes purchase items such as IV equipment, bariatrics equipment bed support, bladder scanners and ECGs, as well as everyday items like slip-proof floor mats, wraparound bed rails and grab bars.

In 2024-25, the LPF supported six homes in Simcoe North, including:

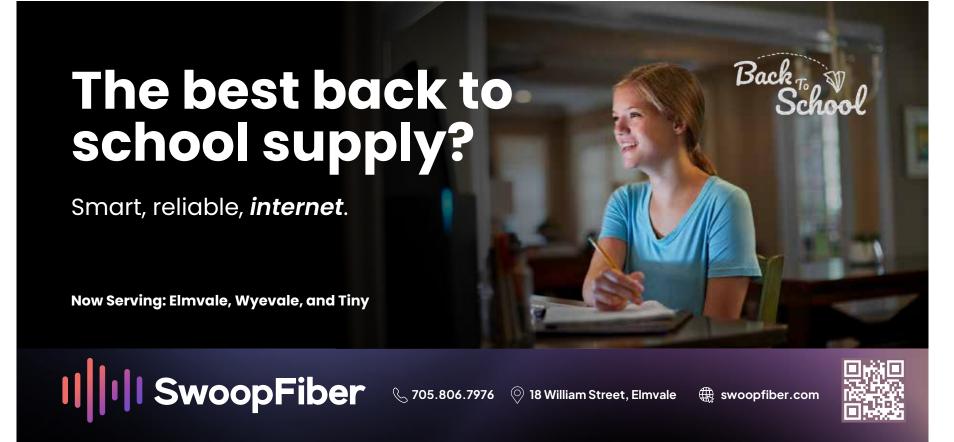
- Georgian Manor Home For The Aged \$68,472.00
- Trillium Manor Home For The Aged

\$29,595.00

- Hillcrest Village Care Centre \$36,865.00
- Leacock Care Centre \$60,000.00
- Oak Terrace \$65,790.00
- Orillia Soldiers Memorial Hospital \$127,096.00

Total: \$387,818.00

Helping long-term care residents with complex needs is one more way the province is taking action to meet the needs of Ontario's aging population and their caregivers by improving and expanding supports for seniors living in long-term care, congregate settings and in the community.



Fall into Wellness: Seasonal Savings and Autumn at Vettä Nordic Spa

By Weronika Szpejewska

As the air turns crisp and the leaves paint Oro-Medonte in shades of red and gold, autumn brings with it a reminder to pause, reset, and savour life's simple joys. At Vettä Nordic Spa, guests are invited to embrace the season through authentic wellness traditions, thoughtful savings, and the beauty of

Nestled in the heart of nature, Vettä Nordic Spa offers a one-of-a-kind experience rooted in he Finnish sauna tradition. Guests can immerse themselves in the cycle of hot, cold, and relaxation that defines hydrotherapy- a practice long celebrated for its ability to boost circulation, reduce stress, soothe muscle tension, and restore balance. More than just relaxation, it's an opportunity to step away from daily routines and reconnect with both body and mind.

This fall, Vettä Nordic Spa is pleased to offer seasonal savings that make it the perfect time to

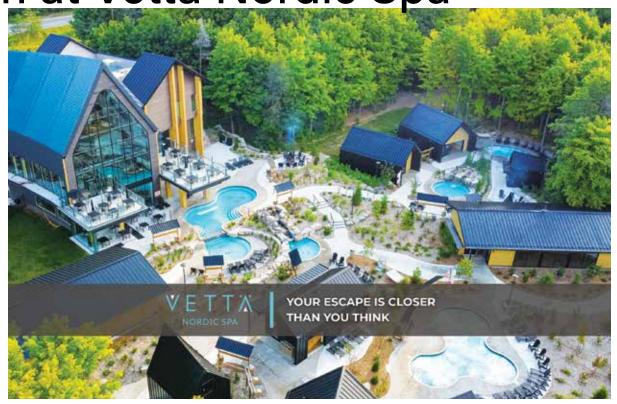
In September, we honour first responders with \$20 off hydrotherapy or \$30 off when paired with a massage, Monday through Thursday (excluding peak days).

In October, our community is at the heart of our promotions. Simcoe County residents and seniors aged 65+ can enjoy \$30 off bookings, Monday through Thursday (excluding peak days).

These offers are our way of saying thank you- to those who serve and to the community e're proud to call home.

Autumn at Vettä Nordic Spa is not only about wellness, but also about empowering creativity.

This Thanksgiving weekend, October 10-13, 2025, Vettä will once again participate in the beloved



Images Studio Tour. This self-guided event invites visitors to explore the vibrant creativity of local artists, with studios and businesses across the region opening their doors to showcase paintings, pottery, photography, glasswork, woodwork, jewelry, and more. With the fall colours at their peak, it's a truly unforgettable way to experience the best of art, nature, and community.

Vettä Nordic Spa will be hosting talented artists throughout the weekend, offering guests the unique opportunity to pair the restorative power of hydrotherapy with the inspiration of local artistry. It's a perfect reflection of what autumn represents: balance, beauty, and connection.

Whether you join us to explore the art tour, indulge in a massage, or simply unwind in our saunas and pools, Vettä Nordic Spa is the destination to recharge, reconnect, and elax- surrounded by the season's fullest beauty.

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A beloved Midland therapy dog has passed away



By Gerret Kavanagh, Fitz's best friend, Aug19, 2025

Sadly one month before his ninth birthday, a 100 pound Alaskan malamute and St John Ambulance Visiting Therapy Dog named Fitz was compassionately put to sleep on August 10th. He had developed a fist-sized mass in his body and declined rapidly in just two weeks. Fitz was a tremendously popular dog both locally through his therapy visits at retirement residences and the Georgian Bay General Hospital and dropping in at churches, banks, and retail outlets but also internationally as hundreds of my Facebook friends from around the world delighted in seeing his photos and hearing about his activities.

I always tell people that having dogs means many years of joy but also necessarily a few days of almost inconsolable grief. This is the fourth dog I have lost.





I think as we all get older death seems to lose its surprise or shock and indeed some of its associated sadness. Family members, friends, celebrities seem to leave with increasing frequency. But it is never ever easy to lose a beloved pet, perhaps because their lives are so much shorter than ours.

For dogs, every day is their best day ever (would that we could all be so fortunate to have that mindset). I never took a day with any of my dogs for granted. Without fail every single day I hug them and tell them how much I love them.

The passing of this "gentle giant" has left a giantsized hole in my heart and in my life. People speak of losing a relative or close friend as being akin to losing an arm – for me losing Fitz has been like losing both arms and legs.

I knew very early in his life that Fitz was a "special" dog and that I had an obligation to share him with others. He had been an "official" therapy dog for just the final two of his nine years but he had truly been doing therapy work for his entire life. I am quite serious when I say that after completing the several hour group exercises/tests in the St John Ambulance Therapy Dog program I did not think he had passed until the chief examiner shook my hand and said "Congratulations". But truly I cannot think of a more suitable dog for such a role. It was such a symbiotic thing for Fitz – he loved meeting people and people loved meeting him and it was such a wonderful blessing for me to be able to witness these joyful interactions. Warning hospital and retirement home residents that it would be hopeless to try to win a staring contest with Fitz, I'd tell them that his large loving brown eyes would gaze into their very souls. I chuckle thinking of my stock phrase when Fitz, his smaller sister Bella, and me would come upon someone on a walk - "A dog and a wolf!" - or when approaching a parent and a slightly apprehensive little girl - "Don't worry, he just eats little boys!"

During this period of grief among other things I have been obsessed with "time" in two senses. First,



when I consider how happy Fitz has made people he has visited or run into over the years, I realized these encounters would generally only last for a few minutes. How truly incredibly fortunate am I to have had Fitz in my life twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week for nearly NINE years? My cup runneth over. Secondly, what about his life span? We all know that nothing lasts forever nor would we want it to. Would I have wanted another two or three years? Of course but maybe that would have ended in an expensive and painful fashion. And Fitz's life just as easily could have ended two or three years shorter. I take comfort in the words of Isaiah 57:1-2: Good people pass away; the godly often die before their time". (Never mind Billy Joel's disdainful opinion in "Only the Good Die

And so what next? In a recent correspondence a friend whose dog has some very critical health issues was wondering if she could ever get another dog. My response: "I am certainly thinking of getting another mal (late fall, early winter). This surprises me actually because when I lost my first two dogs I was SO grief-stricken that I thought at the time I could never get another dog and set myself up for such agony again. (My next dog turned out to be Fitz.) But it IS true what I said above - "many years of joy but also necessarily a few days of almost inconsolable grief". I think that is a pretty good bargain. There are MANY blessings from dog ownership but I think one of simplest and purest is that in being around dogs one actually starts to think in "dog terms", if that makes any sense. Life slows waaaay down and you DO take time to smell the roses if not pee on them. As simple a thing as the three daily dog walks becomes something you eagerly look forward to as much as your dogs do - and then appreciating looking at a sunrise or sunset, a passing cloud, an industrious squirrel, not to mention communing with people you meet along the way...."

