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March 2023

Your Go-To Community Magazine



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Learn about rush hour schedule changes coming into effect soon.

## **WHAT'S NEW AT WPL**

The library isn't just for books anymore!

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# WOODSTOCK

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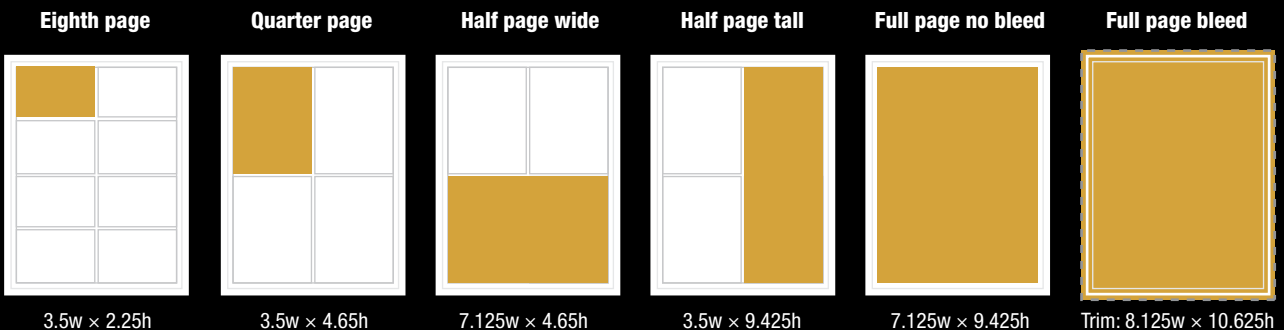
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The April 2023 edition of WOW will be delivered with Canada Post beginning on March 27.



Check out the COW Tales 'Way Back When' contest on page 15 and enter today!

**A:** More space to house their collection.

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Goff Hall Rental.....	519-421-3484 x 4301
Library.....	519-539-4801
Market Centre Rental.....	519-537-8411
Museum.....	519-537-8411
Para-Transit Services.....	519-539-1291 x 2510
Parks & Recreation.....	519-539-1291 x 4101
Public Works.....	519-539-1291 x 3140 or x 3104
Small Business Centre.....	519-421-2129
Southside Aquatics.....	519-421-POOL (7665)
Southwood Arena.....	519-421-3484 x 4301
Transit Services.....	519-539-1291 x 3102

## Event Listings

Have your events listed in the FREE Event List on the back inside cover or for advertising in the *What's On Woodstock Magazine*, please email your event details or ad reservation to [wow@flyingsquirreldesign.com](mailto:wow@flyingsquirreldesign.com)



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# Fee Assistance in Recreation (FAIR)

With spring just around the corner, many families are now registering their kids for summer camps and activities. Camps and recreational programming offer valuable developmental benefits and can also provide care for children while parents are at work. However, the cost for these programs can add up and families with lower incomes may not be able to afford the same opportunities.

To help make these important opportunities more accessible, the City of Woodstock introduced the Fee Assistance in Recreation (FAIR) program in 2015. FAIR provides financial assistance to low-income families in Woodstock so that they can take part in recreation, leisure and/or cultural activities offered by the City.

“With the limited programming available during Covid, a lot of families don’t know about the program,” said Jason Jolicoeur, Supervisor of Aquatics and Recreation Program. “Especially with the financial pressures more people are experiencing lately, we really encourage you to apply if you meet the criteria.”

To be eligible, you must live in the City of Woodstock and have a family income that falls below the Low Income Cut-Off (LICO) for your family size. To protect your privacy, you can apply online and the application information goes only to the staff who administers the program. Once processed, the funds are applied to your recreation account and can be used at all City of Woodstock recreation, leisure or cultural facilities.

Children under the age of 18 receive \$200/year and adults 18+ get \$50/year. Added Jolicoeur, “The program can even be used for things like hosting a birthday party for your child.”

For more eligibility information or to apply, visit [www.cityofwoodstock.ca/fair](http://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/fair). You can also find information about the Canadian Tire Jumpstart Program that helps kids aged 4–18 access non-City run sport programs.

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April 22 @ 2pm

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### NEWSIES



May 11 - 13 @ 7pm  
May 13 @ 2pm

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Woodstock

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519-290-9525

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## GORDON LIGHTFOOT

SAT MARCH 11, 7:30 PM  
MARKET CENTRE THEATRE

THE ORIGINAL GORDON LIGHTFOOT TRIBUTE SHOW  
**CLASSIC LIGHTFOOT LIVE**

TICKETS:

[www.classiclightfootlive.com](http://www.classiclightfootlive.com)  
519-537-2582



## CARING HEARTS SUPPORT NETWORK

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Check us out:  
[www.caringheartssupportnetwork.com](http://www.caringheartssupportnetwork.com)  
519-536-3370

# New Rush Hour Bus Schedule in Effect March 6

Starting March 6, buses will run on a 40-minute schedule between 3 – 5 p.m. from Monday to Friday. This means buses will leave the transit terminal, located at 623 Dundas St., at 3 p.m., 3:40 p.m., 4:20 p.m. and returning to a 30-minute cycle starting at 5 p.m. The schedule change was approved by Council at their January meeting to allow passengers using the transit service to reach their destinations on time.

As traffic and the number of riders increased in our growing city, it has been more difficult for bus drivers to get through their route in 30-minutes during peak times. This meant some passengers were missing their connections and would have to wait almost half an hour for the next bus.

“Having riders potentially miss their connections 25 per cent of the time is unacceptable,” said Jeffrey Springsted, Woodstock’s Transit Supervisor. “We want to offer a valuable service that Woodstock residents can trust to get them to their destination on time and we are proud that we maintain schedule adherence 95 per cent of the time.”

This extended route cycle may mean longer travel times for some riders and we appreciate your understanding with this change. Stickers showing the new rush hour schedule will be posted at each of the 280 bus stops and transit shelters so riders can check what time their bus will arrive. As always, if the schedule is affected by the weather updates will be posted on the City’s website and social media. Riders can also subscribe to receive updates emailed to them directly when posted.

The number of individual trips nearly doubled between January and December 2022 to more than 41,000 trips per month. As our city grows, we will continue to implement solutions that allow us to offer a convenient, reliable transit service for our residents. As a result of public feedback, Springsted is “hoping to get internet connectivity on the buses and introduce an app in 2023 that allows riders to see their bus on their phone and plan accordingly. Riders will also be able to receive transit messages and alerts.”

## About Woodstock Transit

Offering both a conventional and a para-transit options at affordable rates, Woodstock Transit offers an environmentally conscious way to get around the city. Buses run Monday to Friday from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. There is no conventional or para-transit service on Sundays or holidays.

Find fare information and more on page 7.



Woodstock Transit Terminal is located at 623 Dundas St.

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**A:** Louise Hill.



# WOODSTOCK TRANSIT GO GREEN



## CONVENTIONAL & PARA-TRANSIT HOURS OF OPERATION

- Monday to Friday: 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. & Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

No Sunday or Holiday bus service. Find Route & Schedule details at [www.cityofwoodstock.ca/transit](http://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/transit)

## FARES & PASSES

Fare Type	Adult	Student/ Senior (60+)	Child (under 5)/ Veteran
Cash	\$2.75 (exact fare)	\$2.75 (exact fare)	Free bus service
Monthly Pass (non-transferable)	\$66.00	\$53.00	Free bus service
Han-D-Ride Pass (discounted)	\$27.50 (12 rides)	\$27.50 (12 rides)	Free bus service
Group Pass (2–5 riders)	\$8.25 (all day)	\$8.25 (all day)	Free bus service

## WHO SELLS RELOADABLE PASSES?

You can purchase reloadable Monthly and Han-D-Ride cards at these convenient vendor locations:

- City Hall, 500 Dundas St.
- Reeves Community Complex, 381 Finkle St.
- Engineering/Public Works, 944 James St.
- Foodland, 645 Dundas St.
- Pioneer Gas Station, 334 Norwich Ave.
- Southside Aquatic Centre, 315 Finkle St.
- Walmart Lottery Kiosk, 499 Norwich Ave.
- Woodstock Public Library, 445 Hunter St.

## PARA-TRANSIT

Woodstock Transit offers door to door bus service for residents that qualify and are registered with the City of Woodstock. Applications for this service are available online at [www.cityofwoodstock.ca/para-transit](http://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/para-transit). All trips must be booked in advance.

## DISPATCH OFFICE HOURS

- Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

To book, call 519-539-2382 ext. 2510 (TTY 519-539-7268). Voicemail is available outside these hours.

# More than a ‘book nook’ – see what the Woodstock Public Library has to offer

Photo by Dudek Photography



Connecting with citizens in new ways, growing community partnerships and offering new and innovative services for our community are just some of the things Lindsay Harris is looking forward to in her new role as CEO of the Woodstock Public Library.

