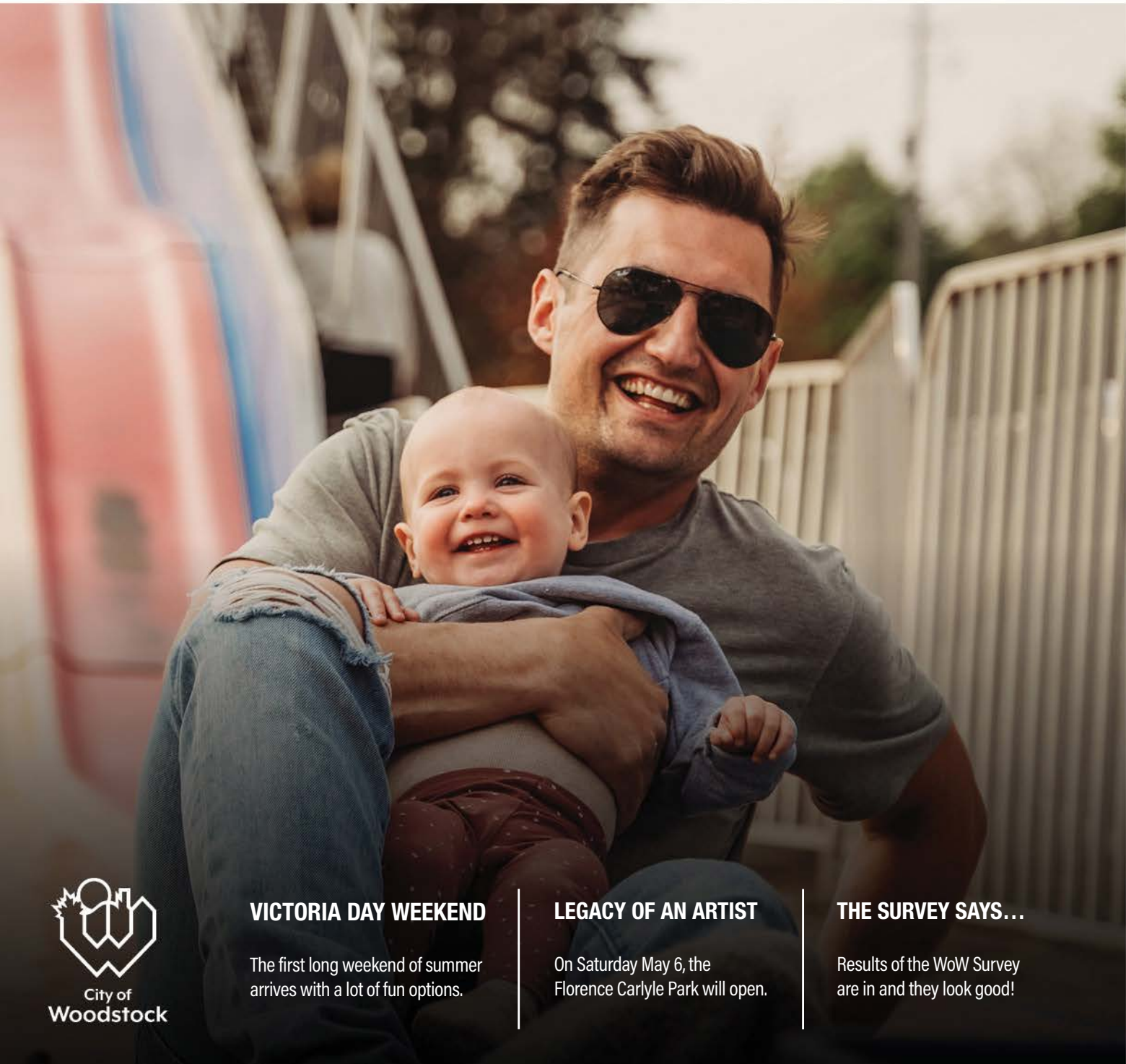




what's on **WOODSTOCK**

May/June 2023

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City of
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VICTORIA DAY WEEKEND

The first long weekend of summer arrives with a lot of fun options.

LEGACY OF AN ARTIST

On Saturday May 6, the Florence Carlyle Park will open.

THE SURVEY SAYS...

Results of the WoW Survey are in and they look good!

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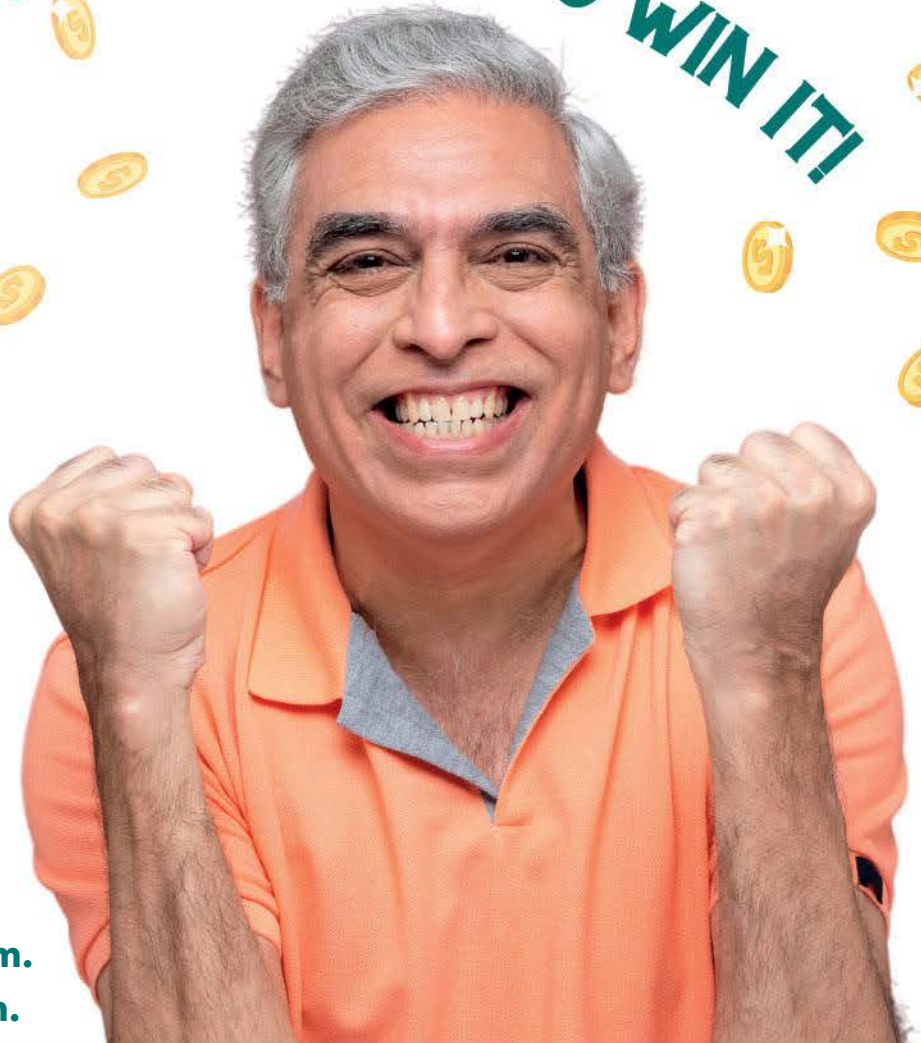
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Market Centre Rental.....	519-537-8411
Museum.....	519-537-8411
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Public Works.....	519-539-1291 x 3140 or x 3104
Small Business Centre.....	519-421-2129
Southside Aquatics.....	519-421-POOL (7665)
Southwood Arena.....	519-421-3484 x 4301
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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



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Are you prepared?