God bless you Fitz.







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LIFE STYLE

Fall Blooming Perennials



By Anna Sauve, Master Gardener, Mar 25, 2025 The colour show in your garden doesn't have to end after summer fades. A trick of good garden design is making sure something is blooming throughout the seasons. Fall-blooming perennials are some of the showiest plants in the garden. Many are tall and flower in gorgeous rich jewel tones - golds, reds, purples and yellows. Ideally, plant them early in the season so they're established for the fall colour show.

Sedum (Stonecrop)

Whether you choose classic favourite 'Autumn Joy' or a newer cultivar like 'Autumn Fire', sedum is a must-have in every perennial garden. Sedum are tall, reliable, hardy, long-lived plants and a magnet for bees and butterflies. Both enjoy a long bloom time and are drought tolerant. They prefer full sun and will grow in average, poor or sandy well-drained soil. These plants require minimal attention, and their gorgeous rich pink-red blooms will last until frost. After blooming, the flower heads form attractive seed heads, providing nice winter interest. Sedum can be divided spring or fall, and also be propagated via cuttings.

Helenium (Sneezeweed)

These hardy three-foot tall clump-forming perennials enjoy fertile soil and full sun. They like moist soil, so are a good choice for areas where drainage is poor. The daisy-like flowers in rich yellow or orange-to-red tones attract bees. It's a fantastic plant for the back of a border. Dividing and keep the plants looking fresh. Helenium dies back in autumn and re-emerges in spring. All parts of the plant are toxic; it should not be consumed by humans or animals.

Heliopsis (False Sunflower)

This tough, easy-to-grow plant is another popular one for moist, fertile soil in full sun, although it will grow in sandy or clay soil. This tall (three to six feet) plant is best situated framing the back of a garden or bordering a woodland setting. Deer and rabbits tend to avoid it, a bonus for rural settings. The sunflower-like bright yellow flowers bloom midsummer to early autumn and attract bees and butterflies. Once the foliage has died back, cut to ground level.

Fall Asters (Asternovae-angliae)

These hardy deer-resistant perennials with fragrant daisy-like flowers can grow one to three feet tall and prefer full to partial sun with welldrained loamy soil. Available in shades of purple, pink, blue and white, they are easy to grow, diseaseresistant plants, and a food source for bees and butterflies. Pinch back to in early summer for a bushier plant that will bloom until hard frost.

Chrysanthemum

"Mums" are the true symbol of autumn. They are resilient, but best planted in spring in a sunny, sheltered location. Mums prefer moist but welldrained soil, amended with compost or manure. As with asters, pinching them back in June results in a bushier plant, one to three feet tall, depending on the cultivar. Do not cut back mums in fall – cut

off dead stems and leaves in spring when you see the first green shoots emerging.

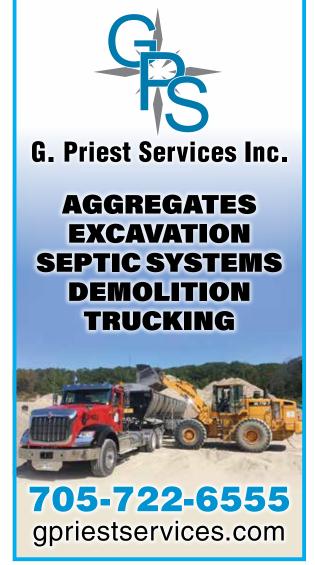
CONSIDER THIS:

Dividing your perennials will reward you with healthier plants and provide extra plants to share with friends!

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By Brian Keyes

Aug 24, 2025 - If you ask an adult resident of Anten Mills what they envision for the next 50 years you might get some puzzling looks. Therefore, I wanted to hear what the next generation had to say, so I sat down to listen to what they had on their mind. My first question was what they liked about the village. My second question, in the future would they move back to the village and finally what will Anten Mills look like in 2075?

My first family was a brother/sister in their late teens. They liked the village because it was small, friendly and relaxing. It has a great balance of social/athletic activities especially built around different holidays. Of special note was the trail system for biking/running

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which is right on our doorstep. Reasons for moving back included the attraction of spacious lots with plentiful trees. Another reason to move back was the feel of neighbourhood and presence of old souls in some of the established areas. In 2075 they concluded there would either be no cars or we would have flying cars. There will be a medium sized grocery store and a sit down restaurant here in the village. They believed Anten Mills will retain its village spirit and style plus have a dedicated basketball, tennis and pickleball facility

My next family were two young ladies between the ages 5-10. Their favourite part of the village was the fact that they know all the people plus neighbours say hello and/or wave with a smile. This next comment was somewhat unexpected revealing they liked the magnificent fresh water we have. They disagreed on moving back with little sis telling she loves this "beautiful little village" and would move back here even if her Mom/Dad didn't live here. On the other hand her older sister said she would live in the area but not necessarily Anten Mills. On the final question they predicted more subdivisions for growth and less trees. They also said people will not have mobile phones forcing them to talk to each other more.

My last family was two young ladies in their early

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teens. They told me that the village is safe and the people are the main attraction here. They thought it was special that we had places to toboggan. In terms of returning to the village, the younger sister was quite certain she would move away to the USA while her older sister was 100% sure she would live here in the village and participate in village activities. These sisters had a wide range of views on the final question. The older sister thought maybe there would be minimal growth with the village remaining much as it looks now. Her younger sibling forecast a McDonalds and Starbucks on Horseshoe with a mall featuring specialty shops. She also believed that some of the older homes would be demolished and replaced with new homes. They disagreed on whether this village would be part of Springwater Township or the City of Barrie!

This is my final edition of history articles for Anten Mills. Thank you to all the families/individuals who have set aside their time to sit down and share so many amazing stories. Finally, I am looking forward to seeing folks on Saturday, September 13th from 2-8 PM at our Anten Mills 150 celebration. The day will feature a program, food, music and activities. Our history group will be inside our newly renovated community hall to greet you, so bring your family and drop by!

ANTEN MILLS by Dennis Gannon

Aug 24, 2025 - After a significant time without rain, we received several over 1 inch downfalls in the past several weeks. The rain was much welcome along with the cooler weather. With the rain the fire ban has been lifted and our wells return to a seasonal level.

After almost a year of planning, the day that we celebrate our 150 years as a community is almost here. What started as a request to Springwater Council to restore the bell tower and bell at the community centre blossomed into an event that won't likely be seen for at least another 25 or even 50 years.

On Saturday, September 13 the Anten Mills Celebrating 150 Years comes to life at our community centre. The committee that has worked diligently over the past 12 months had a vision. That vision was to celebrate our past and look forward to our future. Should it be a reunion? Perhaps a homecoming. How about the family fun day of years past. The decision, make it a celebration that is part reunion, part family fun day and part party. Work began in earnest and was divided up through the working group. A logo was required. After reviewing several submissions a former resident who grew up in the village devised the logo proudly flying throughout the village and featured in this publication. Entertainment was needed. Stir it Up a local band with a great sound featuring music from the past was selected. What about stories about our community, those who lived here and how we came about. Brian Keyes has done a fantastic job. He interviewed and spoke with many people. Brian created 18 stories that were published here in this paper and it got many people interested in our past. How do we fund it? A call went out and donors and advertisers have provided the funds necessary to make this a success. Is there a way to remember the day? Through the advertising and donors a memory booklet is going to be available featuring the short stories. As well, Celebrating 150 merchandise will be available that day and following.

This is but a short summary of the highlights of the day. Starting September 1 and up to the 13th, on the Anten Mills Community Bulletin Facebook page you will see the Fun Facts posted every day. As well you see those who have helped make our day special through their advertising.

Saturday, September 13 beginning at 2PM. Make certain that you are here. Let your family know. Let your friends know. Let our former neighbours know and let's Celebrate 150 Years of great community.