“During the pandemic it was difficult to truly reach the community, especially when our facility was closed,” said Harris. “Staff is excited to engage with the public once again. Libraries are not supposed to be silent – we missed the laughter and conversation we get to have with our visitors.”

The library is meant to provide programs and services that reflect the needs of the community. While many people still believe that simply means books and story times, in fact, libraries today are so much more. While those will always be core services, libraries can also play a key role in helping meet people’s recreational, social and educational needs.

To deliver on that, Harris and her team plan to continue to strengthen and expand partnerships with community organizations like the Woodstock Art Gallery, EarlyON, Southwestern Public Health, local schools and the City. Outreach programming is also available at Brightside Hub and Operation Sharing.

There are also some exciting new initiatives to look forward to this year at the library. A new online program module has recently launched that allows guests to explore and register for library programs any time, from anywhere.

The WPL is also excited to open its new Preservation Station later this spring. Patrons will be able to bring in their home videos,

photographs, slide negatives and other types of media and use the dedicated equipment to digitize their personal history.

Some improvements are coming to the building as well with new carpeting in the children’s area and a updated teen space on the second floor.

“We know that Woodstock is growing. Our goal is to continue to adapt and offer meaningful services that add value for our patrons,” added Harris. “We truly believe there is something at the library for everyone and you can look forward to seeing us in unexpected places and events in the community!”

Harris has been with the library since 2019 and stepped into her new role as CEO in October 2022. She has Hon. BA in Linguistics from McMaster University, a Masters of Information and Library Science, from Western University and has worked in libraries for the last 25 years.



## ROAD RECONSTRUCTION ON OXFORD ROAD 59 (WILSON STREET)

This spring, Oxford County will begin infrastructure improvements to Oxford Road 59 (Wilson Street) from Dundas Street to the CN Railway, and Oxford Road 54 (Huron Street) from Adelaide Street to Dundas Street.

This project will replace sanitary sewers, watermain, curb and gutters, traffic lights and street lighting; repair storm sewers; and upgrade bike lanes and sidewalks.

Visit the Public Information Centre to learn more:  
Wednesday, March 1, 2023  
Drop in from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Oxford County Administration Building  
21 Reeve Street, Woodstock – Main Lobby

For project updates visit  
[www.oxfordcounty.ca/2023construction](http://www.oxfordcounty.ca/2023construction)

# DID YOU KNOW?

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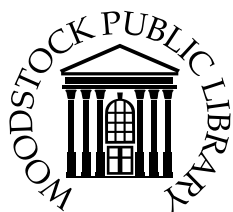


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# PUBLIC LIBRARY

Monday to Thursday 10 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
Friday to Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Sunday 1 – 5 p.m.  
445 Hunter St., Woodstock ON  
www.mywpl.ca

**A better way to register for library programs online.**  
[www.mywpl.ca](http://www.mywpl.ca)

## Spring Storytimes

Each program includes age-appropriate stories, rhymes, songs, and activities designed by library professionals to help children develop literacy skills and a love of reading.



Space is limited. Please register in advance. Registration begins Tuesday, March 21 at 10:00 a.m.

Register online, in-person, or by calling the library at 519-539-4801.

### Tales & Tunes (ages 3–5)

**Wednesdays 10:15–11:00 a.m., March 29–May 17**

An interactive storytime for preschoolers that will cultivate a love of books. Enjoy stories, songs, active rhymes, and other activities. Registration required.

### Toddler Tales (12–36 months)

**Wednesdays 11:15–11:45 a.m., March 29–May 17**

**Thursdays 10:15–10:45 a.m., March 30–May 18**

An active program for toddlers and their caregivers with stories, rhymes, songs and other activities. Registration required.

### Sign Me Up, Baby (birth to 18 months)

**Wednesdays 2:30–3:00 p.m., March 29–May 17**

Infants and caregivers are invited to join us for stories and rhymes featuring basic ASL signs to learn. No registration required.

### Babytime (birth to 12 months)

**Thursdays 11:00–11:30 a.m., March 30–May 18**

An interactive program for infants and their caregivers,

introducing them to a lifelong love of books with songs, active rhymes, and stories. No registration required.

### Story Explorers (ages 3–5)

**Fridays 11:15–12:00 p.m., March 31–May 19**

Build on stories through fun songs, rhymes, and hands on STEAM activities for preschoolers. Registration required.

### Family Storytime (family)

**Saturdays 10:30–11:30 a.m., April 1–May 20**

An interactive storytime for young children and their caregivers with songs, stories, and more. No registration required.

### Walking Wonders (birth to 12 months)

**Fridays 10:15–11:00 a.m., April 7–May 19**

*(weather permitting)*

A story-time for infants and caregivers that starts outside the library with a stroller walk and ends with stories and rhymes in a nearby park. Blankets suggested! Weather cancellations will be announced on our website and socials at 10:00 a.m. the morning of. No registration required.

## MARCH BREAK AT WPL!

Registration for all March Break programs begins Monday, February 27 at 10:00 a.m.

Register online, in-person, or by calling the library at 519-539-4801. All programs are free.



### Afternoon Movie (family)

**Saturday, March 11, 2:00–4:00 p.m.**

It's showtime! Bring the family, crunch on some popcorn, and enjoy a movie at the library. We will be showing a family friendly film. Stay tuned! Snacks and drinks provided. No registration required.

### Riddle Scavenger Hunt (teen)

**March 12–March 18**

Riddle me this: What building has the most stories? Test your riddling skills this March Break! Solve all the riddles and win a prize. No registration required.

## Cardboard Construction (ages 6–12)

**Monday, March 13, 2:00–3:30 p.m.**

Discover the endless possibilities of cardboard. Build something with Makedo, create something with Nintendo Labo, or explore with Google Cardboard. Bring your creativity, the rest of the materials are provided! Registration required.

## Teen Henna Night (ages 12–17)

**Tuesday, March 14, 6:00–8:00 p.m.**

A workshop with premier henna artist, Maggie, certified by the International Certification for Natural Henna Arts. Learn about the history and various styles of henna, plus get their own design courtesy of Maggie. Registration required.

## Experience Virtual Reality (ages 10+)

**Wednesday, March 15, 1:00–4:30 p.m.**

Grab a headset and enter a virtual world! Sessions are 15 minutes and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note that participants must be 10 years or older and have no pre-existing medical conditions. Children aged 10–12 years must have signed parental consents to participate. No registration required.

## Tales from the Loop Roleplaying Game

(ages 14+)

**Wednesday, March 15, 6:00–8:00 p.m.**

A roleplaying game for teenagers set in an alternate history. Pretend to be schoolmates with a missing friend living in an alternate 1986 Norway populated by robots and floating ships! No skill, experience, or equipment needed. Registration required.

## Drag Storytime (family)

**Thursday, March 16, 1:00–2:00 p.m.**

A magical storytime with Drag Queens Miss Lita, and Galaxy Rose. Drag Storytime is presented by the Rainbow Optimist Club in partnership with Elgin County Library, London Public Library, Middlesex County Library, Oxford County Library, St. Thomas Public Library and Woodstock Public Library with the support of Pride and is funded by @TD\_Canada. No registration required.



## St. Patrick's Day Family Storytime

(birth to 5 years)

**Friday, March 17, 10:30–11:30 a.m.**

► *Popup Craft Alert! Drop by on Friday, March 17 to make St. Patrick's Day puppets.*

An interactive storytime that include songs, stories, and fun STEAM activities. Leprechauns (and a pot of gold!) may be included. No registration required.



## Treats & Trivia with Brightside Youth Hub

(teen) **Friday, March 17, 2:30–4:00 p.m.**

Are you a quizmaster? Are you a cornucopia of random facts or a fountain of knowledge? Prove it! Join the Brightside Youth Hub at the library for an afternoon of trivia. Snacks will be provided. No registration required.

For more information on Brightside Youth Hub, visit:

[www.brightsideyouthhub.ca](http://www.brightsideyouthhub.ca)

## Game Club (family)

**Saturday, March 18, 2:00–3:00 p.m.**

Drop in for an afternoon of fun games. Play board games, BINGO, video games or check out our GIANT games. No registration required.

# PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

## Forest of Reading

**January 9–April 30**

Join one of Canada's largest book clubs for kids – where YOU get to pick the winner. Nominated titles will be available on display to check out in the Children's department. Read the books, do fun activities and vote for your favourite book starting April 1st.

## Little Reader's Book Club (birth to 5 years)



Engaging the littlest reader is simple: read a book to your infant, toddler, or preschooler. The goal is to read 1000 books before they start Kindergarten.

You will earn badges along the way, and a very special prize once your little reader has completed the program. Visit our website for more information.

## I SPY: Hello Spring!

**March 4–31**

Check out the display case in the Children's Department to test your skills with our monthly *I Spy* quizzes. Fun prizes to be won! No registration required.



## Paper Bag Princess Day (family)

**Saturday, March 4, 2:00–4:00 p.m.**

Drop in and celebrate a Canadian classic with activities for clever princes and princesses, a green screen photo booth with royal props and more! No registration required.

## PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

### Pizza Pop-Up with Brightside

**Monday, March 6, 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.**

The first Monday of the month, drop in to enjoy pizza and games with Brightside. Brightside Youth Hub is a Woodstock-based group committed to providing youth access to the services they need at no cost. No registration required.

### Learn How to Crochet

**Tuesday, March 28, 6:30–8:00 p.m.**

For all the crafty teens out there, come and join us as we learn how to crochet. Supplies will be provided at the library. Registration required. Registration begins March 14 at 10:00 a.m.

## PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

### WPL Book Clubs

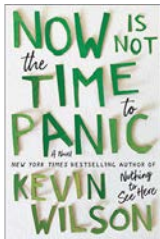
**2nd Tuesday of the month, 2:00–3:00 p.m.**

**2nd Thursday of the month, 7:00–8:00 p.m.**

Begin each month with a good read! Join us in the program room for a lively discussion on the title selected for each month. Open to all. No registration required.



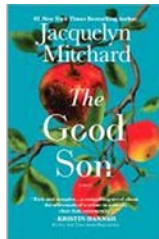
**March 9, 14**  
*Horse/Man*  
by Julia Merritt



**April 11, 13**  
*Now is Not the Time to Panic*  
by Kevin Wilson



**May 9, 11**  
*The Blackout Book Club*  
by Amy Lynn Green



**June 8, 13**  
*The Good Son*  
by Jacquelyn Mitchard

### E-Resource Registration

**Saturday, March 11, 12:00–1:00 p.m.**

A guided session on how to access our free E-Resources – just in time for March Break! E-Resources include Hoopla, cloudLibrary, Tumble Book Library, Flipster, Comics Plus, and Freegal. Registration required. Registration begins February 25 at 10:00 a.m.

### Cyber Assist

**Tuesdays, 2:30–3:30 p.m.**

**Wednesdays, 6:30–7:30 p.m.**

**Fridays, 10:30–11:30 a.m.**

Book one-on-one assistance with one of our technology specialists on any tech topic that is testing your patience. We will help you navigate your tablet, phone, or laptop; download eBooks or eAudiobooks; stream music or movies; and so much more! Each session is 30 minutes in length and can be booked online or by calling 519-539-4801, extension 3006.



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### Indwell Film Screening: Safe



**Thursday, March 2, 6:30–8:30 p.m.**

*Safe* is a documentary about Canada's housing and opioid crisis. It follows the work Indwell is doing in Southwestern Ontario to help make housing more accessible and affordable. A Q&A session with Indwell staff will take place after the film. This event is free but donations to Indwell will be accepted. No registration required.

### Pub Trivia Night

**Wednesday, March 15, 7:00–8:30 p.m.**

Join us at Upper Thames Brewing Company the third Wednesday of each month for Pub Trivia, where you and your teammates can test your smarts against other beer enthusiasts. Upper Thames Brewing Co. will sell the drinks and WPL will provide the questions. No registration required.



### Crafty Adults: Handstitched Little Chicks

**Thursday, March 16, 7:00–8:00 p.m.**

The egg-shaped chicks are a cinch to stitch and stuff. We will learn and practice some basic stitches. These cute chicks are made as a decoration piece not a toy. Registration required. Spaces are limited. Registration begins March 2 at 10:00 a.m.



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**Travelogue Series:  
Hawaii with Shari  
and Janet**  
Thursday, April 6,  
7:00–8:00 p.m.



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Cooper, 2017

Hawaii is unlike any other vacation place in the world! Shari and Janet will guide us through its beautiful white sandy beaches, turtle sanctuary and majestic landscapes – perhaps even a few slides of the night life entertainment. No registration required.

**NEW!**

**Order bag tags through the wasteline app**

Download on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play

Oxford County residents can now purchase bag tags for curbside waste collection through the **Wasteline app** using a smartphone or other handheld device.

Bag tags are also available online and at select retailers for the same price (\$2/tag), subject to store policy for minimum sales in effect for debit or credit card purchases. **Never pay more.** For details, please visit [www.wasteline.ca/bagtags](http://www.wasteline.ca/bagtags).

**ERNIE HARDEMAN, MPP OXFORD**

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## Woodstock Rotary Festival of Music

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The Woodstock Rotary Festival features music from students of Oxford County and surrounding area. Highly trained adjudicators assess performances of soloists and groups of all musical disciplines. Our festival brings our community together through the art of music.

[woodstockrotaryfestivalofmusic.com](http://woodstockrotaryfestivalofmusic.com)  
[woodstockrotaryfestival@gmail.com](mailto:woodstockrotaryfestival@gmail.com)

L'ASSOCIATION DES PROFESSEURS DE MUSIQUE DE L'ONTARIO  
ONTARIO REGISTERED MUSIC TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

**Festival Dates: March 27–April 12, 2023**  
**Stars of the Festival: April 19 at 7PM**  
at the Salvation Army Church Woodstock

Check out the COW Tales 'Way Back When' contest on page 15 and enter today!

**A:** ROM.

# C.O.W. TALES

CoW Tales is a regular feature in *What's On Woodstock* designed to celebrate the City of Woodstock's rich history. Thanks to the contributions of the Woodstock Museum NHS, the Heritage Advisory Committee, and the Oxford Historical Society, CoW Tales shares stories that help us understand and connect with our past as our community continues to grow and evolve. In honour of celebrating their 75th Anniversary, CoW Tales will feature the Woodstock Museum NHS in this issue.



## An Oxford County test case

As a test case, the Oxford County Museum was the first facility in the Province to receive funding through the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM), to promote the use of museums to schools by the Department of Education of Ontario. County museums would play an integral role in the educational and cultural life of their communities by showcasing history, geography, industry and science. When the Museum moved into their current location in the Town Hall in Woodstock on Jan. 28, 1948, ROM staff helped organize and set up displays and exhibits. Through the Zoology department from the ROM, a collection of mounted birds was provided as part of the Natural History section and The University of Western Ontario Archaeology department donated Indigenous artifacts. Other displays reflected the local industry, agriculture and pioneer life.



## Louise Hill, the collection keeper

A descendant of one of the first families in Woodstock, Louise Hill was the great, great, granddaughter of Levi Hoyt Perry. Louise kept a collection of pioneer relics and artifacts that were stored in the basement of the Woodstock Courthouse. In an attempt to secure a better location for the collection, Hill was instrumental in the Oxford County Museum being moved to the Town Hall. She later became the first curator of the museum. Hill's former assistant, Effie Nesbitt, became the second curator of the Museum. Woodstock artist, photographer and farmer, Ross Butler, was the first President and manager of the Museum. The Oxford County Museum was initiated by the Oxford Historical society in 1897.



## Name change for Museum

The Oxford County Museum became the Woodstock Museum in 1985, when the City of Woodstock assumed operation and ownership of the collection. When the museum moved into Town Hall 75 years ago, they took over the second floor. The Woodstock and District Chamber of Commerce had the first floor. Since then, the Woodstock Museum expanded to include the entire building. Town Hall served various and numerous functions over the years to meet the changing needs of the community. It was Woodstock's "first market, first public assembly hall, first fire hall, first police lock-up, first permanent meeting place of Council, first municipal offices and first mayor's office." Now after 75 years, the Woodstock Museum is searching for new digs as it has outgrown its current location.



## Woodstock's Old Town Hall, a national historic site

Built in 1853, Town Hall was Woodstock's first municipal building. In 1851, Council wanted a building for a market and Town Hall. A cash reward was offered for the best design. The building was built in the centre of the newly finished town square and was the most prestigious building in Woodstock with a cupola on top the roof of the two-story building, in the Italianate architectural style. The market was on the first floor and the assembly hall was on the second. In 1955, Town Hall was designated a national historic site by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, because "...it is a fine example of a colonial adaptation of a British town hall and because of its long association with the political and social life of Oxford County."

# C.O.W. TALES

## Way Back When Contest

**THE WINNER** of the January/February 'Way Back When' Contest is **Brenda Murphy of Woodstock!** She correctly answered that Greg Morton is the College Avenue Secondary School grad who appeared on America's Got Talent in 2019. Brenda wins a \$50 gift card from Boston Pizza Woodstock, plus she now qualifies for a \$100 Boston Pizza Woodstock gift card to be drawn from all the monthly winners in November.

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**DO YOU REMEMBER WOODSTOCK "WAY BACK WHEN?"** If so, you're on your way to winning our contest. Send in or drop off your answer by the posted deadline. We will randomly pick one winner from the correct responses. The winner's name will appear in the next edition of What's On Woodstock. Here are some questions to get you thinking. Answer the last question (in bold) to enter the contest.