If you were left without power for 72 hours, do you have what you need to get by? What if you had to leave your home in a hurry due to a flood, tornado or other emergency within the community? Would you have everything you need to keep you and your family safe?

During the first week in May each year, governments and community agencies participate in Emergency Preparedness Week to raise awareness and offer resources to help Canadians be prepared and stay safe in an emergency. Community agencies work together to help keep you safe and provide support to those in need, but we all have a role to play in an emergency. This year's theme is 'Be Prepared. Know your Risks.'

Emergency Preparedness Expo

On Saturday, May 6, come down to the Foodland Plaza, 645 Dundas St. between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., where local organizations will have information and be available to answer any questions you may have about how to create a family emergency plan, build an emergency kit and what types of events are most likely to occur here in Woodstock.

Participating organizations include Woodstock Fire, Woodstock Police, Oxford County EMS, Southwestern Public Health, Woodstock General Hospital, Salvation Army, Canadian Red Cross, City of Woodstock, Hydro One, Enbridge Gas, Rapid Relief Team, and Victim Services VASoc.

What's in your kit?

All emergency kits should have:

- Flashlight and batteries
- Radio and batteries
- Extra batteries / battery pack for cell phones
- First aid kit
- Candles and matches
- Copies of your ID
- Non-perishable food and can opener
- Bottled water
- Extra clothing
- Blankets / sleeping back
- Toilet paper and other personal items

Don't forget to customize your kit based on your own circumstances. Include diapers and other baby needs, toys for kids, medications, pet food and other items.

You can learn more at www.oxford72hours.ca or www.getprepared.ca

Victoria Day Weekend



Midway at Southside Park

Thursday, May 18 - Monday, May 22

Enjoy midway rides, games, food and entertainment!

Tickets

10 tickets - \$15

22 tickets - \$32

40 tickets - \$55

Friday only - \$35 for unlimited rides

Rides are 3, 4 or 5 tickets each, depending on the ride.
Food concessions are an additional fee.



74th Annual Victoria Day Parade

Monday, May 22, 2023 starting at 10 a.m.

The Parade will feature marching bands, horses, floats, vintage cars, entertainers and more!

Parade Route: Starting at the Woodstock Fairgrounds and ending at Southside Park.



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National Accessibility Week: May 28–June 3

National Accessibility Week is held each year starting the last Sunday in May. This week is an opportunity to celebrate the valuable contributions and leadership of people with disabilities and reflect on the ongoing efforts to become a more accessible, inclusive Canada. It is also a chance to recognize the work of people, organizations and communities that are removing barriers that allow persons with disabilities to participate fully within their communities.

What you can do

Take a look at your current perceptions about people with disabilities. How disability aware are you? Is there an opportunity to be more mindful of how you think and act around individuals living with a disability?

People with visible disabilities may look different – some may use wheelchairs or other mobility devices; some may use canes and service or guide dogs; some may have facial qualities such as a cleft palate or a skin condition, or display the visual effects of medication, such as a tremor.

Sometimes, people with disabilities notice people staring at them. Or they notice the opposite – people looking away or pretending they aren't even there. They see the disability, not the person.

The more mindful we are in trying to understand the experience of having a disability, the more we can help break down the long-held social stigmas about what people with disabilities are like and what they can do. And we can create truly inclusive relationships and communities.

Did you know?

The City has an Accessibility Advisory Committee that works with the City to help remove barriers and create a more accessible community for people living in Woodstock. The committee is made up of volunteers, many of whom have lived experience with disabilities. The committee meets regularly and makes recommendations to council related to capital projects, advocates on behalf of the community and meets with

groups or organizations looking to increase their understanding or raise awareness about accessibility issues.

If you have issues or concerns with the accessibility of city services, you can report it online at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/accessibility. The Committee will review the concern and get back to you with information or steps that can be taken to resolve the issue.



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Members of the Woodstock Accessibility Advisory Committee advocate on behalf of the community to increase awareness about accessibility issues.

Multi-year accessibility plan

The City of Woodstock is currently in the process of updating its multi-year accessibility plan. The Plan outlines our strategy to prevent and remove barriers for people with disabilities and identifies actions to be implemented that help them access our programs, services and facilities. Public input is an important part of the Plan. Watch for details at www.letstalkwoodstock.ca when the plan is ready for feedback.



Check out the COW Tales 'Way Back When' contest on page 19 and enter today!

A: 1882 (he spoke at the Town Hall on May 29).



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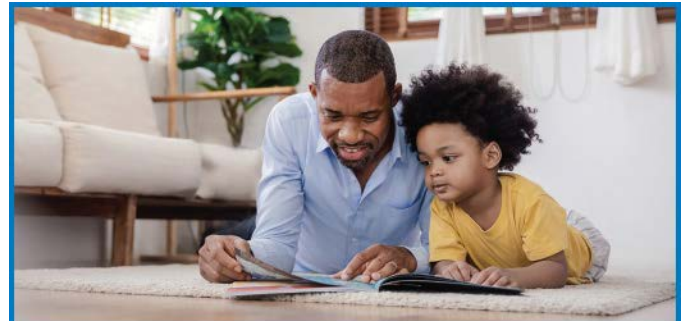
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EnviroDepot offers convenience for residents

If your spring-cleaning efforts have left you with a pile of things you're not sure what to do with, the EnviroDepot may be able to take some of that clutter off your hands. The EnviroDepot accepts materials that may not be eligible for curbside garbage or recycling and helps divert recyclable materials from the landfill. The City also operates a Yard Waste Depot for brush and other yard waste.

"We're happy to offer this service for the convenience of our residents," said Dan Locke, Director of Public Works. "By accepting materials that residents can't get rid of at the curb, we can save them a trip to the Salford Landfill, which is operated by the County."

It is important to note that the EnviroDepot is not a landfill and is limited to specific types of waste. Household garbage is not accepted at the Depot, however materials like household hazardous waste, construction material, old appliances are accepted. A more detailed list of items is available on page x. You can also enter the item you're looking to get rid of in the Wasteline app on your phone or computer for disposal options.

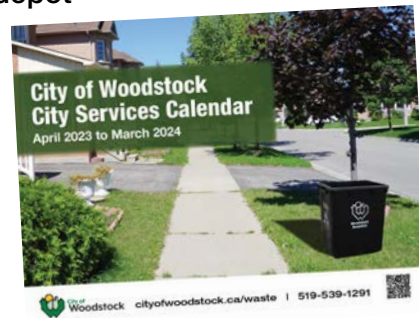
Unfortunately, illegal dumping is a problem at the EnviroDepot. Staff regularly finds garbage and other materials left at the Yard Waste Depot, which is open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week. This ultimately costs taxpayers as staff has to spend time cleaning up the mess instead of their regular duties.

"Sadly, another problem we encounter far too often is abuse of staff by people who are upset when turned away trying to get rid of items that aren't accepted at the Depot," added Locke. "We ask people to be respectful of staff who are just doing their job and encourage them to do a bit of homework before they come to avoid frustration."