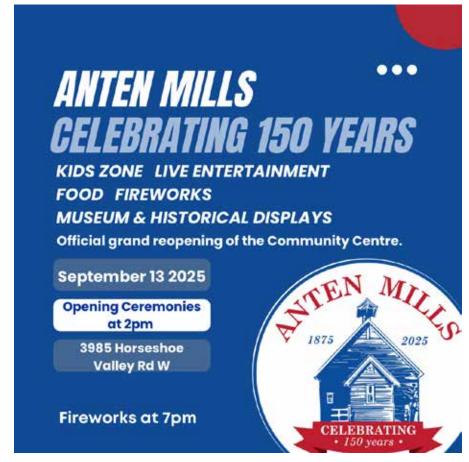
When our Celebrating 150 day is over, it will be time for the annual, Artisans, Crafters and Food Fair. This will be on Saturday, September 27. Some vendor space along the pathway is still available. If you are interested contact Roslyn by email, Farmview@on.Airbnb.com and she will help you out.

Knotty Knitters are still looking for knitting supplies and if you can help reach Joan by email at sweetgannon@gmail.com.

Work on Wilson is coming to an end. The disruption wasn't too bad and the new pavement is welcomed. Remember the speed limit is 60 kilometres until the bottom of the hill.

Summer vacation is coming to a close and school begins on Tuesday. As children are excited they aren't always watching traffic. School buses will be on the road and it's important to remember to stop in plenty of time for them.

That's it for this week. Enjoy the last long weekend of the summer. THANKS for READING, BE WELL and STAY SAFE.



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BAYCATS BEGIN DEFENSE OF IBL CHAMPIONSHIP



By Brian Belcourt, Aug 25, 2025

The Barrie Baycats began their defence of the 2024 IBL champs on Thursday August 21 with best of 5 serious against the Toronto Maple Leafs. The Baycats over came a tough start to their season to claim the number 2 seed, giving

them home field advantage in the first round

The Baycats won game 1, 3-2 with a walk off win. Toronto got on the board in the third inning when Jhon Javier delivered a clutch two-out, two-run double to right-centre. That would be all the offence the Leafs managed, as Barrie starter Frank Garcés turned in a masterclass on the mound.

Garcés struck out 15 batters over eight innings, scattering just three hits and allowing one earned run. He kept the Baycats within striking distance, silencing Toronto's lineup after the early blow. His 15 strikeouts matched a career high.

Barrie scratched out their first run in the sixth inning when Francisco Hernandez doubled down the left-field line, bringing in Noel McGarry Doyle to make it 2-1.

The score held until the bottom of the ninth, when the Baycats mounted their decisive rally. Tristan Clarke led off with a single, and Noah Hull followed with another. With one out and the bases loaded, Tyler Plumpton hit a sacrifice fly to centre, scoring Clarke to tie the game. Two batters later, Hull stood on third with Adam Odd at the plate.

Initially, Maple Leafs reliever Luis Florentino threw a wild pitch, but Hull stayed put at third base. However, catcher Justin Marra overthrew Florentino



in his throw back, triggering Hull's mad dash to the plate with the winning run. It was a wild play to cap off a great game.

The Barrie Baycats came up short Friday night, dropping an 11-3 decision to the Toronto Maple Leafs in Game 2 of their first-round playoff series at Christie Pits. The best-of-five matchup is now tied 1-1.

The Barrie Baycats came up just short in a tense Game 3 on Sunday afternoon, falling 3-2 to the Toronto Maple Leafs at Athletic Kulture Stadium. With the victory, Toronto now leads the best-of-five opening-round playoff series 2-1.

The Leafs set the tone early when Ryan Dos Santos hit a solo home run in the top of the first inning off Baycats starter Cesar Rosado. Toronto added to its lead in the fourth as Marcus Knecht connected on a solo shot of his own, making it 2-0.

Barrie answered back in the sixth inning, finally breaking through against Toronto starter Josh Berenbaum. After Noel McGarry-Doyle was hit by a pitch, Brandon Hernandez singled and on his steal attempt of second base, the ball went into centre field letting McGarry Doyle score. Francisco Hernandez drove in the second run to tie the game, bringing the crowd of Baycats fans to life.

But the Leafs had one more swing left in them. In the eighth inning, veteran catcher Justin Marra launched a solo home run off Carlos Sano, restoring Toronto's lead. Reliever Luis Florentino took it from there, striking out five over 2.2 shutout innings to secure the win.

Game 4 was schedule for Toronto Christie Pitts on Tuesday August 26 and if necessary game 5 was schedule for Barrie August 27. Results can be found on Baycats.com.



Bearbells By Leslie Noonan



August 23/25 Sundridge is a small approximately way between Huntsville and North Bay. There are less than a thousand souls that live here, and not much

to do or see beyond the beautiful scenery. Which begs the question, why am I here? Well, there is a local distillery that makes the best spiced rum, and even though I dislike most spirits, this rum smells like vanilla and taste like a sweet dessert. So here I am with my husband for his early birthday gift, which involved some of that rum and a t-shirt, as well as a selfie with a wooden porch hillbilly always willing to share a drop or two.

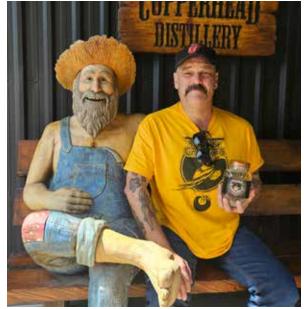
One of the great things about travelling north, for whatever the reason, is that there is always a hiking trail nearby. A short twenty minutes north-west, along small country roads that wind around Eagle Lake, is Mikisew Provincial Park. My husband was unaware of this side trip, but he had an intense moment of nostalgia as we passed the park entrance. This was a park that his family came to when he was young and of which he had fond memories, but now his parents are both deceased and those happy memories are tinged with sadness. Sometimes it's good to make new memories while still embracing the old.

Mikisew has several small trails that can be combined into a 5.5 km route. After checking in at the park office, head west and across the road to the trail head. We started north along the red trail which begins as the route for the Frisbee golf course, and if I had any proficiency at tossing a disc that would not end up snarled in tree, then this would be a great past time! Once past the extensive course, the trail meanders through forests of pine and birch, and a thick bed of pine needles carpeted the trail and muffled our footfalls. This part of the trail is popular, and we passed frequent groups

of families and solo hikers. The trail itself is easy beyond some roots and rocks, and while it is rated moderate, I would consider this an easy trek for most people.

The forest opens up on a large marsh, and we stopped on the boardwalk to admire the waterlilies floating on top of the dark water, and small water skimmers darting to and fro. Marsh Wrens called to each other from the bushes and dragon flies zipped through the heavy air. This Beaver Meadow loop is a short 2 kilometers, but we linked up to the Maple Canyon Trail to extend our hike by another 2.3 kms. This trail is somewhat more rugged, with some steep inclines next to giant boulders left here by the receding glaciers. We had this trail to ourselves, and enjoyed the hardwood forests which gave way to a steep sided gulley, with rock faces rearing up from the undergrowth to tower overhead. Stunted cedars struggled to grow from precarious holds on the rock, and dog pelt lichen covered the rock faces, usually leathery in texture, but now brittle from the lack of rain. A stream normally runs along the bottom of this gulley, but only thick mud remains in this section. Further along my husband heard the tinkling sound of water, and we found a small rivulet of water making its way down the grey rocks, small prints of raccoons imprinted in the mud.

We decided against extending our hike further, as the other short trails lead back to the beach and camping areas. Instead we reconnected to the initial trail and headed out to our car. This should be the end of our day, but after stopping in Orillia I chose back roads to head home. I love back roads, as you never know what you will find. It is on one of those roads that I encountered a home near Warminster with some decorations that made me smile. A giant flamingo stood bravely on an old red tractor while a big pink pig posed on a rock, a large sombrero behind him. Near the road a truck sported giant red lips, smiling at motorists. A nice way to end the day.





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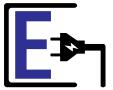
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MIDLAND and PENETANGUISHENE

Town Grant Helps Small Set Nursery School Grow Into a Bright Future

By Laurene Hilderley, Chair, Aug. 6, 2025 Small Set Marketing and Fundraising Committee

Small Set Nursery School thanks Town of Midland for \$8,000 grant, looks to a bright

Having supported hundreds of local children already, Midland Small Set Co-operative Nursery School's future is set to help many more. The board is proud to announce it has received an \$8,000 Community Grant from the Town of Midland. The funds will support the continued provision of excellent programming by three highly experienced staff, ensuring a vibrant and accessible early childhood education experience for local families.

The grant comes at a meaningful time for the school, which has been a part of the North Simcoe community for 43 years. Having weathered significant challenges in recent years—including a closure during the COVID-19 pandemic-Small Set is now embracing a new chapter of renewal and growth, made possible in large part by continued community support and government funding.

"We are deeply grateful to the Town of Midland for this grant," said Alexandra Long, Chair of the Small Set Nursery School Board. "The future was uncertain after COVID-19, but thanks to the hard work of a group of willing parents, family members, staff and volunteers and now with grants, fundraising, and renewed engagement, we see a promising and strong future."