- Q.** Which museum set up displays and exhibits for the Oxford County Museum, during their official opening in 1948 and also helped create Fanshawe Pioneer Village and the Museum of Ontario Archaeology? (See pg. 13)
- Q.** Why was the Town Hall chosen to house the Oxford County Museum? (See pg. 3)
- Q.** Who first collected artifacts for the Museum and was instrumental in its move? (See pg. 6)
- Q.** Who was the Mayor of Woodstock when the Museum changed names from Oxford to Woodstock Museum in 1985? (See pg. 34)
- Q.** In 1948 the Oxford County Clerk and Treasurer sat on the Museum Board. Name this person?

Send your answer along with your name and phone number to [www@cityofwoodstock.ca](mailto:www@cityofwoodstock.ca) by Friday, March 10, 2023. You can also drop your answer in the contest box at City Hall.



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## 2024 TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN

### What we heard

Over the past year, we asked for your feedback on Oxford County's 2024 Transportation Master Plan. Now, we want to share the high-level recommendations based on your input.

- Comment through the online survey, map tool, or comment form
- Join the virtual (online) Public Consultation Centre on Tuesday, March 21 at 6:00 p.m.
- Visit us in person in Ingersoll (March 23), Woodstock (March 28) or Tillsonburg (March 30)

For full details visit [Speak Up, Oxford!](http://Speak Up, Oxford!) at [www.oxfordcounty.ca/2024tmp](http://www.oxfordcounty.ca/2024tmp)



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## Swimming Lessons

The City of Woodstock offers the Lifesaving Society's Swim for Life program as our learn to swim program. Sessions run throughout the year and help people of all ages build confidence in and around water and learn this essential life skill. Register for swimming lessons at [www.recreationwoodstock.ca](http://www.recreationwoodstock.ca).

**Parent and Tot Swimming Lessons:** This 3-level program is for parents with their children who are 4 months to 3 years of age. Through structured in-water interaction between parent and child, we stress the importance of play in developing water-positive attitudes and skills. This also allows young children to become more comfortable in the water, so they are ready for the preschool program when they turn 3. Because activities and progressions are based on child development, parents register in the level appropriate for their child's age: 4–12 months, 12–24 months, or 2–3 years.

**Preschool Swimming Lessons:** This 5-level program is for children 3–5 years of age. The Preschool program develops an appreciation and healthy respect for the water. In our basic aquatic progressions, we work to ensure 3 to 5-year-olds become comfortable in the water and have fun acquiring and developing a foundation of water skills.

**Swimmer Program:** This 6-level program is for children 5 years of age and older. The Swimmer program makes sure children learn how to swim before they get in too deep. Swimmer progressions accommodate children who are 5 years and older including absolute beginners as well as swimmers who want to build on the basics. We stress lots of in-water practice to develop solid swimming strokes and skills.

**Canadian Swim Patrol (Levels 7, 8 and 9):** The Lifesaving Society's three-level Canadian Swim Patrol program provides enriched training for those who want to develop swim strokes and skills while having fun in the challenging world of lifesaving. Swim Patrol develops swimming strength and efficiency with emphasis on Water Smart® behaviour. Skill drills enhance capability in the water, good physical conditioning, and lifesaving judgment. Content is organized in modules – Water Proficiency, First Aid, and Recognition and Rescue.



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**Private Swim Lessons:** A one to one instructional setting to provide extra attention to a specific skill or level. If you have specific needs, please contact the pool to discuss with a Head Guard (519-421-7665).

**Intro Swim Synchro:** An introductory program to Swim Synchro for children aged 6 years and up. Swimmers will begin strengthening swimming abilities, developing synchro skills and music appreciation.

**Teen and Adult Lessons:** This 3-level program is for teens (12–17) or adults (18+). Working with certified instructors, Teen and Adult Swimmer candidates set their own goals. Whether just starting out or wanting to improve their current swimming ability and fitness, Swimmers develop water confidence and smooth recognizable strokes.

**Adult Swim Fitness:** Looking for some fitness motivation? This program is led by a swim coach who will help guide you through a swim workout each week. The coach will also work on your strokes and endurance, provide feedback and tips, and provide practices to do on your own throughout the week. Note: Must be able to swim at least 100m.

## Drop-in Programs

### Aquatic Programs

You can reserve your space in any of these drop in programs online using the City of Woodstock's registration system.

**Aquafit:** An aquatic fitness workout that helps to improve stamina, endurance and muscle strength while reducing stress on joints. All classes include options to workout at your own level. Participants should be comfortable in chest deep water for Shallow Aquafit, and deep water for Deep Aquafit. For those looking for a slower paced class, focusing on larger movements, stretching and rehabilitation, try Gentle Aquafit.

**Public Swims:** Come spend time playing and enjoying the water with family and friends. All ages are welcome, and the diving board is open for use during our public swims.

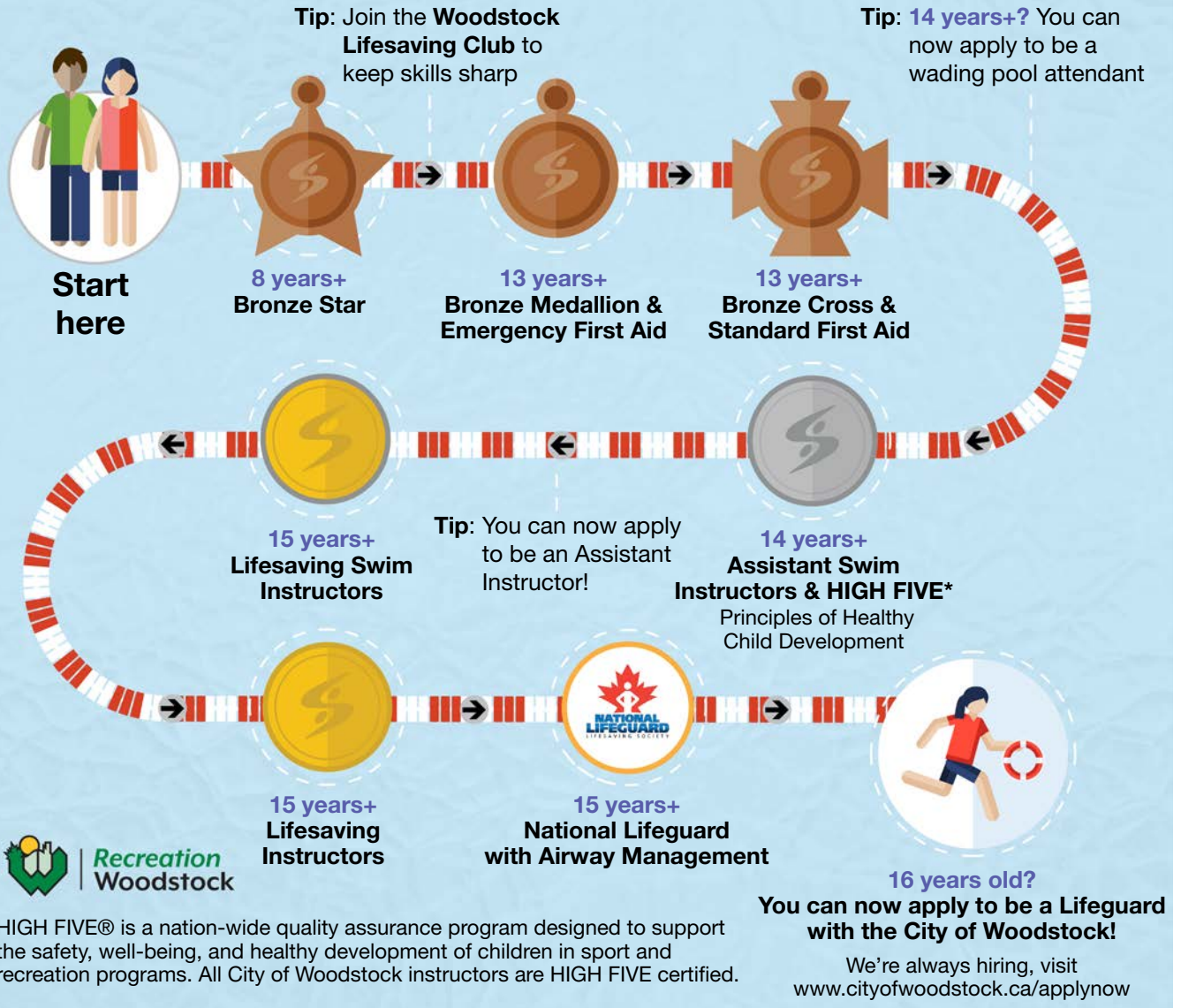
**Adult and Child Swim:** The Adult and Child Swim allows for participants to use the shallow area of the pool where families can enjoy a quiet swim together. The pool will be shared with other programming.

**Lane Swimming:** Swimming is a great way to exercise and stay healthy. Join us for open lane swims throughout the day. Whether you swim slow, medium, or fast, we have a lane to suit your needs. Lane swimming is at times shared with other programming. Circle swimming is used.