The EnviroDepot summer schedule is Wednesday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Peak times are Saturdays between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. so you can save yourself some time if you're able to come during the week or before 10 a.m. on Saturday.

There is no charge for dropping off most items as the cost to operate the Depot is paid for through property taxes, however, there is a \$10 disposal fee for items containing freon (fridges, freezers, air conditioners). Oxford County residents who do not live in Woodstock are still able to use the EnviroDepot but fees will apply.

Learn more at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/envirodepot



More information about waste collection can be found in your City Services Calendar or online at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/waste.



Watering Restrictions in Effect

To help protect our water supply, watering restrictions are in place from May 1 through September 30 each year.

Outside watering is allowed between 6–9 a.m. and 6–9 p.m. Even numbered addresses can water on even days, odd numbered addresses can water on odd days.





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Lawn Bowling

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2. Sport for all ages (10-80 years+)





Photo by Marta Hewson

André Bisson and band

Celebrate arts and culture in Woodstock

The City of Woodstock's annual arts and culture event is being reimagined as a community art gathering in Museum Square this summer.

Formerly Art in the Park, Cultural Canvas is set to take place on Saturday, June 10 in the heart of downtown Woodstock.

The event will showcase live entertainment, multi-cultural dancing, interactive art activities, local artists, food trucks, a beverage garden and more.

"This event is being completely refreshed, revamped and revived with a new date, location, name and vision to embrace arts and culture as whole," said Kristen Brodhagen, Manager of Special Events.

Art in the Park was first held in 2017 as part of Woodstock's Canada 150 celebrations. The event celebrated its fourth season in 2022 after a two-year pandemic hiatus.

"For our fifth year, we decided to move from Victoria Park to Museum Square to encourage the community to gather downtown and eat, shop and support local during the event," explained Brodhagen.

Cultural Canvas will run from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. with music on the main stage, featuring performances

from The Golden Harps Steel Orchestra, Peter Piper, The Imbayakunas, Tell It To Sweeney and headliner André Bisson.

Other activities include cultural dancing workshops, a live art competition, local author readings, ukulele and art workshops, graffiti artist painting, face painters, caricature artists and more!

The Artist Area, which is organized by the Woodstock Art Gallery, will feature artisan-crafted items and artwork for sale by local artist vendors.

The Woodstock Museum will also be opening a new exhibit of historical photos called Don't Smile, with a special presentation on how to care for photographic images, along with a Pride Month escape room.

Anyone interested in volunteering or becoming a vendor is encouraged to register online. Artists have until May 10 to register for a space in the Artist Area and food vendors can register until May 28.

Registration forms and the full event schedule can be found at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/culturalcanvas.



Check out the COW Tales 'Way Back When' contest on page 19 and enter today!

A: Milk (for Dairy Day in 1961).



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An aerial view of the Brick Ponds Wetland running alongside Springbank Avenue.

Protecting local wildlife

As part of an ongoing partnership between the City of Woodstock, Stewardship Oxford and Ducks Unlimited Canada, Brick Ponds Wetland will soon be an even safer environment for local wildlife. Later this spring, more than 1 km of fencing will be installed along Springbank Ave (which runs through the wetland) and along Parkinson Road. The fencing is specifically designed for wildlife corridors to help keep turtles and other wildlife from crossing these busy roads.

Brick Ponds is a 32-hectare wetland located in the east end of Woodstock. It's one of the largest urban wetlands in Canada and home to many different plant and animal species. The former brickyard helped shape the city, with many of the red bricks made from its clay used in buildings during Woodstock's boom in the 1850s and 1860s. The wetland was formed once the brickyard closed and the area was used to collect stormwater from the east end of the city.

The Brick Ponds Wetland has undergone a significant restoration over the past decade, turning it into a natural infrastructure offering significant community benefit. The wetlands collect the runoff from the neighbouring residential, commercial and industrial areas – filtering it before the water flows into Cedar Creek and eventually the Thames River.

“These natural infrastructure projects are so beneficial to the community,” said Reta Horan,

Parks Supervisor for the City of Woodstock. “Not only does the wetland improve water quality and help control flooding, but Brick Ponds is an excellent spot for birding. Residents can also enjoy the sights and sounds of a thriving marsh by taking a stroll along the newly constructed viewing platform.”

The restoration project has been a collaborative effort, with 10 community partners helping to restore this provincially significant wetland.



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Fencing to protect local wildlife, including turtles, will be added along Springbank Ave.

“The leadership demonstrated by the City was a strong signal to our partners that this was a valuable project to be part of,” said Phil Holst, National Director for Ducks Unlimited Canada. “These restoration projects are important to growing communities because they allow us to maintain a healthy biodiversity as we increase the density of our urban centres. Adding the fencing is another step to protect the outcomes of the hard work that went into restoring the Brick Ponds into a highly functioning natural environment.”

To learn more visit www.cityofwoodstock.ca/trails



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

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. 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.

What's on Woodstock Readership Survey Results



In the January-February issue of *What's on Woodstock* (WoW), we asked you to provide feedback about the publication so we can continue to deliver content that keeps you informed and allows you participate fully in the programs and services offered by the City.

We received nearly 350 responses to the survey between Dec. 29 and Feb. 28. Almost half of respondents (49 per cent) said they never miss an issue, 19 per cent said they read it four to six times a year, and 25 per cent say they read it one to three times a year.

When asked how they would rate WoW as a communications tool, 25 per cent of respondents rated it as excellent and 58 per cent said they believe the magazine is a very good tool for sharing information with the public about City programs and services.

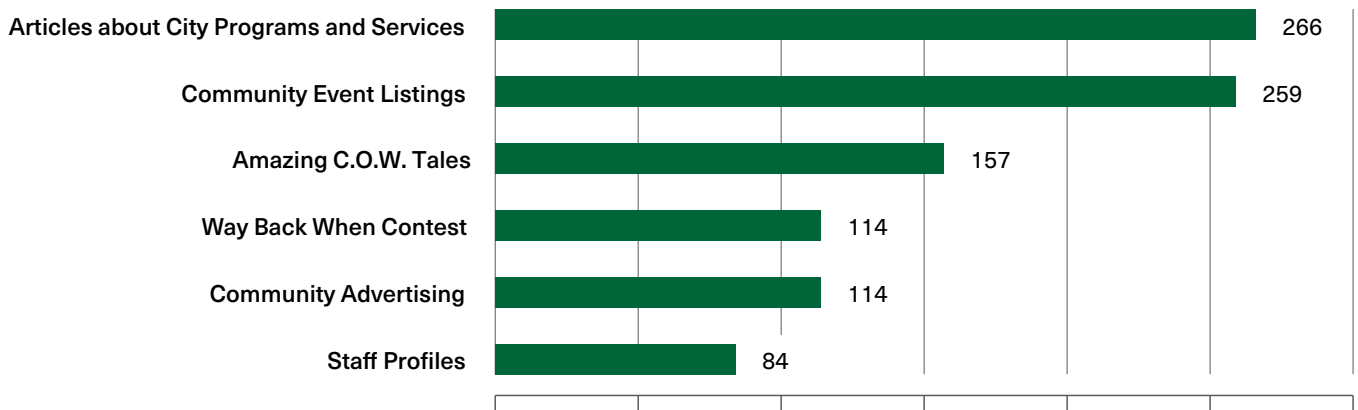
“The magazine is a great tool to be connected to the community.”