September registration is filling fast for children 2.5 to 6 years for Small Set that operates Monday to Thursday from 9 am to noon in downtown Midland. Spots are limited so anyone interested should register soon through the website at midlandsmallsetnurseryschool.ca.

In addition to thanking the Town of Midland, the school is also encouraging residents to take part in the upcoming Town of Midland Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament, taking place on Friday, September 12, 2025. The event is a key fundraiser enabling the Town to support local organizations like Small Set and a fun way to be part of community development while enjoying a day on the green.

"Our team of educators, board members, and volunteers have poured their hearts into rebuilding and improving Small Set to continue its rich history," said Long. "We're not just looking to get back to where we were-we're looking to secure another 40 years."

Small Set offers two or four half-days per week that emphasize play-based learning, social development, and school readiness. The licensed program is operated by qualified staff and supported by a dedicated group of parents and community volunteers. Over four decades, the school has become a foundational part of early childhood education in the Midland area.

"We've been part of this community for 43 years," added Long. "Thanks to continued support from the Town and events like the Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament, we look forward to many more years of helping children grow, learn, and thrive."

For more information about Small Set Nursery School, to inquire about registration, or to learn how you can support their programs, email midlandsmallset@gmail.com.

OPP Seeking Assistance In Pedestrian Fail Remain Crash In Penetanguishene

BY SGB OPP, Aug 22, 2025 (PENETANGUISHENE, ON) - Officers from the Southern Georgian Bay Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a report to the OPP Communication Centre of a fail to remain crash involving a pedestrian near the convenience store located at the corner of Main and Brock Streets, Penetanguishene at approximately 4:32 p.m. August 20, 2025.

Officers attended the scene and learned through investigation that the 30 yr old male was clipped by the drivers side rear view mirror of a white car that failed to stop at the scene. The pedestrian was transported to an area hospital and released after treatment of minor

Anyone who may have dashcam video or an area resident with surveillance video or has or made observations of the actions vehicles around this time near the Main and Brock Streets area is asked to contact the OPP at opp.southern.georgian. 1-888-310-1122, bay@opp.ca or by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). You can submit your information online at https://www. crimestopperssdm.com/ Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to call display and you will remain anonymous. Being anonymous, you will not testify in court and your information may lead to a cash reward of up to \$2,000.00.

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NORTH SIMCOE

Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament supports 15 local organizations through Community Grant Program

By Town of Midland, Aug 13. 2025

(August 13, 2025, Midland, ON) The Town of Midland has awarded financial and in-kind support for fifteen local organizations with funding raised from the inaugural Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament which took place in September 2024. This annual charitable event reinvests in our community, with proceeds directly supporting Midland's Community Grant Program.

The Community Grant Program empowers local organizations and nonprofits to deliver services in areas such as community development, arts and culture, and social support. This year's recipients include:

Angels with Backpacks
Askennonia Senior Centre
CLH Foundation
Gateway Centre for Learning
Georgian Bay Musical Services
Georgian Shores Concert Band
Girl Guides 1st Midland Sparks Unit
Huronia Transition Homes / Operation Grow
Midland Lawn Bowling Club
Midland Pride
Midland Small Set Co-op Nursery School

Navaratri & Diwali Festival Quest Art School + Gallery Sistema Huronia We Are The Villagers

Join Mayor Bill Gordon on September 12, 2025, for this year's Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament. Registration is open to golfers of all skill levels. The cost to play is \$200 per player, with a \$50 tax receipt provided. The 18-hole tournament includes a BBQ lunch before the 12:30 p.m. shotgun start, chances to win prizes, a silent auction, a prime rib dinner, and more.

"This tournament is more than just a day on the course; it's a meaningful investment in the long-term well-being of our community," said Mayor Bill Gordon. "The opportunity to empower local organizations is made possible by the incredible support of our sponsors, donors, and participants. Thank you for supporting Midland. We're building on the strong foundation we set last year to provide sustainable funding for vital local not-for-profit programs."

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Additionally, Bourgeois Automotive Group is sponsoring the Hole-in-One contest. Any player who scores a hole-in-one will have the choice of either a three-year lease of an F-150 (valued at \$30,000) or \$25,000 in cash.

Whether you're teeing off, sponsoring the event, making a donation, or joining us for dinner, your support helps strengthen our community. The Town is currently accepting sponsorships, silent auction item donations and offering a limited number of dinner-only tickets for \$85. To contribute or reserve your seat, please contact Town staff at tourism@midland.ca.

More information about the tournament including how to register, sponsor, or donate, can be found on the Town's website at midland.ca/Golf.

Community Engagement Shines at Severn Sound Environmental Association's Open House

Penetanguishene, Ontario – On Friday, August 15, 2025, the Severn Sound Environmental Association (SSEA) welcomed attendees from across the region to its Open House at the Penetanguishene Curling Club, celebrating environmental stewardship and collaboration across the Severn Sound watershed.

The event brought together community members from SSEA's eight partner municipalities—Townships of Georgian Bay, Oro-Medonte, Severn, Springwater, Tay, and Tiny, and the Towns of Midland and Penetanguishene—for an afternoon of learning, connection, and hands-on education.

Participants engaged with SSEA staff through interactive displays and demonstrations. Highlights of the event included the Climate Camp booth, hosted by SSEA's Sustainability and Climate Action Coordinator, which offered a warm and relaxed atmosphere for discussing climate change issues and local solutions; an invasive species table featuring specimens collected from around the park; and live demonstrations by SSEA's water quality monitoring team at the waterfront. The afternoon also featured many meaningful conversations between community members, councillors, and SSEA staff, fostering connection and dialogue around environmental stewardship.

The event showcased the breadth of SSEA's programs, with displays on inland lake and open water reporting, benthic sampling, source water protection, invasive species management, natural heritage and stewardship, climate change, and water quality monitoring. By SSEA



Community members engage with SSEA staff to learn about local environmental monitoring and initiatives.



Notice of Public Information Centre

Parking Changes in Downtown Penetanguishene

When: Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Location: Council Chambers (2nd floor of Town Hall), 10 Robert Street West,

Penetanguishene.

Presentation: A brief presentation will be given by staff at 2:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m.

with a question-and-answer period to follow.

The Town of Penetanguishene is hosting a Public Information Centre to obtain feedback on specific changes recommended in the Parking Strategy completed in 2024. There are specific recommendations for changes to parking within Downtown that Council is seeking input on, including:

- Adding Barrier Free Parking spaces to each Block in Downtown from Simcoe/Water Street to Beck Boulevard, on Robert Street West, and at the Town Dock.
- ➤ Restrict vehicle lengths for the angled parking spaces on Main Street (between Robert Street and Simcoe Street) to under 5.4 metres (17.7 feet).
- Change parking restrictions on a portion of on Main Street (between Brock Street to Beck Boulevard) from a 30-minute time limit to a 2-hour time limit, consistent with the rest of Main Street.
- Add one (1) to two (2) 15-minute parking spaces to each Block on Main Street.
- Receive feedback on a Residential Parking Permit Program for overnight parking in Downtown including cost, locations, and demand.
- Receive feedback on a Daytime Permit Pass Program for businesses requiring parking permits for longer than 2 hours including cost, locations, and demand.

Input on these possible changes are estimated to be presented to Council on November 12, 2025 for further discussion. Prior to any changes being made additional Public Notice would be given as required under the Town's Policy for Implementation of Traffic and Parking Bylaw Amendments.

Additional information regarding this matter can be obtained by contacting the Planning and Community Development department <u>planning@penetanguishene.ca</u> or 705-549-7453. Stay informed by visiting the project page: <u>www.connectpenetanguishene.ca/parking-strategy</u> or submit your comments by email to <u>planning@penetanguishene.ca</u>.



Tel: 705.549. 10 7453 Fax: 705.549.3743 www.penetanguishene.ca



Author Visit with Bianca Marais

Wednesday, September 17, 6-7:30pm

Join MPL for an evening of conversation about craft and characters with bestselling author Bianca Marais! Bianca is the author of Witches of Moonshyne Manor, Hum If You Don't Know the Words, If You Want to Make God Laugh, and her latest mystery, A Most Puzzling Murder, released this past June. In addition to writing novels, Bianca is an experienced creative writing instructor and a passionate mentor to emerging writers.

Registration required.

MPL gratefully acknowledges the financial assistance of the Canada Council through The Writers' Union of Canada for this program.

Road Safety in Ontario

Monday, September 15, 11am

In this free presentation designed for newcomers to Ontario, the Ministry of Transportation

will discuss road safety rules in Ontario. Topics include pedestrian safety, seatbelt and car seat laws, stopping for school buses, emergency vehicles, the Tow Zone Pilot Program, and laws on impaired and distracted driving.