# Becoming a Lifeguard in Woodstock



**Woodstock Lifesaving Club:** The Woodstock Lifesaving Club aims to teach fair play, team building, and ethics in sport while helping swimmers develop their skills in the pool and working towards achieving their personal best. The team is divided into two groups, Developmental and Junior groups. The Developmental group will focus on the sport of lifesaving; participants will begin to train by completing swim workouts and skill development with equipment. This is an opportunity to challenge personal bests and have fun in a group environment. (Must be able to swim 100m front crawl without stopping.) The Junior program will focus on further improvement of lifesaving skills in addition to learning and developing more advanced lifesaving techniques. Athletes will continue to work on their swimming fitness and strokes through more challenging practices.



## Summer Camps FYI Quick Look Museum 2023

**July 10-14:** Puffin Power (4-7)

**July 17-21:** The Imaginarium (8-12)

**July 24-28:** Dino Week (4-7)

**July 31- Aug 4:** Get Your Groove On (8-12)

**Short Week Aug 8-11:** No camp

**Aug 14-18:** Fantastic Food Feature (10-14)  
Specialty Camp \$195/wk

**Aug 21-25:** Unicorn Camp (5-8)

## Summer Camps – Museum 2023

Join in all the fun this summer with learning, history, games, park visits, special guests and unique themes! Make some friends, try something new and **register online starting Feb 1 at 10am**. All camps are located at the Woodstock Museum and run 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. (no extended care) and cost \$160/Members \$140 except the specialty camp Aug 14–18 which is \$195/Members \$175.

### Puffin Power

**July 10 -14 | Ages 4-7**

Don't you love how cute Puffins are? So many birds make parts of Canada their home. We'll play fun games, make bird crafts, learn about Atlantic puffins and birds in our backyards. Make your own bird feeder, explore how owls fly without making a sound and try to spot birds in the park.

**Barcode: 00014385**

### The Imaginarium

**July 17 -21 | Ages 8-12**

Are you into all things retro or fantasy? If you enjoy building your own creations, figuring out what artifacts were used for and imagining what extinct creatures looked like, this week is for you! Sculpt, construct, paint, build and imagine old or fabricated worlds. Games, park visits and more.

**Barcode: 00014386**

### Dino Week

**July 24 -28 | Ages 4-7**

What extinct creatures used to roam the earth? Check out ancient fossils, learn to draw dinosaurs and what an archeological dig site is really like. Play fun dino games, make dino crafts and enjoy fun at the park too.

**Barcode: 00014381**

### Get Your Groove On

**July 31 - August 4 | Ages 8-12**

The way we listen to music has changed a lot. Boogie to the beats of a gramophone, a turn table, a Walkman and more devices you've never heard of! It will blow your mind. We'll dive into famous music, trivia games, hilarious historic dance moves, and try writing our own song!

**Barcode: 00014387**

### Fantastic Food Feature

**August 14-18 | Ages 10-14**

#### Specialty Camp

We'll have a great time tasting and making our own creations with food grown and made locally. Meet a fruit farmer, try your hand at jam making, explore the harvest and learn about where our food comes from. Fun games, butter sculpture, crafts and more will be included in this delicious specialty camp.

**Barcode: 00014388**

### Unicorn Camp

**August 21-25 | Ages 5-8**

For those that missed it last year, our unicorn utopia is back. Everything you need to fulfill your magical fantasies. Get glittered, make unicorn crafts, and play fun magical games this week with friends!

**Barcode: 00014389**



## Sport Programs

The City offers adult drop-in sport programs. You can reserve your space either through the City of Woodstock’s registration system or via Pickup Hub. Visit [www.recreationwoodstock.ca](http://www.recreationwoodstock.ca) or [www.pickuphub.net/city-woodstock](http://www.pickuphub.net/city-woodstock) to find dates, times and availability.

Sport	Day	Reserve your spot
Soccer	Sunday	Pickup Hub
Basketball	Friday	Pickup Hub
Floor Hockey	Sunday	Pickup Hub
Ice Hockey	Tuesday, Friday	Pickup Hub
Pickleball	Monday–Saturday	CoW registration

## Open Turf / Gym

Activity	Surface Type	Details
Parent & Tot Active Time	Turf	Monday–Friday 10 – 11:30 a.m.
Family	Turf	Saturday 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Walking Soccer	Turf	Pickup Hub 9 – 10 a.m.
Youth	Gym	Pickup Hub 4 – 5:30 p.m.



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## Registered Programs

We offer programs for all ages that help you keep fit, be creative and have fun. Sign up for any of the following programs geared towards a variety of interests at [www.recreationwoodstock.ca](http://www.recreationwoodstock.ca)

### Sports

The City of Woodstock's sports programs focus on developing physical literacy through sports. Participants will learn and develop a variety of skills through active engagement within a sport setting. Basketball programming is brought to you by Why Not Us. Active Kids has a different sport focus each week to develop a variety of transferable sport skills. Floor hockey builds skill through 3 levels of development based on age

Sport	Ages	Format
Basketball	4–17	6-week program (Registration required)
Active Kids	2–12	6-week program (Registration required)
Tennis	5+	8-week program (Registration required)
Floor Hockey (Friday)	4–13	6-week program (Registration required)

### Recreation

The City of Woodstock offers recreational programs for all ages and interests.

Activity	Details	Format
Nerf Warriors/Laser Tag	Sunday	6-week program (Registration required)
Guitar/Ukulele	Wednesday	8-week program (Registration required)
Yoga	16+ Tuesday, Thursday	9-week program (Registration required) Drop in Yoga also available
Stemotics	Ages 5–12 Thursday	5-week program (Registration required)
Spa Nights	Ages 6–12 Fridays	One time activity, offered weekly (Registration required)



## Birthday Parties – Cowan Park

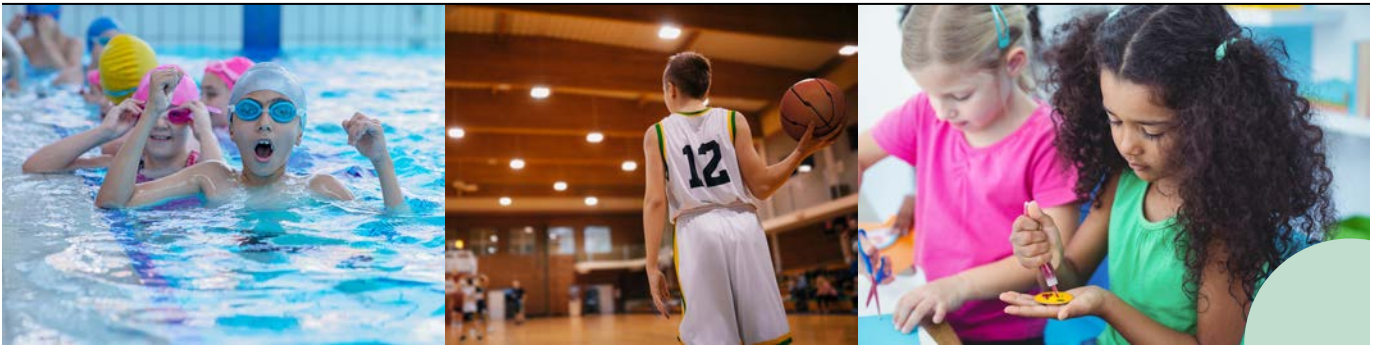
Want to host a birthday party without the mess at home? Ask about a City-run birthday party that includes access to our meeting room for meals and active time on the indoor turf. Available Saturdays and Sundays.

## Summer Camps

Looking to keep your kids busy this summer? City of Woodstock summer camps offer fun, friendship and excitement in an environment that supports kids' healthy development. Offering programs throughout the entire summer, register early to secure your space in programs designed to accommodate a wide range of interests. Program descriptions and links to register are available online at [www.recreationwoodstock.ca](http://www.recreationwoodstock.ca). Registration is now open.

## Woodstock Museum

The Woodstock Museum is offering a number of weekly camps as well. See page 19 for program information.




## We can help!

Assistance is available for qualifying individuals and families to help cover the cost of recreational programs and camps. If your household income falls below the low-income cut-off, you can apply online.









Learn more at [www.cityofwoodstock.ca/FAIR](http://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/FAIR) or call 519-539-2382 ext. 4101.





