“I feel a personal relationship to reading this magazine because we live here. I want to know what goes on.”

The content people most enjoy are articles about city programs and services and the community event listings. People also really enjoy the amazing C.O.W. Tales and Way Back When contest. When asked what they want to see more of, respondents indicated they would like to see more information about Council decisions as well as information about events, activities and other things to do in Woodstock.

“It was clear that people really appreciate the fact that *What's on Woodstock* is still available in a print edition and that it's delivered right to people's homes,” said Colleen Collins, manager of marketing and communications for the City. “While people shared with us that they do get a lot of information from some of our digital tools like the City's social media platforms, they understand that not everyone has access to those channels.”

Which of the following features do you enjoy reading?



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Thank you for the publication as it truly feels like a made in Woodstock endeavour.

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Generally the feedback was very positive and some readers did provide us with constructive feedback that will help us continue to make improvements to the magazine. People want to make sure the publication is providing value for money and asked that we explore different options for reducing costs. They want to see more local photography, more information about topics Council is dealing with and ensure that the information is timed appropriately, not coming out too late to take advantage of it.

You can find the full survey results, past issues of the magazine and information about advertising in *What's on Woodstock* online at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/wow



What's on Woodstock is celebrating 25 years with a refreshed design for 2023. Your survey responses will help direct our future.

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The length is good and there is a lot of great information. It is enjoyable to read.

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Jump into Spring



Ready to get planting? Did you know that growing your own vegetables is a great way to not only benefit yourself but also the environment? By planting your own vegetables, you can reduce your carbon footprint and enjoy healthy food straight from your own garden.

There are a number of easy to grow vegetables that you can plant in the spring, try out:

- Peas
- Radishes
- Spinach
- Lettuce
- Kale.

These varieties can be planted directly into the soil once it's warm enough outside. How to check: when the soil has just thawed enough that the top inch isn't cold to the touch, you can start direct seeding without worry (**General rule of thumb: the frost-free growing season begins the 2nd weekend in May**).

As temperatures continue to rise, you can start planting warm season crops like tomatoes, peppers, and cucumbers. **Gardening tip: start your plants indoors, roughly 6–8 weeks before bringing them outside** after the last frost. Just keep them by a bright window while germinating. Don't forget, you can also buy seedlings from local greenhouses.

Besides planting vegetables, **spring is also a perfect time to start your first pollinator garden**. Bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds are important

creatures that play a vital role in our ecosystem. Sadly, many pollinator populations are declining due to habitat loss and pesticide use. But by planting a variety of native plants in your garden, you can provide direct food and shelter. Consider planting a pollinator garden this season to help support Ontario's pollinator populations.

Wondering what else you can do to increase local biodiversity? No Mow May! Have you heard of it? It's an environmental initiative that is growing in popularity. It's a simple idea, instead of mowing your lawn in May, let it grow wild. This allows native plants to grow and provides habitats for pollinators, bird and insect species. (**Don't forget, Woodstock residents must adhere to the property standards bylaw which prohibits residential lawns from growing more than 8 inches. So, grow wild, just not too wild!**)

No Mow May has other benefits too. It can save you time and money on lawn care. By not mowing your lawn in May, you won't have to spend as much on mowing, watering, and fertilizing your lawn. Plus, you'll be saving energy and reducing your carbon footprint by not using gas-powered mowers and other lawn care equipment.

Since you've already done so much to help our local pollinator and bird species, why not celebrate your contribution and mark **World Migratory Bird Day, celebrated annually on May 13th**. Healthy bird populations are critical in maintaining healthy ecosystems by:

- Controlling insect populations,
- Keeping our forests healthy,
- Dispersing seeds, fertilizing plants, pollinating flowers,
- Prey on rodents.

Yet, as a direct result of human activity, we have lost nearly 3 billion birds in North America alone over the last 50 years. This May, ask yourself what you can do to help protect our feathered friends:

- Reduce/eliminate pesticide use,
- Create a pollinator garden,
- Keep residential cats indoors. Learn more at <https://www.birdday.ca>.



Let's Talk Woodstock!

Council recently participated in a workshop to reprioritize the actions in our Strategic Plan and identify what they want to focus on over the rest of the term of council. There will be an opportunity for the public to provide input before the updated plan is presented to Council for approval.



Visit www.letstalkwoodstock.ca to learn more and have your say.



Stride Pass

Students! Pick up your summer SStride pass for just \$27.50 and enjoy unlimited rides and transfers all summer!

SStride passes are valid for July and August only.

Visit www.woodstocktransit.ca for more information, route maps, schedules, fares and detour notices.



ENVIRODEPOT

EnviroDepot, 944 James St. Woodstock

The EnviroDepot allows residents to drop off materials that cannot be collected through their curbside garbage and recycling collection. Absolutely no household garbage is accepted at this site.

The EnviroDepot is open:

- Wednesday – Friday..... 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Saturday..... 7:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Acceptable materials include:

- **Household Hazardous Waste** e.g., paints and solvents, oils, batteries, propane tanks, fluorescent light bulbs, pesticides, lawn fertilizers, household cleaners and aerosols
- **Large Items and Construction Material** e.g., building materials, furniture, carpet (6 ft long, rolled and tied), mattresses and box springs, pool covers, pool filters (no sand), water softeners (no salt), pressure treated lumber, metal appliances, scrap metal, asphalt shingles, broken concrete, porcelain (toilets, sinks), glass, tires, electronics
- **Recycling** e.g., cardboard, EPS Foam packaging (e.g. Styrofoam)

Note: packing peanuts, pool noodles, meat trays, foam takeout containers, polyethylene / polypropylene foam are not recyclable and must be placed in your garbage.

There is no charge for dropping off most items as this is a tax-based service, however, there is a \$10 disposal fee for items containing freon (fridges, freezers, air conditioners).



Property Tax Reminder

Due May 31



Learn more at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/payingtaxes or call 519-539-1291

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 celebration of Museum Month in May, this issue features tales of local history that you can see on display right now at the Woodstock Museum.



The Estelle

The Estelle was the first trolley car on the Woodstock, Thames Valley and Ingersoll Electric Railway. The line opened in 1901 and stretched from Woodstock to Beachville, later extending out to Ingersoll. Estelle, named after the daughter of one of the founders, could seat 24 people. At its height, the trolley carried nearly 400,000 passengers but it was not an ideal form of transportation, especially during the winter. Ridership declined and the trolleys stop running in 1925. The rails were torn up three years later. Photo: The Estelle and dignitaries before her maiden voyage, Nov. 8, 1900



Woodstock's beloved barber

Les McKerral was a prominent Woodstock barber whose career spanned seven decades. Born and raised in Markstay, Ontario, McKerral held several different jobs as a young man including farming, mining and door-to-door sales. While visiting his sister in Woodstock in 1929, he saw a newspaper ad for a barber's apprentice and applied the next day. McKerral worked at several shops in town. Although he retired in 1974, he continued to work out of his home until his death in 2000. You can find a recreation of McKerral's barbershop at the Museum, complete with a barber's chair, accessories and awards. Photo: Les McKerral in his barber shop (404 Dundas St.), 1938.