Registration required, visit midlandlibrary.com. **Genealogy Club**

3rd Thursday of the month, starting September 18, 2-3pm

Whether you're starting your family tree or have years of research in hand, our informal monthly gathering of genealogists and local history enthusiasts offers a welcoming space to swap stories, share research tips and tricks, and connect with others passionate about tracing roots and uncovering the past.

Drop-in, no registration required.

Email jpaquette@midlandlibrary.com for more information or to join the mailing list.

Mahjong Meetup

Last Tuesday of the month, starting September 30, 10am-12pm

Whether you're a seasoned player or learning the game, all are welcome at our monthly Mahjong meetup! Enjoy casual games, friendly competition, and a chance to explore both American and Chinese styles.

Drop-in, no registration required.

Email jpaquette@midlandlibrary.com for more information or to join the mailing list.

Tuesday Murder Club

Tuesdays October 21 – November 4, 2-3:30pm Join MPL for an afternoon of mystery and intrigue, inspired by the world of Richard Osman's cozy mystery series! Test your critical thinking skills as we work together to solve the case.

Beverages and snacks will be provided!

Registration required.

Drop-in & Draw for Teens

Thursday, September 25, 3:30-4:30pm Ages 12-18

Draw along with fun prompts, explore library resources for new tips and techniques, or do your own thing in this casual drawing hangout.

Drop-in. No registration required.

Art Roulette for Teens

Wednesday, October 22, 6-7pm

Ages 12-18

Join MPL for a surprise-filled art adventure where no two projects are the same! Spin the wheel to discover which elements to add to your project, then let your creativity run wild. All materials provided.

Registration required.

Tour Stunning Homes, Support Local Youth

Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Simcoe's signature event The Showcase of Homes Tour is happening on Saturday October 4th from 9:30-4:30 showcasing beautiful homes across North Simcoe.

This annual fundraiser supports Big Brothers Big Sisters or North Simcoe in providing free intentional youth mentoring programs for local youth ages 6-18 years of age. As an agency with no sustainable government funding, we rely on our community and events to support our agency. Each year we serve over 200 youth in a variety of programs including 1:1 Community Match, In

School Mentoring, and Group Programming.

This year we are excited to have a home in Elmvale on Showcase of Homes Tour. We have been working hard over the past few years to let residents of Springwater know that we are there to offer support to the local youth. We have matches at both Huronia Centennial Elementary School and Hillsdale Elementary School, and well as youth that attend our Big Bunch program and are on our waitlist for 1:1 Matches.

Tickets are one sale now, and can be purchased at The Tiny Art Shack, Saturday Afternoons, Arbours Flower Shoppe, or the Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Simcoe. Tickets are \$45.00 until September 8th and then \$50.00, a \$10.00 lunch voucher is included with your ticket purchased that can be used at the following restaurants:

- 99 Bottles Elmvale
- Test Batches Midland
- Dino's Midland
- Dock Luck Penetanguishene
- Wendy B's Lafonataine

For more information on this great community event call 705-526-5051 or visit our website northsimcoe.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca



OCTOBER 4TH

SHOWCASE OF HOMES TOUR

9:30 A M - 4:30 P M



TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

TICKETS \$45.00 UNTIL SEPTEMBER 8TH \$50.00 AFTER CALL 705-526-5051 FOR MORE INFORMATION



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Jo Knows Nutrition by Joanne Nijhuis



Aug 23, 2025 Looking for a dish that travels well, pleases a crowd and sneaks in plenty of nutrition? A watermelon feta salad is your picnic or potluck perfect dish. Rich in hydration, fibre and nutrients - this salad is light enough for a hot day, but still satisfying with its sweet, savoury

and refreshing palate combo.

Did You Know?

Due to its high-water content, watermelon is not only incredibly hydrating, but quite low in calories. It is also a good source of antioxidants, vitamins A and C and the mineral potassium, important for proper muscle functioning.

INGREDIENTS

- 4 cups (1000 ml) fresh watermelon, cubed
- 2 cups (500 ml) cucumber, sliced or cubed
- ½ cup (125ml) red onion, thinly sliced
- ½ cup (125 ml) feta, cubed or crumbled
- 3 Tablespoons (45 ml) olive oil
- 3 Tablespoons (45 ml) lime or lemon juice
- 3 Tablespoons (45 ml) fresh mint, basil, cilantro or oregano leaves, chopped
- 1 jalapeño or red chili pepper, thinly sliced (optional)
- Freshly ground black pepper and salt, to taste
- Garnish with fresh herbs of choice

INSTRUCTIONS

1. in a large bowl, combine the watermelon, cucumber, onion, feta, fresh herbs of choice and jalapeño or red chili pepper, if using.

2. În a small jar or bowl, whisk the lime or lemon juice with the olive oil and then, drizzle over the salad. Toss gently.

3. Finish with freshly ground black pepper and

4. Garnish with a few sprigs of fresh herbs of your choice.

ENJOY!

Joanne Nijhuis MSc, RD is a consulting, media and culinary dietitian in Simcoe Grey Bruce on a mission to entertain and educate through her love of food. In addition to recipe development and writing for several publications, Joanne offers cooking demos/classes and individual counselling – in person and online via Zoom Health. For more information, email Joanne at jo.knows.nutrition@ outlook.com

LIFESTYLE

WATERMELON FETA SUMMER SALAD **SWEET & SAVOURY PERFECTION**





Fans Help 93 North Give Back — \$413 Donated to Midland Salvation Army

By Neil Lefaive, Aug 19, 2025 - In July, 93 North performed a Sunday Evening Concert in Little Lake Park. Thanks to the generosity of the fans who were present, the band raised \$413.15 which it donated to the Midland branch of the Salvation Army. The band members and the Salvation Army which to thank all who attended and those who donated for their generosity. The band once again thanks the Town of Midland for having them perform.



Annie's Journal

by Annie Warner Donnelly



Aug25, 2025

Hello Everyone. There is a movement in over 200 countries and territories called enditnow®. Established in 2009, it takes a stand against the violence happening to men, women and children around the world.

How can we, as individuals, take a stand against violence? Let's begin by looking at the 1984 lyrics composer Martin Nystrom created based on the beginning words of Psalm 42.

"As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after You. You alone are my heart's desire

and I long to worship You. You're my Friend and You are my Brother even though you are a King. I love you more than any other, so much more than anything. I want you more than gold or silver; only You can satisfy. You alone are the real joy giver and the apple of my eye. You alone are my strength, my shield. To You alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You!"

How can we be part of violence if God Himself is our strength, our shield? If to Him alone our spirits are yielding? If God alone is our heart's desire? If God alone is the One we worship? If we want Him more than gold or silver? If He is the only One who can truly satisfy us? If He alone is the real joy giver?

How can we be part of violence if God is our Friend and our Brother even though He is a King? If we love Him more than any other, if we love Him more than anything?

Galatians 5:22-23 outlines the Fruit of God's Spirit: "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." Add in forgiving others and being forgiven and we have a formula for reducing and ultimately eliminating the angry words and actions that can lead to violent behaviour.

May God grant us His peace and the capacity, in every situation, to stop and think of what our next words and actions will be. When we are in a loving relationship with Jesus, violence in any form cannot flow through us. Amen.



SPIRITUAL

Simcoe County Suicide Awareness Council



W ORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY

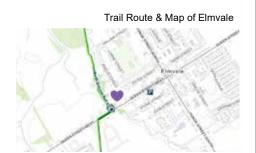
Wednesday, September 10, 2025 (Rain or Shine)

Our 10th Memorial Bench and Tree Dedication

Join us for our World Suicide Prevention Day gathering starting at 3:30 p.m. Heritage Park (Elmvale) 116 Queen St W Elmvale, ON L0L 1P0

Entrance & Parking





The Simcoe County Suicide Awareness Council (SCSAC) is proud to be partnering with the Township of Springwater to donate our 10th memorial bench and tree to the community

Please join us for an afternoon of remembrance, awareness and hope. Together we honour and hold space for lives impacted by suicide. This is a free in-person gathering that offers a space to meet and connect with others. Bring your stories, your heart - and a lawn chair . (picnic tables are available).

Your presence matters.

This event includes speakers by members of the community, traditional smudging and unveiling of this unique memorial installation. Help end the stigma around suicide today and support suicide prevention and life promotion.

There will also be cake and light refreshments served to celebrate our 10th bench.