Recreation Camps		Age	Featured Activity*	July 3-7	July 10-14	July 17-21	July 24-28	July 31-Aug 4	Aug 8-11	Aug 14-18	Aug 21-25	Aug 28-Sep 1	Fee

**Cowan Park Sportsplex 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

**Traditional Day Camps**












Cowan Kinder Camp	4 to 5			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$194.25
Cowan Tykes	6 to 7			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$178.50
Cowan Juniors – Adventurers	8 to 9			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$178.50

**Specialty / Themed Camps**

Ultimate Sports Camp – Juniors	6 to 8			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$178.50
Ultimate Sports Camp – Seniors	9 to 12			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$178.50
Pack & Go	8 to 12			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		\$346.50
Little Picasso Art & Swim Camp	6 to 9				✓		✓	✓					\$178.50
Stemotics/Robotics – Minecraft Coding	6 to 9											✓	\$346.50
Stemotics/Robotics – Lego WeDo	6 to 9			✓		✓							\$346.50
DIY Camp	6 to 9				✓		✓		✓	✓			\$178.50
Summer Sport & Golf Camp	9 to 12				✓		✓	✓					\$178.50
Summer Sport & Cycling Camp	8 to 12				✓		✓			✓			\$178.50









**Southside Park – Outdoors 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

**Specialty / Themed Camps**









Explore the Outdoors – Hiking Camp	8 to 12			✓		✓		✓		✓			\$178.50
Summer Sport & Bronze Star Camp	9 to 12					✓		✓		✓			\$346.50
Summer Sport & Learn to Swim Camp	6 to 9				✓		✓	✓					\$346.50
BMX & Scooter Camp	8 to 12						✓		✓				\$346.50

**Reeves Complex 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

**Traditional Day Camps**












Reeves Kinder Camp	4 to 5			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$194.25
Reeves Tykes	6 to 7			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$178.50
Reeves Juniors	8 to 9			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$178.50
Reeves Seniors	10 to 12			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$178.50

**Specialty / Themed Camps**

Pack & Go	8 to 12			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		\$346.50
Pre-Season Conditioning Hockey Camp	8 to 12										✓	✓	\$346.50
Summer Sport & Skating Camp JR	4 to 7									✓	✓	✓	\$346.50
Summer Sport & Skating Camp SR	8 to 12									✓	✓	✓	\$346.50

**Cowan Fields 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

**Specialty / Themed Camps**

Fields Kinder Camp	4 to 5			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$194.25
Ultimate Sports Camp – Junior	6 to 8			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$178.50
Ultimate Sports Camp – Seniors	9 to 12			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$178.50
Summer Sport & Learn to Swim Camp	6 to 9				✓		✓	✓					\$346.50
Pack & Go	8 to 12			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		\$346.50

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## Playgrounds

The City of Woodstock owns and maintains 39 playgrounds within our 51 parks and 9 parkettes. Each playground offers unique features and you can find details at [www.cityofwoodstock.ca/playgrounds](http://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/playgrounds).

If you notice damage to city parks please contact the Parks office at 519-539-2382 Ext. 4101.

### Playground Safety Tips

To ensure that playgrounds are safe for our children we need to work together! Here are some safety tips parents and caregivers should be familiar with and teach their children.

- Playgrounds are not to be used during freezing or wet conditions.
- Supervise children on the playground.
- Remove cords and drawstrings on children's hoods, hats and jackets. Wear a neck warmer instead of a scarf.
- Tuck in all clothing that can get caught on playground equipment.
- Take off bicycle helmets before using playground equipment.
- Make sure children do not tie ropes or skipping ropes to slides and other playground equipment.
- Pets are not allowed on playground surfaces.

## Rotary Skate/Bike Park

The skate / bike park is located in Southside Park. The park is open dawn to dusk, weather permitting. Do not use when wet or icy.

The park is designed for use by skateboarders, bicycles and rollerblades. It is recommended that all users wear protective equipment including a helmet, knee pads and elbow pads to minimize any opportunity for injuries. All children under the age of 8 years must be supervised by an adult.



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## Tennis Courts

There are six tennis courts, four are located at Richardson Park, 860 James Street and two are located at Brompton Park, 871 Grosvenor Street. The courts are available for public use on a first-come first-serve basis or by reservation. These courts are maintained by the City and are open for your enjoyment on a seasonal basis from May 1 until Oct. 30.

## Pickleball Courts

We have three unlit pickleball courts in Park Row Park, 176 Park Row. The courts are available for public use on a first-come first-serve basis or by reservation.

## Basketball Courts

There are six basketball courts across the city for public use on a first-come first-serve basis or by reservation.

- **Ludington Park** – 945 Springbank Ave.
- **Park Row Park** – 176 Park Row
- **Shanna Larsen Park** (Half-court) – 1100 Upper Thames Dr.
- **Victoria Park** (Half-court) – 413 Buller St.
- **William Dutton Park** – 89 Algonquin Rd.
- **Broadview Park** (Half court) – 227 St. Andrews Rd

## Beach Volleyball Court

Come and join in on the fun at the beach volleyball court located in Southside Park. The court is available for public use on a first-come first-serve basis or by reservation. Email [parksandrecreationinfo@cityofwoodstock.ca](mailto:parksandrecreationinfo@cityofwoodstock.ca) to reserve.

## Soccer Fields

Woodstock has 34 soccer fields within the city. Soccer fields are categorized into three classes, which describes its field quality and associated amenities. Class A fields are full size, lit and have nets. Class B fields are full size with nets and may be irrigated. Class C fields are small fields that have no nets and are not irrigated.

- **Cowan Park Sportsplex** – 895 Ridgwood Dr. – 2 Class A fields and 20 Class B fields
- **Les Cook Park** – 1227 Sprucedale Rd. – 1 Class B field
- **William Dutton Park** – 89 Algonquin Rd. – 1 Class C field
- **Hunting Estates Park** – 1103 Pearson Dr. – 1 Class B field
- **Southside Park** – 219 Finkle St. – 1 Class A field
- **McIntosh Park** – 140 Butler St. – 4 Class B fields
- **Woodstock District Community Centre** – 347 Finkle St. – 2 Class B fields
- **Les McKerral Park** – 664 Southwood Way – 2 Class B fields

For more information or bookings please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 519-539-2382 Ext. 2740.



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## Baseball Fields

We have 19 Baseball diamonds throughout Woodstock. Class A fields include home run fences, lighting and clay infield (they may or may not have irrigation). Class B fields include a home run fence, no irrigation and may or may not have lighting. Class C fields are undersized fields and do not include home run fence, irrigation or lighting.

- **Brompton** Class A – 871 Grosvenor Street
- **Complex** Front and Back Class A – 347 Finkle Street
- **Southside Tip O'Neil**, Southside East, Southside West Class A – 192 Old Wellington St. S.
- **Sutherland** Class A – 687 Sutherland Drive.
- **Cowan Fields** 1, 2 and 3 Class A – 1495 Devonshire Ave.
- **Kintrea** North and South Class B – 320 Parkinson Road
- **West End** Class B – 208 Dundas Street
- **Chuck Armstrong** Class C – 188 Phelan Street
- **Edgewood** Class C – 225 Edgewood Dr.
- **Ferncrest** Class C – 289 Ferncrest Rd.
- **Park Row** Class C – 176 Park Row
- **Victoria** North and South Class C – 413 Buller Street

## Floor Hockey Court

- **Broadview Park** - 277 St. Andrews Rd.

## Cricket

- **Southside Park** Class B – 192 Old Wellington St. S.
- **Southwood** Class B – 375 Juliana Dr.

## Football/Multipurpose Field

- **Cowan Sportsplex** – 895 Ridgewood Dr.

## Community Garden Plots

Would you like to have a vegetable garden but you have a shady back yard? The City of Woodstock has a community garden at Cottle Park on Salter Avenue (off Parkinson) with 28 plots for rent. The garden is fenced and irrigated to help ensure a healthy crop. For more information about renting or availability contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 519-539-2382 Ext. 4101.

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## Dog Parks

Dog parks are a great place for your furry friend (or fur-baby) to run around off-leash and socialize with other dogs. Woodstock has three dog parks available for people and their pets to get some exercise and enjoy. Each park has a double-gate entry and garbage receptacles, though park users must bring their own bags to clean up after their dog(s). All parks are also smoke free and there is no food, drink or toys permitted to reduce the chance of conflicts between dogs.

### Henry Street Dog Park

Located at 400 Henry St., this leash-free park has separate sections for large dogs and small dogs, giving smaller dogs a dedicated place to play in an environment that may feel safer or less intimidating for them. Owners can wander along the pathway to get their steps in or enjoy the shade under the mature trees scattered throughout the park. There are picnic tables for those who need a spot to rest and a spout where dog owners can fill their own water bowl from May 1 through Thanksgiving. Parking is available on Henry Street.

### Cowan Sportsplex Dog Park

Our newest dog park is at 895 Ridgeway Dr. allowing those living north of the Pittock a place close by to let their dogs run. There is plenty of parking available at the sportsplex and a pathway for people to walk.

### Roth Park Dog Park

Just south of the Pittock reservoir, Roth Park is located at 680 Highland Dr. This 2.47 acre off-leash park features lots of mature trees for shade, seasonal washrooms and picnic tables for visitors who need a place to sit.

### A Few Reminders

- **Please do not allow your dog off leash except in these three dog parks.** This helps minimize negative interactions and allow for controlled meetings between people and pets who welcome them.

- **Enclosed sportsfields are not dog parks.** Please do not use fenced ball diamonds or beach volleyball courts as your own leash-free park. These fields are maintained to support specific uses and dogs (and dog waste) can damage their surface.
- **Pick up after your dog.** It's no one's favourite part of dog ownership, but cleaning up after your dog helps keep our streets, parks (and shoes!) clean.
- **The small dog park area is just for small dogs.** Please keep large dogs out of the small dog park area.