Fighting fires

Although Woodstock had a volunteer fire brigade very early on, many large factories in town had their own so they could respond quickly and get the fire under control before it spread. Factories like Canadian Furniture Manufacturing, Karn Organ and Piano, and Bain Wagon all had their own fire brigades. By the early 1900s these fire brigades were equipped with hose carts that could be quickly rolled out by two men and hooked up to a pressurized water source. You can find an example of a hand-drawn hose cart from the 1920s on display at the Museum along with other early firefighting equipment. Photo: Bain Wagon Fire Brigade, c1905.



The New Epileptic Hospital

The Woodstock Hospital for Epileptics was established in 1906, north of the city where Sally Creek is today. In its first year, the hospital had two buildings and admitted 58 patients. By 1919, it was renamed the Ontario Hospital. In 1932, the hospital expanded to hold 486 patients with a staff of 120. As part of its therapy program, the hospital included a working fruit and vegetable farm where patients were given work tasks according to their abilities. In 1999, the buildings were demolished to make way for residential development, but the weathervane can still be seen as part of the Museum's Brick by Brick exhibit. Photo: The Woodstock Hospital for Epileptics main building c1910.

C.O.W. TALES

Way Back When Contest

THE WINNERS of the April 'Way Back When' Contest question are **Paul Carter** and **Marlene Matta**. They correctly answered that the architectural detail belongs to the John White Building or the Woodstock Art Gallery. Paul and Marlene both win a \$50 gift card from Boston Pizza Woodstock, and they will qualify for a \$100 Boston Pizza Woodstock gift card to be drawn from all the monthly winners in November.

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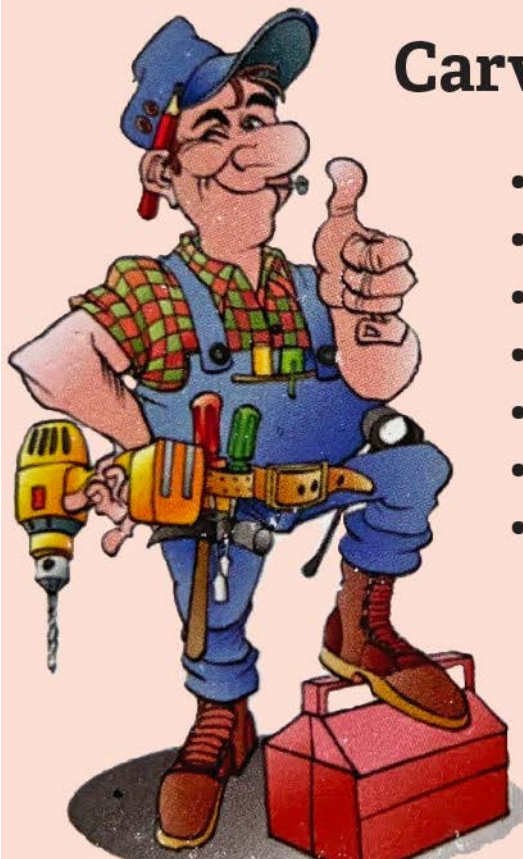
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THINK YOU KNOW YOUR WOODSTOCK HISTORY?

Enter the Way Back When contest for a chance to win! Answer the last question below in bold. If your answer is correct, your name will be entered into the draw. The winner's name will appear in the next edition of What's on Woodstock. This month we are featuring a new photo question provided by the Heritage Advisory Committee. Additional questions have been selected from the book, **Quizzical History**, published by the Oxford Historical Society and Woodstock Museum NHS.

- Q.** Which famous baseball player from Woodstock made it to the big leagues and played for the St. Louis Browns in the late 1880s? (See pg. 23)
- Q.** When did Oscar Wilde visit Woodstock during his North American tour? (See pg. 6)
- Q.** What liquid other than water has flowed from the Pattullo Fountain in Museum Square? (See pg. 10)
- Q.** What year did King George VI and Queen Elizabeth stop in Woodstock during their Royal Tour of Canada? (See pg. 3)
- Q.** Which World War I hero from Woodstock was known as "The Saviour of Romania"?

Send your answer along with your name and phone number to wow@cityofwoodstock.ca by Friday, June 16, 2023. You can also drop your answer in the contest box at City Hall.



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WAG is proud to be a Rainbow Registered organization and has long been a partner in Oxford Pride events.

Pride Month

June is Pride Month and to kick it off, the City will be raising the Progress Pride flag in Museum Square on June 1 at 9 a.m. Pride month celebrates the two-spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex (2SLGBTQI+) community and honours their resilience and contributions. It is also an opportunity to highlight the importance of people feeling welcomed, feeling like they belong and being accepted for who they are.

Walking around Woodstock, you can find many local businesses showing their support for diversity, equity and inclusion by proudly displaying Pride flags. Some organizations, including the Woodstock Art Gallery, have also become Rainbow Registered. Rainbow Registered is a national accreditation program helping to create a more inclusive Canadian economy by establishing strict standards for organizations that ensure 2SLGBTQI+ customers feel safe, welcome and accepted.

Attend an event

There are a number of activities taking place throughout Woodstock during Pride Month including the Woodstock Museum NHS Pride Escape Room, which runs Fridays and Saturdays throughout June. The escape room is intended for groups of four to six people, tickets are \$20/person and you can reserve your space online.

Oxford County Pride will also be hosting its annual Pride Family Day event in Museum Square on Saturday, June 17 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A list of other Pride events happening in and around Woodstock can be found on their website at www.oxfordpride.ca

Be an ally

Pride is a good time to reflect on our own beliefs and behaviours as well. Consider what actions you can take to be a stronger ally to members of the 2SLGBTQI+ community. Allies support and accept 2SLGBTQI+ people and believe that they have a right to be treated with dignity and respect and have equal rights. You can be an ally by:

- Attending pride celebrations and other 2SLGBTQI+ events (during Pride month and throughout the year).
- Using inclusive language in your regular conversation (e.g., don't assume someone is straight).
- Speaking up if people around you make anti-2SLGBTQI+ jokes or comments.
- Staying informed of issues facing the 2SLGBTQI+ community.
- Including the partners of your 2SLGBTQI+ friends / family in events and activities.
- Including your pronouns in your email signature, social media profiles or when introducing yourself.
- Showing your support by joining a group or posting symbols that make people who identify as 2SLGBTQI+ feel welcome.



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June 2023

June is Recreation and Parks Month

Active Living is Healthy Living



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

				 1 Lions Outdoor Pool, Public Swim 7:15-8:15 p.m.	 2 Take a walk or cycle through our local trails	 3 SAC Public Swim 2-4 p.m.
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 11 SAC Public Swim 2-4 p.m.	 12 Explore a local park or playground!	 13 Lions Public Swim 7:15-8:15 p.m.	 14 Adult Skate 2-2:50 p.m. & Public Skate 4-4:50 p.m.	 15 Lions Public Swim 7:15-8:15 p.m.	 16 Grab your board or bike and head over to Southside Park	 17 SAC Public Swim 2-4 p.m.
 18 SAC Public Swim 2-4 p.m.	 19 Play soccer in your backyard or in a local park	 20 Lions Public Swim 7:15-8:15 p.m.	 21 How many different species of birds can you find?	 22 Lions Public Swim 7:15-8:15 p.m.	 23 Grab some discs and head out for a game of Disc Golf at Pittcock Conservation	 24 SAC Public Swim 2-4 p.m.
 25 SAC Public Swim 2-4 p.m.	 26 Grab some sidewalk chalk and head outdoors!	 27 Lions Public Swim 7:15-8:15 p.m.	28	 29 Lions Public Swim 7:15-8:15 p.m.	 30 	



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Florence Carlyle Park on Vansittart Avenue at Ingersoll Avenue.