You are not alone. hopequalslife.ca

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Community **Events Ongoing**

SENIOR CLUBS

Askennonia Seniors Centre

Rec. Centre, 527 Len Self Blvd, Midland P: (705) 526-7609

Bay Shore Seniors' Club

2000 Tiny Beaches Road S., Woodland Beach Call 705-361-1331 or info@ bayshoreseniors.ca

<u>Georgian Shores Seniors Club</u> The Place, 300 Balm Beach Road

Call 705 526 5074 or gssseniors2016@rogers.com

MONDAY

Elmvale Seniors Drop In

Elmvale Library 10 am - 12 noon Call Lynn for info, 705.322.3309

Midland Jam Monday, May 5

Free Admission, Show 7:00, Doors 6:30

Bid Euchre

Elmvale Community Hall 1 pm - 4

Call Anne for details 705-322-1232

Georgian Shores Seniors Club

Billiards/Pool, 9:00 – 11 am Seniors in Motion Fitness, 10:00 -11:00 am

Hustle and Muscle, 11:30 - 12:30

Bid Euchre, 1 − 3:30 pm

Bay Shore Seniors Club

Bingo - Starts July 30th Kids Start at 1:00 - 2:30 pm Adults Start at 7:30 Bay Shore Seniors Club

Askennonia Seniors Centre

Table Tennis, 9am-11am Yoga, 9am-10am Fun Fit Circuit, 9:15-10:15am Coffee Break, 10:30-12pm Intro to Line Dancing- Baby Steps, 10:35-11am Walking Club, 11 am-12pm

TUESDAY

Elmvale Legion Tuesdays at 1 pm

Table Shuffleboard, Cost \$1

Palace Tavern Elmvale BINGO **Every Tuesday night**

Midland Rotary proceeds 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm Barrie Rotary proceeds 8 pm to 9:30

Bay Shore Seniors Club

Bay Shore Mini Putt May 20 - Aug 26th 9:30 - 11:00 am Skull Island Wasaga Beach

EVENTS

Georgian Shores Seniors Club

Billiards/Pool, 9:00 – 11 am Line Dancing, Prog. Beginners 9:30 - 11:00 am

Line Dancing, Easy Intermediate, 11:30 – 1:00 pm

Askennonia Seniors Centre Badminton, 1pm-3pm

1:30 Circle of Friends, 1:30pm-2:30pm

Seniors Springwater Golf Club every Tuesday at 8:00 am, May 13 to September

Best ball with mixed foursomes changed weekly

WEDNESDAY

Garden **Elmvale** District **Enthusiasts**

4th Wednesday from March to November 7:00 pm Elmvale Legion, 7 John St.

Bay Shore Seniors Club

Access Art - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m

Georgian Shores Seniors Club

Billiards/Pool, 9:00 – 11 am 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

<u>Askennonia Seniors Centre</u>

Step Class, 9 am-10am Chair Yoga, 9:30am-10:30am Cribbage, 10am-11am Men's Shed, 10am-12pm Walking Club, 11am-12pm Creative Crafting, 1pm-3pm

Midland Ganaraska Hiking Trail <u>Club</u>

Meets Wednesdays to snowshoe, go camping or enjoy nature outings led by qualified hike leaders. Check the hike schedule on https:// ganaraska-hiking-trail.org/?page_ id=13455. For information contact Kris 705-435-8593.

Ganaraka Hiking Club-Wasaga Beach

Weekly hikes Wednesday at 9:30 am from various locations, year round. Both levels of hikes offered, intermediate and easy. Snowshoeing in winter. Please contact Lorraine at 416-606-5081 or lorvanvlymen@ gmail.com for information.

THURSDAY

Coffee Party - Centre Flos W.I.

Last Thursday of the month, 9:30 am - 11 a.m.

Proceeds Park. Heritage Community projects.

Everyone donation

Jam Night Elmvale Palace

Thursdays at 9 am-1am 13 Queen St. W, Elmvale, 705-322-

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.

Mary Grise 705-526-6349 marygrise0@gmail.com

Coffee Party

Last Thursday of the month 9:30 -

Elmvale Presbyterian Church All Welcome, Cost: \$3

Georgian Shores Seniors Club

Billiards/Pool, 9:00 – 11 am 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

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.

Connecting Together - Fellowship with Others

Thursdays 2-3:30 pm call 705-526-

St. Pauls United Church Atrium, 308 King St Midland

Wasaga Beach Parkinson's Support Group

1st Thursday of each month 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Wasaga Beach Public Library meeting room

All persons living with Parkinson's Disease and their care partners are welcome. For more info. contact Dwight (705) 795-6952 or Phil at Bender.philip@gmail.com

FRIDAY

Bay Shore Seniors' Club

Woodcarving 10:00 - 3:00 pm Billiards/Pool 10:00 - 12:00 pm

Georgian Shores Seniors Club

Billiards/Pool, 9:00 – 11 am Table Tennis, 9:30-11:30 am 3rd Bingo & Lunch: 12 noon - 3:30

TGIF social, 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Askennonia Seniors Centre

Knit'n Needles, 9am-12pm Drumming Alive, 9am-10am Pickleball, 9am-11:30am Chair Yoga, 9am-10am Badminton, 9:30am-11:30am Game Club, 10am-11am Tabata, 9am-10am Card Making, 1pm-3pm

WEEKENDS

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

Midland Ganaraska Hiking Trail Club

Meets Sat and Sun, snowshoe, go camping or enjoy nature outings led by qualified hike leaders. Check the hike schedule on https://ganaraskahiking-trail.org/?page_id=13455.

For information contact Kris 705-435-8593.

Ganaraka Hiking Club-Wasaga **Beach**

Weekly Sunday hikes at 1:30 pm in the Wasaga Beach Prov Park from Ansley Drive. Please contact Lorraine at 416-606-5081 or lorvanvlymen@ gmail.com for information.

MONDAY to FRIDAY

VON SMART Exercise Program Low impact gentle fitness classes

Adults 55+ FREE Call 705-355-2200 for class locations and times

North Simcoe Bridge and Games

Brooklea Golf and Country Club 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 Gail Chapman @ 705-361-9222 or northsimcoebridge@gmail.com.

Food and Winter Clothing **Collections**

Aug. 15 Dec. 20, 2025 6:45am NFP Insurance (Beside KFC) Collecting non-perishable food items & winter clothes Drop off Tues-Thurs

MIDLAND CULTURE CENTRE

Celebrating the Music of Kenny Rogers, Lionel Richie & Smokey Robinson

Sunday, Sept. 7, 2025 from 3-5pm

Circle of Friends: A Canadian Kitchen Party

Sept 19, 2025 from 7–9:30pm Midland Cultural Centre

Guy Davis

Thurs Nov. 13, 2025 from 8-10pm Midland Cultural Centre

LABOUR DAY LIVE MUSIC

Georgian Bay Park Stage 4230 Crossland Rd, Tiny

Bring a lawn chair, blanket... FREE! (Donations for live music appreciation welcome)

Friday Aug 29, 2025 from 6 to 9 pm All Staff Blues

A high-energy band of music teachers from Aurora's St. Andrew's College.

They cover modern hits with serious talent—think the coolest staff meeting you'll ever attend. (Fun fact: Boston started like this!)

The Margaritaville Experience with Brian Neale & David Cubitt Sat. Aug 30 from 6-9pm

Tropical vibes, sing-along classics, and enough island spirit to make you forget you're in Tiny Township. Dress Code: Hawaiian encouraged (bonus points for the loudest pattern!)

EVENTS

Step Into Fun:

Grand Parade Hits Midland Streets

FASD Awareness: Everyone Plays a Part featuring Choir Revolution
Sep. 10, 2025 from 6:30 to 9 pm

Special Events One Time

Barrie City Hall Rotunda 70 Collier St., Barrie Fun, alcohol-free, interactive singing experience https://shorturl.at/Gvhm0

<u>Stonebridge Wasaga Beach Blues Festival</u> Sept. 12 - 14, 2025 from 5-8pm

Stonebridge Town Centre, Wasaga Beach 3 day outdoor music festival to 2 main stages with 20 bands & Vendors Village

Cornhole for Hospice! Sept. 13, 2025 12-4pm

Tay Rink - 560 Calvert St, Port McNicoll No experience needed! A Hospice Huronia fundraiser. www.hospicehuronia.ca

Simcoe County Branch Ontario Ancestors Sep 13, 2025 10:30-13:00 am

Barrie & District Association Realtors facility, 676 Veterans Drive, Barrie. Trevor Carter will speak on field schools at Simcoe County's Fort Willow

Jukebox Jive End of Summer Dance with live music by PASSPORT

Sep. 13, 2025 8pm-12am

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 68, 2 Poyntz Street, Penetanguishene

Tickets \$15 – available at the bar. 50/50 • Door Prizes • Raffle

<u>Askennonia Senior Centre - The Grand</u> <u>Parade</u>

Sep. 20, 2025 10:00 to 1pm Askennonia Senior Centre

The Grand Parade is a peer-to-peer fundraising walk. Register Online Now!