For more information, visit [www.cityofwoodstock.ca/dogparks](http://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/dogparks)

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# REEVES COMMUNITY COMPLEX & CIVIC CENTRE ARENA

parksandrecreationinfo@cityofwoodstock.ca

## Civic Centre

895 Nellis St (Fairgrounds)

### PUBLIC SKATING — FREE

Anyone may attend. Children 6 and under must have adult supervision in the Facility. Skates must be worn on the ice. No shoes, strollers or skating aids permitted.

**Tuesdays** | 4:00–4:50 p.m., Civic Centre

DATE	SPONSOR
Tues. Mar. 7	City of Woodstock
Tues. Mar. 14	Roes-Zehr Electric Ltd.
Tues. Mar. 21	City of Woodstock
Tues. Mar. 28	City of Woodstock

**Thursdays** | 4:00–4:50 p.m., Civic Centre

DATE	SPONSOR
Thurs. Mar. 2	Easy Way Cleaning Products Ltd.
Thurs. Mar. 9	Mackey Moving
Thurs. Mar. 16	Roes-Zehr Electric Ltd.
Thurs. Mar. 23	City of Woodstock
Thurs. Mar. 30	Dr. Lail & Associates

**Saturdays** | 7:00–7:50 p.m., Civic Centre

DATE	SPONSOR
Sat. Mar. 4	City of Woodstock
Sat. Mar. 11	Alf Langdon Play Hockey Fund
Sat. Mar. 18	Dr. Lail & Associates
Sat. Mar. 25	NO SKATING

## Reeves Community Complex 381 Finkle St

### PUBLIC SKATING — FREE

Anyone may attend. Children 6 and under must have adult supervision in the Facility. Skates must be worn on the ice. No shoes, strollers or skating aids permitted.

**Wednesdays** | 4:00–4:50 p.m., Green Pad

DATE	SPONSOR
Wed. Mar. 1	Oxford Plumbing Ltd.
Wed. Mar. 8	CUPE1146
Wed. Mar. 15	Riley Manufacturing
Wed. Mar. 22	Old Bouys Hockey Club
Wed. Mar. 29	Alf Langdon Play Hockey Fund

**Sundays** | 1:15–2:05 p.m., Red Pad

DATE	SPONSOR
Sun. Mar. 5	Taplay Fire Service
Sun. Mar. 12	Steve Hart Snowplowing
Sun. Mar. 19	Dr. Lail & Associates
Sun. Mar. 26	NO SKATING

### MARCH BREAK SKATING — FREE

Anyone may attend. Children 6 and under must have adult supervision in the Facility. Skates must be worn on the ice. No shoes, strollers or skating aids permitted.

**Monday–Friday** | 11:15am–12:05 p.m., Red Pad

DATE	SPONSOR
Mon. Mar. 13	Palleck Orthodontics
Tues. Mar. 14	Upper Thames Brewing Company / Brickhouse Brewpub
Wed. Mar. 15	Boston Pizza Woodstock
Thurs. Mar. 16	Upper Thames Brewing Company / Brickhouse Brewpub
Fri. Mar. 17	Leon's Furniture Store Woodstock

## SPECIALTY SKATES

### Reeves Community Complex 381 Finkle St

#### ADULT SKATE — FREE

Participants must be 18 years of age or older. This will be strictly enforced. Please respect all skaters.

Sponsored by the City of Woodstock Parks & Recreation Department

DAY	TIME	RINK
Monday	1:45–2:35 p.m.	Red Pad
Wednesday	1:45–2:35 p.m.	Red Pad
Friday	1:45–2:35 p.m.	Red Pad

#### PARENT & TOT SKATING — FREE

Maximum age of child participants is 6 years of age. Puck and sticks are NOT PERMITTED on ice. Parent & Tot gliders (skating aids) will be available.

Sponsored by the City of Woodstock Parks & Recreation Department

DAY	TIME	RINK
Wednesday	1:00–2:20 p.m.	Green Pad
Thursday	4:00–4:50 p.m.	Green Pad

#### PARENT & TOT SHINNY HOCKEY — FREE

Maximum age of child participants is 6 years of age. Puck & sticks ARE PERMITTED on ice. All participants must wear a helmet and gloves. Parent & Tot gliders (skating aids) will NOT be available.

Sponsored by the City of Woodstock Parks & Recreation Department

DAY	TIME	RINK
Monday	4:00–4:50 p.m.	Green Pad
Wednesday	2:30–3:50 p.m.	Green Pad

### THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR SPONSORS!

We are very pleased to offer free skating for the 2022–23 season. It wouldn't be possible without the support of our Community Sponsors. Please show them your support throughout the season!

Please note skating times may change due to Special Events not scheduled at the time of printing.



## Greetings from our new committee!

We are delighted to introduce our new committee, appointed for the term 2022-2026 term.



Photo supplied

### Who are we?

We are a group of volunteers appointed by Woodstock City Council to engage both the city and the public, broadly speaking, on any matters relating to the environment. Although we share a similar, united vision that is centered on sustainable, responsible, and forward-looking governance, we are comprised of diverse group of individuals with unique areas of expertise.

Our highly skilled group includes local business owners, politicians, consultants, families, and students. We are active teachers, knowledge-seekers, and devoted volunteers, often to many groups across the city. But most importantly, we call Woodstock home and want to help foster a vibrant, resilient, and thriving space for all.

### What is our role?

As a group, we seek to:

- learn and understand what issues are both relevant and pressing with the city,
- we challenge ourselves, how can we do better as a community?
- we look to neighbouring communities, local leaders and experts for both advice and guidance,
- we take this information and bring it forward to the community to better increase public awareness and understanding,
- and finally, we challenge local government to strive for better by putting forth various recommendations to Council to create or adapt new policy.

### What is our Vision for 2023?

A new term always brings much excitement and renewed anticipation, sentiments that couldn't be more true as we set out our agenda for the upcoming year and beyond. On the top of our list, creating and maintaining healthy and

resilient ecosystems within the community in which we live and work.

### What are we excited about?

**Pollinator habitats!** We will continue to seek opportunities both with the city and private landowners to turn previously mowed, monoculture environments into a biologically diverse, environmental oasis! Urban centres can provide surprisingly great habitat for our local bees and butterflies, as long as we provide enough food, habitat and shelter. We can all help to provide this much needed habitat through the simple act of adding native plants to our outdoor spaces. **Do you or your business want to know more?** Contact us through social media or our email provided below.

- On the topic of seeds, have you checked out our **Seed Library located at the Woodstock Public Library?** We are currently in the process of restocking it after a long hiatus during the pandemic. Not only will you eventually find your favourite veggies, but you will soon find different native plant varieties. **Have seeds you wish to donate? Contact us below!**

**Bird City Designation.** In the last 50 years, North American bird populations have dropped by more than 25%. **Three billion of our birds, including common species that live in our towns and cities, are gone.** We can reverse this trend with coordinated, science-backed action. **Why is this important?** Birds play an essential role in maintaining healthy and resilient ecosystems in our communities and our planet. WEAC would like the City of Woodstock to join the growing list of municipalities across the country that are taking direct steps to become bird friendly! We could become one of the first 20 cities in Canada!

**Recycling and Garbage,** although there will be many up-and-coming changes to the way we dispose and recycle our household items, WEAC will continue to engage local staff on known problem areas (public spaces and multi-residential buildings) and advocate for policy change.

**Climate Action,** we will continue to ask the tough questions, how is our city addressing the climate crisis and how can we incorporate climate action into our everyday decision-making.

### Have an idea?

**We want to hear from you!** We continually welcome members of the public to join us at our general meetings or contact us through Facebook (see link in header) or email us at [woodstockweac@gmail.com](mailto:woodstockweac@gmail.com).



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

### Pysanky Egg Dyeing Workshop

Saturday, March 25 | 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

The amazingly intricate method of egg decorating is brought back by popular demand! Join instructor Dottie Smith as we explore the art of historical Ukrainian egg dyeing in this hands-on adult workshop. All materials included. **Ages: 16+**

\$40 / Members \$35

### Beginner Calligraphy Workshop

Saturday, April 15 | 2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Would you like to learn the skill of simple but beautiful hand lettering? Join our calligraphy instructor to explore a mono line Art Deco alphabet. You will be guided through practicing hand lettering used for addressing envelopes or making signs. All materials included. **Ages: 16+**

\$35 / Members \$30

### Magic Beans PA Day

Friday, May 19 | 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Fairytales are tons of fun and people of all ages enjoy an adventure like Jack has up the beanstalk. Today we'll plant some beans for your garden, see if Jack's beans are magical and learn a magic trick. Some creative crafting, and playing inside and out will round out our day together. **Ages: 5-12**

\$45 / Members \$35

### Mer-Kitty PA Day

Friday, June 2 | 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

What do you get when you cross a mermaid and a cat? You guessed it! This mythical creature's day includes some mind boggling mash-ups (Liger fans, we're looking at you). Play cat and mer-person games, make your own combo critter, and play at the park too! **Ages: 5-12**

\$45 / Members \$35

## Woodstock Museum 75th Anniversary



# 75<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary



Join the Woodstock Museum in celebrating all the people and work involved in creating and maintaining our community museum over the decades.