Woodstock celebrates the life and legacy of artist Florence Carlyle

May 2, 2023, marks the 100th anniversary of the death of artist Florence Carlyle.

Born in 1864, Carlyle was raised in Woodstock and went on to become an internationally acclaimed painter, commercial illustrator, teacher and writer.

“Florence Carlyle was a trailblazer. Despite the barriers imposed by her gender, she became a well-recognized artist both in Canada and abroad, garnering awards and prestigious distinctions throughout her career, including becoming one of the first women to be elected to the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts,” said Mary Reid, Director/Curator of the Woodstock Art Gallery.

Carlyle’s artwork can be found at major public galleries across the country, but the Woodstock Art Gallery is home to the largest collection of the artist’s work, along with her personal archive of letters and short stories.

“As a professional working artist, Carlyle practiced at the same level and calibre as her much more well-known male contemporaries living in larger urban centres like Toronto and London. Her talent helped bring international attention to the small town of Woodstock,” added Reid.

Carlyle had a profound impact on the regional art landscape, as well. She offered private lessons to many young emerging female artists who went on

to have notable art careers of their own, including London, Ontario artist Eva Bradshaw (1871–1938).

In 2021, City Council approved the renaming of the west side of Vansittart Park to Florence Carlyle Park in recognition of the artist’s significance to the City of Woodstock.

The official dedication of the park will take place at a special event on Saturday, May 6. The Gallery is also launching a new public art commission, which is funded by the Government of Canada.

“The intention of this public art piece is to recognize Carlyle’s importance not only to Woodstock, but to the development of Canadian art. Additionally, it is a means to enhance representation and diversity in the City of Woodstock, particularly around the 2SLGBTQ+ community,” said Reid.

Carlyle never married and was openly involved in two significant same-sex relationships during her life. In 1911, she met Juliet Hastings, who would become her lifelong companion as well as a model for several of her paintings. In their later years, the women settled down in England, until Carlyle’s death in 1923.

One hundred years later, the new Florence Carlyle Park and commemorative public art project are an opportunity to foster an inclusive community and celebrate the legacy of this groundbreaking Canadian artist.



Florence Carlyle, Canadian (1864–1923), *Self Portrait*, ca. 1901, oil on canvas, 43.50 x 33.20, Gift of Florence Johnston.



The Guest, Venice (1913) is one of Carlyle's works artworks featuring Juliet Hastings. Hastings is seated at the table, while the artist herself leans against the windowsill.



Check out the COW Tales 'Way Back When' contest on page 19 and enter today!

A: James Edward 'Tip' O'Neill.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Crochet a Granny Square

Tuesday, May 11 | 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Learning to crochet the classic Granny Square is easy and fun with some practice and instruction from Lauren Lambkin. She will guide you through all the steps needed to start you on the path to crocheting to your hearts content. Granny Squares can be duplicated or expanded to make all sorts of things. This course is great for beginners. All materials provided. **Ages: 16+**

\$25 /Members \$20

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 creatures 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

Pride Escape Room

Fridays & Saturdays June 2 - 30
1 hour time slots | 4 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Celebrate Pride Month at the Woodstock Museum with a special escape room during the month of June! Call 519-537-8411 or book online. **Ages: 14+**

\$20 /person | 4-6 people

Woodstock Museum 75th 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
- \$75 for 75 Years Fundraising Campaign: Donate \$75 today to make a lasting contribution to heritage preservation and education. Thank you to all the generous donors who have contributed so far this year.

Visit www.woodstockmuseum.ca for more ways to celebrate.



75TH Anniversary



***Summer hours beginning May 29!
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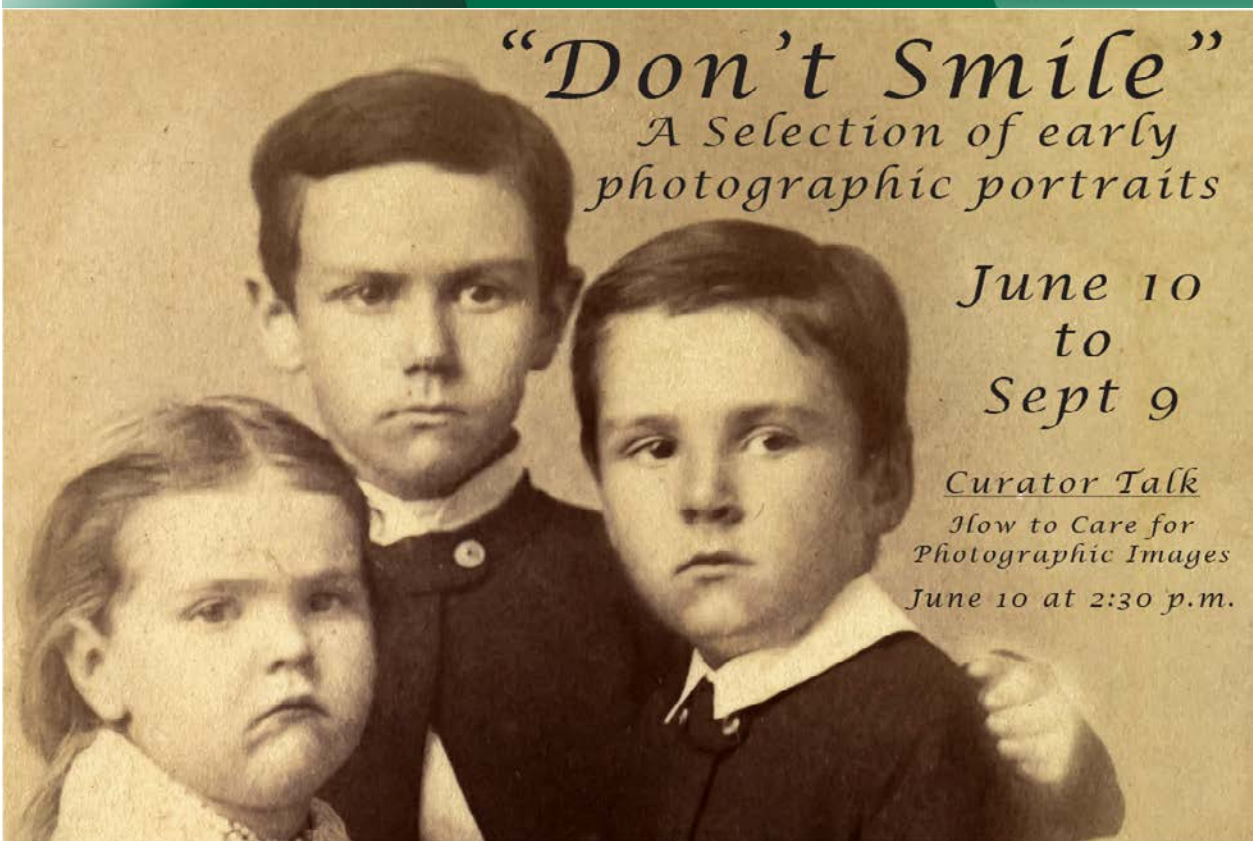
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*How to Care for
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June 10 at 2:30 p.m.*





2023 Summer Camps Last Chance!

Space is filling up quickly, but there's still time to register for summer camps. You can also sign up for the wait list if registration is full and we will notify you if space becomes available.