Music & Charcuterie Sept. 20, 2025 from 4-6pm

Five Oaks Retreat Centre, 1 Bethel Rd, Paris Enjoy new Canadian music and a fully catered charcuterie reception!

Coldwater Fair Sept 26-28, 2025

Celebrate local food, farming and fun!
Digital tickets now available! coldwaterfallfair.
com

8th Annual Bridget's Run Oct. 18, 2025 09:00 to 12 pm

Centennial Beach Park, Barrie A community celebration of love for those we

have lost in pregnancy or infancy. Visit bridgetsbunnies.ca/bridgetsrun to register or volunteer and learn more

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By Jen Taylor, Director of National P2P Events [MIDLAND, August 20, 2025] – Askennonia Senior Centre is encouraging Midland residents to register to walk + fundraise in The Grand Parade (TGP).

The Grand Parade is a fundraising walk that celebrates and supports aging Canadians and their families in Midland and locations across Canada, this fun, family-friendly event takes place in the morning of September 20, 2025.

The Grand Parade is a moment when Canadians step out to publicly honour aging friends and family, and to fundraise on behalf of the charities who support them.

In our society, growing older can often rob people of status, a sense of being valued, and even selfrespect.

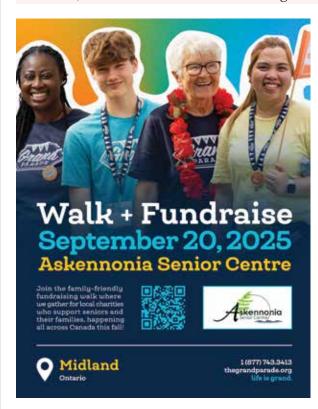
Yettens of thousands of Canadians want something better for their aging family member, neighbour, or friend. And hundreds of organizations pursue a different, richer vision of what it means to grow into senior status and beyond as a Canadian. That's why there is The Grand Parade.

The Midland Walk in support of Askennonia Senior Centre begins and ends at the North Simcoe Recreation and Sports Centre, located at 527 Len Self Blvd. Participants will walk a 2.5km route, enjoy a treat at a rest stop along the way, and return for a delicious celebration meal. All those who raise over \$150 (or \$75 for youth) will also don iconic TGP shirts as they take to the streets.

This is Askennonia's first year taking part in The Grand Parade, with a fundraising goal of \$20,000. Up to 75 walkers and 15 teams, including staff and friends of Askennonia are expected to attend.

Askennonia Senior Centre has been serving Midland for 35 years, and the funds raised in The Grand Parade will benefit their members and our community.

For more information about the event and how to get involved: https://thegrandparade.org





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Ages 3+

Registration Dates for the $2025-2026\,\mathrm{Dance}$ Season

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} Thursday September 4^{th} & 6-9 pm \\ Wednesday September 10^{th} & 6-9 pm \\ Thursday September 11^{th} & 6-9 pm \\ \end{tabular}$

Online Pre-Registration opens Wednesday September 3rd at 9:00am

Recital Classes Start September $22^{\rm nd}$

Information Packages for Season ${\bf 5}$ are available by email:

dance.elevate@outlook.com

705.322.9605

@elevate_dance_company

120 Yonge Street North, Unit 2, Elmvale





HALL RENTAL

ELMVALE LIONS HALL RENTAL

1979 Flos Rd 7 W, Elmvale

Cost: \$350.00

Fully LCBO licenced facility. Bartender available for hire. Commercial kitchen and all meal serving items are included. Stage. Capacity indoors: 125 in hall Capacity with outdoors: 184 **Call Lion Bob Coe** to book 705-322-4484

Elmvale Legion Hall Rental

Available for all functions.

135 person capacity.

Bar available upon request.

Contact 322-1042 to book

HALL RENTAL

Palace Tavern available for your function at \$0 cost to you. Includes bartender. 200 person capacity. Also available:

DJ. Karaoke Live Band

by request Call Francis 705-322-1741 to check availability

Midland Curling Club Rental

474 King St., Midland Available for all functions. Fully LCBO Licensed facility bartender available. Main Lounge 126 capacity Arena: 330 capacity Caterer and Bands available upon request

Call 705-526-5631 to book

NOTICE

Lifelabs Elmvale is closed

August 25 to September 3 Alternate locations:

121 Wellington St. W., Barrie 6:30-2:30pm 11 Lakeside Terrace, Barrie 9-5 pm We apologize for the inconvenience. Thank you.



Upcoming Auctions

- Alexson Dispersal Auction Atwood (August 31 September 04) Highlighted: CAT Excavator 304 C, Komatsu Trim Dozer, Duetz-Allis 4x4 Tractor, Liebier Excavator, Snorkel Boom, John Deere 3320 AND MORE. Auction Closes: September 4th at 8pm Over 850 auction items!
- Living Estate of Ralph Kaehler Kitchener (Sept. 7 11)
- Hincks Downsizing Auction Milton (Sept. 7 11)
- Briscoe Downsizing Auction Palgrave (Sept. 14 18)

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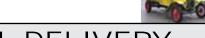
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TESSIER, Carol Mary

Passed away on Sunday, August 10, 2025 at Hillcrest Village, Midland at the age of 85. Loving Mother of Penny (Herman) Moreau, Cathy (Ray) Murton, the late Terry Tessier and Ken

Tessier. Cherished Grandmother of Rebecca (Mark) and Amelia (Sean); Lorne; Courtney and Matthew; Faith, Wyatt, Cody, Steve and Trevor. Dear Great-Grandmother of Claire and Anna; Kinley and Adeline; Roslyn, Connor and Madilyn. She will be lovingly remembered by her extended family and friends. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, October 25th, 2025, from 12 to 3 pm at the Penetang Legion. Lunch will be provided. Arrangements entrusted to LeClair Cremation Centre

Local Man Wins Twice in Split the Pot Lottery



By GBGH, Aug 21, 2025

Mike G of Waubaushene is all smiles after winning \$1,000 in the Split the Pot Early Bird Draw on July 4, his second cash prize since May.

Mike and his wife Nancy are proud supporters of the Georgian Bay General Hospital Foundation through the Split the Pot Lottery, helping fund equipment and technology for patient care close to home.

OBITUARIES



DOWNER, Frances Yvonne

Passed away peacefully at the Georgian Manor, Penetanguishene Thursday August 2025. Frances Downer (nee Parkinson) in her

94th year. Beloved wife of the late Edward (Ted) Downer. Loved mother of James (late Deborah), Wendy & husband Mel McIntyre, Barbara & husband Glenn Woods. Grandmother to Kari, Steven, Stephanie, Edward and Deanna. Great Gramma to Reagan, Cameron, Bailey and Carter.

For many years, Frances served the Elmvale sewing & craft community from her store, The Thrifty Thimble. Frances was an accomplished seamstress, and a master of petit point. She enjoyed gardening and spending time with her family.

The family would like to thank Georgian Manor, and the staff at Sumac area for the care and compassion shown to Frances. To the PSW's from ParaMed Home Health Care, especially her longer-term ladies Angela & Stacy. A special thank you to Samatha of The Busy Panda PSW & Respite Services for her years of dedication to Frances and the family.

A Celebration of Frances' Life will be held at Tiffin Pier Waterfront Condiminiums, 699 Aberdeen Blvd Midland ON from 1 pm - 4 pm on Sunday, September 7, 2025.

Memorial donations may be made in Frances' honour to the Elmvale and District Food Bank.

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



NAOUM, Athanasios ''Tom''

Passed away peacefully at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie on August 11, 2025. Tom Naoum of Elmvale, former owner Alma's Restaurant, of

in his 87th year. Beloved husband of the late Leontina (Triantafillou) Naoum. Dear father Marianna Seili (Jeffery), Angelo (Katie) Naoum, Maria Naoum and Stelios Moukouvinas, and Sotiris Naoum and Katerina Pitsari. Loved Grandfather of Alexandra and Sophia Seili, Maximus Naoum, Alexander, Angelos, and Marina Kanellopoulou, and Zisis Naoum (Xara).

A visitation will be held at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home in Elmvale from 1-3 pm on Sunday, August 17, 2025. A Graveside service will be held at the Elmvale Cemetery on Monday, August 18, 2025 at 1 pm.

Memorial donations in Tom's memory may be made to the Elmvale Food Bank.