New and renewing members will receive an additional 75 days on all memberships in 2023! Plus, we'll have special activities and events throughout the year:

- Woodstock Museum NHS: Celebrating 75 Years exhibit: Learn about the past and present curators of the museum in a small display in the Community Gallery.
- \$75 for 75 Years Fundraising Campaign: Donate \$75 today to make a lasting contribution to heritage preservation and education.

Visit [www.woodstockmuseum.ca](http://www.woodstockmuseum.ca) for more ways to celebrate.



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# COVID STORIES

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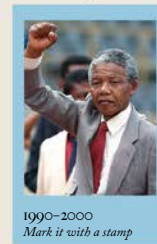
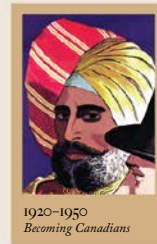
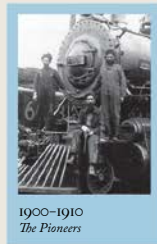
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**VISUAL 65**  
**ELEMENTS**

**JURORS**

**Irma Makariunaite (Canada)**

**Thelma Rosner (Canada)**

**Tamara Monk (USA)**

**Ken Thompson (USA)**

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

**May 1, 2023**

**EXHIBITION OPENS**

**July 15, 2023 at  
Woodstock Art Gallery**

**October 14, 2023 at  
Canticle Center Gallery,  
Lourdes University**

Selections from the Permanent Collection

# LOOK AGAIN

FORM + VOID

February 18, 2023 –  
January 20, 2024

Curator:  
Corinna Ghaznavi, PhD



David Hunsberger, Canadian, b. 1928, *Across the Field* (detail), 1992, print, 25.00 x 56.50 cm, gift of David Hunsberger, Woodstock Art Gallery Permanent Collection, Photo Credit: Robert McNair

# A DELICATE HAND

FLORENCE CARLYLE

February 18, 2023 –  
June 24, 2023

Curator:  
Corinna Ghaznavi, PhD



Florence Carlyle, Canadian (1864-1923), *Roses in a Brass Bowl* (detail), n.d., watercolour and gouache on wove paper, 50.00 cm x 75.90 cm, Purchased with funds from Woodstock City Council, Woodstock Art Gallery Permanent Collection

# Sister Cities: Woodstock and Sylvania, Ohio, to host *Visual Elements 65* juried art show

The Woodstock Art Gallery is marking the 65th anniversary of its annual juried exhibition with Woodstock's sister city, Sylvania, Ohio, in a cross-border celebration of art.

*Visual Elements: Annual Juried Exhibition* is a showcase of local talent hosted by the Woodstock Art Gallery, the only municipal public gallery in Oxford County.

The first open-call art exhibition was held in 1959. The popularity of the exhibition led to the formation of the Oxford County Art Association, which lobbied to create the art gallery as part of Canada's centennial initiatives in 1966.

Originally called the Centennial Art Gallery, it was housed in the basement of the Woodstock Public Library. The gallery would later outgrow the space thanks to its burgeoning art collection and in 1992 it became a City of Woodstock cultural facility.

That same year, Woodstock also became sister cities with a suburb of Toledo, Ohio, called Sylvania.

Today the Sister City Committee acts as a communication link enhancing the quality of life, health and well-being for Woodstock and the communities of Sylvania and Pesche, Italy, which was established as a sister city in 2002.

The committee works to create international goodwill and stimulate growth and interest in recreation, culture, economic and educational groups between the sister cities.

Members of the committee and city staff are also invited to participate in community events, such as the Sylvania Fall Festival and parade.

It was during a visit to Sylvania for the festival in 2022 that Mary Reid, Director and Curator of the Woodstock Art Gallery, first approached the art department at Lourdes University with the idea to present the annual juried exhibition as an exchange between the two cities.

"We wanted something special to mark the occasion for the 65th anniversary," Reid said. "This is an opportunity for local artists from southwestern Ontario, Sylvania and Toledo to exhibit their work on an international level."

The call for submissions for *Visual Elements 65* is open until May 1, 2023. Artists can submit their work online at [www.woodstockartgallery.ca](http://www.woodstockartgallery.ca).

An international jury including Canadian artists Irma Makariunaite and Thelma Rosner and American artists Tamara Monk and Ken Thompson will select the artwork for the exhibition.

*Visual Elements 65* is set to run at the Woodstock Art Gallery July 15 to Sept. 24, 2023, before travelling to Sylvania, where it will open at the Canticle Center Gallery at Lourdes University in October.



Photo by Joseph Hartman

*Visual Elements 64: Annual Juried Exhibition* at the Woodstock Art Gallery in 2022.



Check out the COW Tales 'Way Back When' contest on page 15 and enter today!

**A:** Wendy Calder.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE CITY OF WOODSTOCK

## February

27 **Living with Loss**, St David's United Church, 190 Springbank Ave, 6:30–8 p.m. A six-week grief support group led by trained facilitators on Mondays. The deadline to register is February 24th. Call 519-536-3370. Visit our website: [www.caringheartssupportnetwork.com](http://www.caringheartssupportnetwork.com)

## March

3 **Hespeler vs. Woodstock Navy Vets**, Reeves Community Complex, 7:45 p.m. Tickets \$12 or Student/Senior \$9. Kids 12 & under free (accompanied by an adult). Find Woodstock Navy Vets on [eventbrite.ca](http://eventbrite.ca)

11 **A Tribute to Gordon Lightfoot**, Market Centre Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$45 available at [www.classiclightfootlive.com](http://www.classiclightfootlive.com) or call the Market Centre Box Office at 519-537-2582.

14 **Woodstock Horticultural Society Open Meeting**, Mutual Building, Woodstock Fairgrounds, 7:00 p.m. Speaker Larry Lamb, "Japanese Gardens" (Please note: subject to possible change) First meeting free. Membership for 2023 \$15/year single; \$25 family. Info 519-533-0356.

16 **Music of the Night: The Concert Tour**, Market Centre Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Adults \$65, Senior/Student/Child \$55, Indigenous Peoples \$45. Featuring the music of Andrew Lloyd Webber on his 75th birthday. Call the Market Centre Box Office at 519-537-2582 or visit [www.theatrewoodstock.com](http://www.theatrewoodstock.com).

23 **Unifor Local 636 Retirees Chapter Breakfast and Meeting**, 126 Beale St. Breakfast is at 9 a.m. followed by a meeting at 10 a.m. Breakfast is a small nominal fee of \$5. Come and join for a morning of great food, solidarity and a guest speaker to be announced.

23 **Open Stage Night**, Early Bird Coffee, 375 Dundas St, 6–9 p.m. Share your acoustic music, poetry, spoken word and art. Special menu available. Join as performer or patron. Contact Jenilee Halls at 519-535-3555 or [jenileehalls@yahoo.com](mailto:jenileehalls@yahoo.com).

23 **The Caring Hearts Support Network**, St David's United Church, 190 Springbank Ave, 7–8:30 p.m. Tom Henderson from Nesbitt Coulter Law Firm will discuss "Estate Planning: Wills, Powers of Attorney, and More," followed by David Harris, CFP®, CIM® Portfolio Manager, Green Private Wealth Harbourfront Wealth Management who will present "Preparing your assets for transition." Call 519-536-3370.

27 **75th Woodstock Rotary Festival of Music**. This is a competitive music festival of numerous genres. Performances by instrumentalists in Piano, Vocal, Strings, Winds, Brass, Choral groups & Orchestras receive an evaluation from professional music adjudicators. Join us in-person for our 75th Anniversary. Visit [woodstockrotaryfestivalofmusic.com](http://woodstockrotaryfestivalofmusic.com).

29 **Oxford Historical Society AGM**, Woodstock Museum, 6:30 p.m., Free and open to non-members. "Virsa/Sikh Heritage Through My Family," presented by Savrup Kaur Saran. Visit [www.oxhs.ca](http://www.oxhs.ca) for the latest information.



## Do you have your business licence?

Almost all businesses, including home based businesses, require a municipal business licence. The purpose of a business licence is to protect public health and safety and ensure businesses are following all applicable regulations. A municipal business licence is different than a master business licence that you get from the province.

Business licences are also required for temporary businesses (like craft shows or seasonal businesses) and some businesses must apply for an annual business licence (e.g. taxis, food trucks).

Visit [www.cityofwoodstock.ca/businesslicensing](http://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/businesslicensing) to determine if you need a licence and how to apply.

You can also call the Clerk's department at 519-539-2382 x 2503

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