Join in all the fun this summer with learning, history, games, park visits, special guests and unique themes! Make some new friends and try something new! All camps run 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Woodstock Museum (no extended care).

Cost: \$160/Members \$140

***Specialty Camp \$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.

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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.

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Dino Week (Wait list available)

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!

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Fantastic Food Feature (Wait list available)

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 (Wait list available)

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!

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PUBLIC LIBRARY

Monday to Thursday 10 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.
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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. Children should be accompanied by a caregiver.

Registered Programs

Space is limited. Registration required. Register online, in-person, or by calling the library at 519-539-4801.

Program	Description	Dates	Times
Tales & Tunes (3–5 years)	An interactive storytime that will cultivate a love of books with stories, songs, rhymes, and other activities.	Wednesdays March 29 – May 17	10:15–11:00 a.m.
Toddler Tales (12–36 months)	An active program with stories, rhymes, songs and other activities.	Wednesdays March 29 – May 17	11:15–11:45 a.m.
		Thursdays March 30 – May 18	10:15–10:45 a.m.
Story Explorers (3–5 years)	Build on stories through songs, rhymes, and hands on STEAM activities for preschoolers.	Fridays March 31 – May 19	11:15–12:00 p.m.

Drop In Programs

No registration required.

Program	Description	Dates	Times
Sign Me Up, Baby (birth – 18 months)	Stories and rhymes featuring ASL signs! Learn basic baby signs while enjoying stories and rhymes.	Wednesdays March 29 – May 17	2:30–3:00 p.m.
Babytime (birth – 12 months)	Introducing caregivers and babies to a lifelong love of books with songs, rhymes, and stories.	Thursdays March 30 – May 18	11:00–11:30 a.m.
Walking Wonders (birth – 12 months)	A stroller walk ending with stories and rhymes at a nearby park. Weather cancellations will be announced on our website and social media at 9:30 a.m. the morning of.	Fridays April 14 – June 23 <i>No session June 2</i>	10:15–11:00 a.m.
Family Storytime (family)	An interactive storytime with your family!	Saturdays April 1 – May 13	10:30–11:30 a.m.

Programs for Children

PA Day Movie (Family)

Friday, May 19 – 2:00–4:00 p.m.

It's showtime! Bring the family, eat some popcorn, and enjoy a movie at the library. We will be showing a family friendly movie. No registration required.

Game Club (Family)

Saturday, May 20 – 2:00–3:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 17 – 2:00–3:30 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of fun games. Play board games, bingo, video games, or check out our giant games! Drop in. No registration required.

I Spy (Family)

May – Under the Sea!

June – Swinging into Summer!

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.



Looking to register for summer programs?

Visit our website for program information and registration details:

www.mywpl.ca

Get Your Summer Read On!



Ages 3–12 years

Join us for a fun filled kick off to Summer and sign up for the free TD Summer Reading Club! There will be snacks and activities for the whole family!

Saturday
June 24
10am-5pm

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TD Summer Reading Club (3–12 years)

June 24–September 2, 2023

Open During Library Hours

Jump into the TD Summer Reading Club this summer and discover what makes you curious and creative. Explore your neighbourhood, your library, and the world around you! When you register for the club, you'll receive a Reading Club Kit that includes a notebook to help track your reading. Great prizes to win all Summer long!

Programs for Teens

Brightside Pizza Pop-Up (12–25 years)

Monday, May 1 – 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Monday, June 5 – 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Enjoy pizza and games with Brightside. Brightside Youth Hub is a Woodstock-based group dedicated to helping youth get access to the services they need at no cost. No registration required.

Prom Hair & Makeup Tips (14–18 years)

Thursday, May 11 – 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Location: Fanshawe College, the Woodstock/Oxford Regional Campus.

Learn tips and tricks for your Prom hair and makeup with the Fanshawe College Hairstyling Program! Space is limited. Registration required.

PopSocket Craft (12–17 years)

Tuesday, May 23 – 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Do you want to create a free PopSocket, so your phone doesn't fall in your face? Join us and make some Fandom pop sockets! Snacks and drinks provided.

Exam Destress (12–17 years)

Tuesday, June 20 – 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Take a break from all the studying. Come to the library for a destress night! Play a few games, watch some cartoons, colour and draw, and munch on some sweets.



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History Assist

First and fourth Wednesday of the month

10:30–11:30 a.m.

Book one-on-one assistance with one of our local history and genealogy specialists to get started on your own research. We will help you find historical documents in our collection and use our resources including Ancestry, newspaper microfilm, and more!

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. We will help you navigate your tablet, phone, or laptop; download eBooks or eAudiobooks; stream music or movies; and so much more!

Programs for Adults

Creative Hour

Tuesday, May 2 – 10:15–11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, June 6 – 10:15–11:30 a.m.

Enjoy a crafting project together. Brighten your day and keep your creative imagination flowing! No registration required.

Travelogues: Grand Trails

Thursday, May 4 – 7:00–8:00 p.m.

Dianne and Jim Ward will share their experience hiking and photographing the extensive range of nature along The Grand Trail system, just a 30-minute drive away. Learn how protecting nature also protects human existence for future generations. No registration required.

Book Club

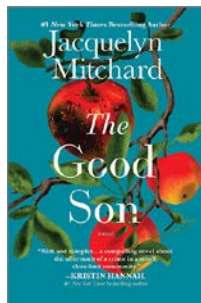
2nd Tuesday of the month, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

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.



May 9, 11



June 8, 13

Pub Trivia

Wednesday, May 17 – 7:00–8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 21 – 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.

Writers' Group (15+ years)

Wednesday, May 24 – 6:00–8:00 pm

Wednesday, June 21 – 6:00–8:00 pm

Active and aspiring writers of all kinds! Join us once a month for a time of fellowship, support, and quiet writing. Snacks provided. Imagination encouraged! Mutual support appreciated!

Library Closed
Friday, June 2

For our Staff Development Day

Virtual Author Visit!

Amy Lynn Green will join the evening book club session virtually on May 11 from 7:00–8:00 p.m. Hear her take on *The Blackout Book Club* and what inspired her to write it.

YouTube Explained

Thursday, May 25 – 2:30–4:00 pm

Learn how to set up an account, customize your YouTube channel subscriptions, and organize your saved videos so you can view what you want when you want. Handy tips and safety considerations will be discussed. Space is limited. Registration required.

Crafty Adults

Thursday, May 25 – 7:00–8:00 p.m.

Learn how to create a mini succulent plant using felt (no water, soil, or sun required!) and enjoy a relaxing, crafty evening. All supplies provided. Registration required. Registration opens May 11 at 10 a.m.

Thursday, June 15 – 7:00–8:00 p.m.

Create macramé rainbow charms! These charms make a great key chain or car decoration. All supplies provided. Registration required. Registration opens June 1 at 10 a.m.



A community-wide initiative that connects Oxford County, celebrates Canadian literature, and fosters discussion.