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BIRTHDAY

Glenna Reynolds - "80th" Birthday

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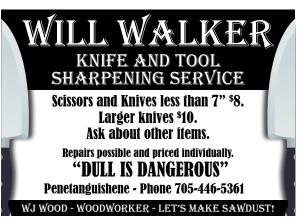
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Jenna Lougheed and Carolyn Glover

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LYTE, Ethel Christina

Ethel Christina Lyte passed away peacefully at Amica Little Lake, Barrie on August 12, 2025, at the age of 96 surrounded by her family. We are deeply saddened by our loss and yet we feel so blessed to have had mom with us for so many years. She was such a kind, gentle and incredible mother, and an inspiration to all who knew her. Her 'sparkle', interest in and caring of her family and friends will be deeply missed.

She was predeceased by her loving husband Bob (Reginald) Lyte who cherished her for 66 years; also predeceased and dear sister to Elsie, Mable, Reta, Jim and Jack.

Loving mother of Gary (Marianne), Ron (Linda), Jeanne (Mike), Cheryl (Lori) and Tim (Kathy). Cherished Nana of Bob (Casey), Megan (Phil), Michael (Samantha), Kristina, Brandon (Rhonda), Bill (Sabrina), JJ (Rob), Alison (Raimondo), Matthew, Katy (Ryan), Frank (Maria), Jacqueline (Heather) and the late Spencer. Great-Nana Lyte to Keaton, Frances, Grayson, Charlotte, Wesley, Louis, Austin, Jayci, Ryker, Faith, Bridgette, Riley, Danica, Alessandro, Gabriella, Sophia, Cooper and Ella. Fondly remembered by her nieces and nephews, relatives and many cherished friends (old and new).

Ethel was born and raised in MacTier, Ontario and spoke fondly of her early years in the church, singing, playing baseball and highland dancing. After completing a secretarial program followed by a job in Toronto, she returned to MacTier to marry Bob and raise five children. She especially loved her summers at the beach in MacTier with her children and grandchildren. She

spent many hours in her garden, baking, knitting and enjoying nature. Ethel nurtured many lifelong and close friendships with whom she loved having tea, attending musical events and playing cards.

Through her love of learning and reading, Ethel was inspired to start up the MacTier Public Library, which lead her to secretarial, library and resource centre roles at the MacTier Public School for 17 years. She actively supported the community over the years through numerous organizations, some of which included Meals on Wheels, the MacTier Lions Club and the MacTier Railroad Heritage Society. Ethel was also a lifelong member of the United Church and was awarded the Charter of Membership in the UCW (United Church Women) for her 60 plus years of service.

A visitation was held on Tuesday, August 26th, 2025, at Adams Funeral Home (445 St. Vincent Street, Barrie) beginning at 11am followed by a Memorial service at 1pm in the Adams Funeral Home chapel. A reception took place following the service in the Adams Funeral Home reception lounge. Cremation has taken place and family interment will follow at the MacTier United Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial donations to Royal Victoria Hospital, Southlake Regional Health Centre or to a charity of your choice would be appreciated.

The family wishes to send a special thank you to the staff of Amica Little Lake in Barrie, Royal Victoria Hospital and Southlake Regional Hospital. Their caring and support for mom will always be remembered.

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OBITUARIES



ROBINSON, Clarence Henry

Passed away peacefully at the Georgian Bay General Hospital in Midland on Sunday, August 10, 2025. Clare Robinson of Tiny in his 94th year. Clare

would always lend a hand to anyone who was in need. He was kind, funny, generous, stubborn and an all around "good guy!"

Clare was born in Toronto to Harry and Isabella(Mullen)Robinson. Big brother to Jean. They were raised in the Junction(Weston/Vaughan road) area in Toronto. He went to York Memorial highschool. He started a job in the mailroom at Canada Packers during school and worked himself up to telecommunications manager at their corporate office in Toronto.

He was the beloved husband of the late Lillian Robinson (nee Meads). Dear father of Jeffery Robinson (Martha Vargas), Jennifer (Richard) Minderlein, and Sandra Robinson (Mike Blom). Loved Grandfather of Julia, Henry, Jordan, Jason, Andrew, and Adon. Proud Great-Grandfather of Hudson, Georgia, Jackson, Irelynn, Claire, and Avery. Brother of the late Jean (John) McIntyre. Brother in law to the late Harold (Marilyn) Meads.

We want to thank Kitty Burnett, 'the friendly neighbour' for all her love and support for the last 3 years. Kitty was great company for Dad.

Clarence led by example, modelling kindness, humility and unconditional love. He was a devoted father, grandfather and great grandfather. He lived a full life, his legacy is a loving and strong family he helped build with Lillian. His family and friends will miss him everyday. We love you papa.

There will be a celebration of life at a later date.

In lieu of flowers please donate to the Elmvale Presbyterian Church (e-transfer donatetoepc@rogers.com) or Georgian Bay General Hospital

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BALL, EWART "BUCK"

Passed away at the Villa Care Centre, Midland Ontario on Friday August 22, 2025 at the age of 86. Husband of the late June

Husband of the late June (Dingman). Loving father

of Brenda (Allan) Miller of Hillsdale, Brian (Lisa) of Hillsdale, Kevin of Hillsdale and Chris (Lisa) of Vasey. Lovingly remembered by his grandchildren Allison (Shane) Cramp of Hillsdale, Lindsay (Sean) Wilson of Hillsdale, Jordan of Vancouver, Dustin of Penetang, Kerstien (Dylan) Kurtz of Hillsdale and great-grandchildren Brooklyn, Brody, Eiley and Kenzie of Hillsdale as well as members from both sides of his family.

Pre-deceased by his daughter Gail, granddaughter Amanda (Brenda & Allan), parents Merle and Walter Ball, his mother/father in-law Ruby and Wilbert Dingman, Burks Falls.

Special thanks to all of his customers, past and present. He was always proud of the business that he created and enjoyed the many friendships that he made along the way.

And a heartfelt thank you to the staff of Villa Care Centre (Cardinal floor) for your kindness and compassion during dad's stay the past couple years. You made him feel welcomed from the first day. We have heard that "on his good days" he even shared a few of his precious memories with you.

Service Info -

Thursday August 28, 2025 Lynn-Stone Funeral Home, Elmvale Visitations 10:00 am – 12:00 am Service in Chapel @ 12:00 pm

Reception to follow @ Elmvale Lions Club, 1979 Flos Road 7 West, Elmvale, Ont

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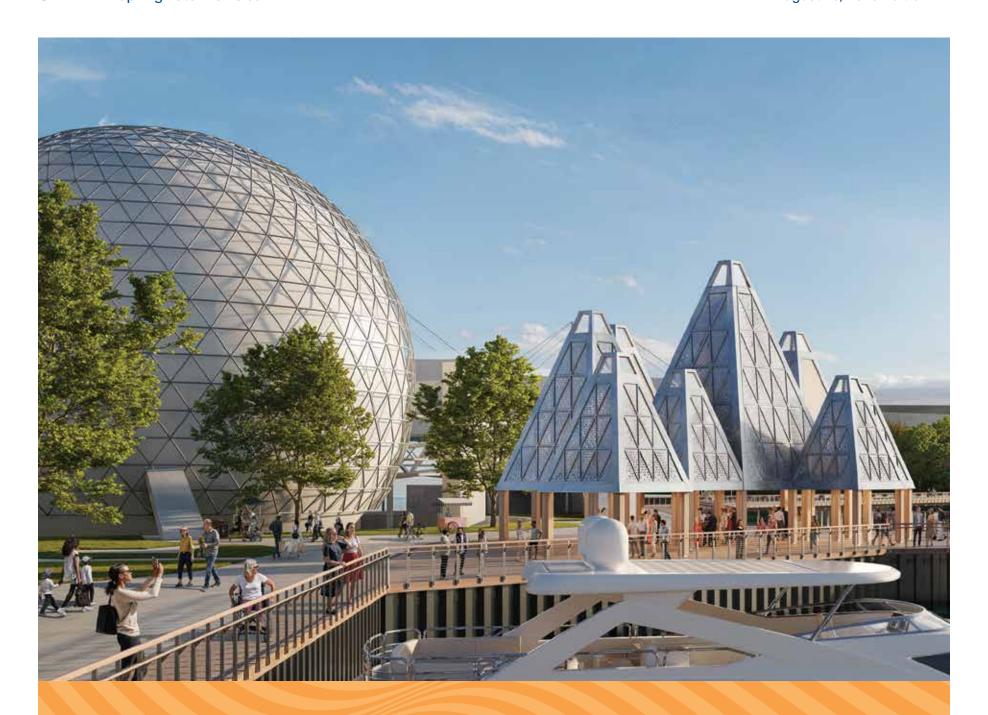
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