Help select our Oxford Reads title! Voting is open until the end of May.

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A collaboration between Oxford County Library and Woodstock Public Library.

Still looking for something to keep your kids busy this summer?

The City of Woodstock offers fun and enriching camp programs for kids aged 4–12.

It's not too late to register!
www.cityofwoodstock.ca/camps



Our camp staff are certified in first aid, and a variety of HIGH FIVE programs



SUMMER PROGRAMS

CHILDREN

CREATIVE PA DAY

Friday, May 19 and June 2
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Creative PA Day programs include art-making activities and lessons, a lunch break, two snack breaks and outdoor play (weather permitting).

Ages: 5 - 12

Cost: \$55 (Members \$45)
Before and after care available for an additional \$10/day

SUMMER ART CLASSES

Select weeks July 4 - Aug. 18
1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Develop artistic skills and make new friends with six weeks of Summer Art Classes! Arts education professionals will guide students through innovative projects and lessons that will cultivate creativity, self-expression, and collaboration. Explore a variety of artistic fundamentals, techniques, and materials in our fully-equipped art studio environment

Ages: 6 - 12

Cost: 4-day week \$100 (Members \$85), 5-day week \$125 (Members \$105)

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MINI-MAKERS ART CLASSES

July 10 - 14, July 24 - 28, Aug. 14 - 18
9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

In this introductory program, arts education professionals will guide new artists through innovative projects and lessons that will cultivate creativity, self-expression, and collaboration. Learn the artistic fundamentals, explore new techniques, and play with fun materials in our fully-equipped art studio environment.

Ages: 4 - 6

Cost: \$125 (Members \$105)

TEENS AND ADULTS

FUNDAMENTALS OF COLOURED PENCIL

Tuesday to Friday, July 4 - 7 and Aug. 8 - 11
1:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Learn the properties and principles of coloured pencils and create a variety of drawing projects in this new 4-day workshop. Arts professional Lindsay Liboiron will guide students through basic art fundamentals such as value, colour theory, and composition with demonstrations, experiments, and hands-on practice.

Ages: 14+

Cost: \$100 (Members \$85)

ALL AGES

OPEN STUDIO DROP-IN

Saturday, June 24
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Explore seasonal art-making activities at this free drop-in program! Activities are self directed, supervised by professional art educators, and designed to be completed in 15 - 20 minutes. Anyone under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.



SUMMER HOURS:
May to September
Tuesday to Saturday
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.



FLORENCE CARLYLE
CELEBRATION

Celebrate the life and legacy of Canadian painter Florence Carlyle (1864 – 1923) and the dedication of the new Florence Carlyle Park.

- Free tote bags for the first 100 people
- Draw for 3 prize packages
- Music, refreshments and more!

WHEN: Saturday, May 6
1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

WHERE: Florence Carlyle Park
Vansittart Avenue at
Ingersoll Avenue

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Florence Carlyle (Canadian, 1864-1923), Self Portrait (detail), ca. 1901, oil on canvas, 43.50 x 33.20, Gift of Florence Johnston.

CURRENT EXHIBITIONS

Selections from the Permanent Collection

LOOK AGAIN

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February 18, 2023 – January 20, 2024

Curator: Corinna Ghaznavi, PhD



David Hunsberger, *Across the Field* (detail), 1992

A DELICATE HAND

FLORENCE CARLYLE

February 18, 2023 – June 24, 2023


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Florence Carlyle, *Roses in a Brass Bowl* (detail),

GLENN ELLIOTT

HYPERRREAL



October 8, 2022 –
June 24, 2023

Curator:
Jessica Benjak-Waterous

Exhibition Advisor:
Maxine Noel


Glenn Elliott, *Jeans*, 1973.

Our Furry Friends

ANIMAL COMPANIONS OF OUR PAST,
PRESENT AND CREATIVE IMAGINATIONS

October 8, 2022 – June 24, 2023

Curator: Reilly Knowles



Florence Carlyle, *St. Bernard* (detail), 1897.

COMMUNITY EVENTS SPONSORED BY WHAT'S ON WOODSTOCK

May

- 5-7 **Theatre Woodstock presents 'The Claw' & 'Bestest Bedtime Stories,'** 7 p.m. May 5, 6 & 7, 2 p.m. May 6. Tickets at www.theatrewoodstock.com.
- 9 **Woodstock Horticultural Society Annual Plant Auction & Geranium Sale,** Market Building, Fairgrounds. Doors open 6 p.m. for donations. Geranium sale 6:30 p.m. Auction 7 p.m.
- 12 **Oxford Winds Community Concert Band "Adventures with the Winds" Concert,** 7:30 p.m., St. David's Church, Woodstock. Tickets \$10 advance or \$15 at door, available from Long & McQuade, Hallmark Shoppe and TicketScene.ca.
- 13 **Death & Donuts,** 10 a.m., St. David's United Church. Small group discussion with coffee and donuts. To reserve, call or text 519-536-3370. www.caringheartssupportnetwork.com
- 25 **Unifor Local 636 Retirees Chapter Breakfast & Meeting,** 9 a.m., 126 Beale St. Breakfast is \$5. Come and join for a morning of great food, solidarity and a guest speaker.
- 25 **Open Stage Night,** Early Bird Coffee, 375 Dundas St, 6-9 p.m. Share your music, poetry and art. Contact Jenilee Halls at 519-535-3555 or jenileehalls@yahoo.com.
- 26-28 **Theatre Woodstock presents 'Urinetown the Musical,'** 7:30 p.m. May 26, 27, June 1, 2, 3 and 2 p.m. May 28. Market Centre Theatre. Tickets: www.theatrewoodstock.com.
- 27 **Indoor Garage & Plant Sale,** 8 a.m. to noon, Knox Presbyterian Church, 59 Riddell St. Contact Carol, 519-537-8723 or Susan, 519-290-2055. Wheelchair accessible.

- 31 **Oxford Historical Society Meeting,** Woodstock Museum, 6:30 p.m., Free. Karen Houston to discuss the founding of the Museum. Visit www.oxfordhistoricalsociety.ca for details.

June

- 3 **Eugena Riehl & Friends,** 7 p.m., Knox Presbyterian Church, 59 Riddell St. Entry by donation to Operation Sharing's Food for Friends program. Enjoy live music from Bach to Broadway with flute, clarinet and a brass quintet.
- 11 **KidS Du: Kids Duathlon,** Southside Park. A non-competitive run, bike, run for kids aged 3-13 with a focus on having fun. woodstocktriathlonclub.ca
- 13 **Woodstock Horticultural Society,** 7 p.m., Mutual Building, Fairgrounds. Speaker Denise Hodgins on 'Container Vegetable Gardening' plus Bring & Buy Plant Sale and Flower Show. Membership: single \$15, family \$25 per year.
- 15 **Scott Woods "Old Fashioned Hoedown,"** 7 p.m., College Ave United Church, 22 Wilson St. A 2-hr Branson-style show. Tickets available at Hallmark Shoppe or Early Bird Coffee.
- 17 **Oxford Historical Society Meeting,** Grand Day Out - the Society's Annual Outing. Visit www.oxfordhistoricalsociety.ca.
- 17 **Theatre Woodstock presents 'Standing Room Only,'** 7:30 p.m., Market Centre Theatre. www.theatrewoodstock.com
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