



Best Wishes for 2016 Fireworks at Blue Mountain Village



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Message from Deputy Mayor Gail Ardiel

Council has been busy this past year with many issues; far too many to list individually. A couple of the really important issues that recently happened in the town and the province is Bill 131 Opportunities in the Sharing Economy Act 2015. This bill was given 2nd reading and was sponsored by MPP Tim Hudak. This bill undermines the local municipal efforts to address our local issues. Short Term Accommodations has been an issue in the town for as long as I have been on Council. Bill 131 as proposed would allow homeowners to rent out their premises in residential areas for up to 120 days a year without the requirement of being regulated and licensed.

Our Town has worked very hard to establish a licensing system for Short Term Accommodations and have spent thousands of dollars over the years to, control, regulate and now license. I'm appointed to the provincial body of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario where this issue came up and I spoke about the importance of addressing this bill and how this will affect our wonderful unique region.

Another important issue that Council heard loud and clear was to be Open for Business. The town has now completed the Business Retention and Expansion Survey and this was a good news story. This event was well attended by businesses from the town and the Resources from the region that helped with this survey.

I have at been elected this month as Vice Chair to Social Services at the County, this is a very important role that I feel will be beneficial to the taxpayers in our town.

I will continue to advocate at the County level in the best interests of the taxpayers in the coming year.

From my family to yours I wish all a very happy and healthy New Year.

Beaver Valley Open Door Moves Ahead

The Beaver Valley Open Door committee would like to thank the community for their ongoing generosity of time, funds and goods. When our family arrives we will be ready to warmly welcome them no matter what the temperature is. We have rented a home for the family. The location is excellent – close to downtown, the drugstore, grocery store and a short walk to the school.

We expect to have a family assigned to us by the end of January. If you have volunteered to assist with BVOD please have patience, we will be getting in touch with you as we identify opportunities for you to participate.

Anyone wishing to donate may make tax deductible donations addressed to the Grace United Church "refugee project" Box 219 Thornbury, N0H 2P0.

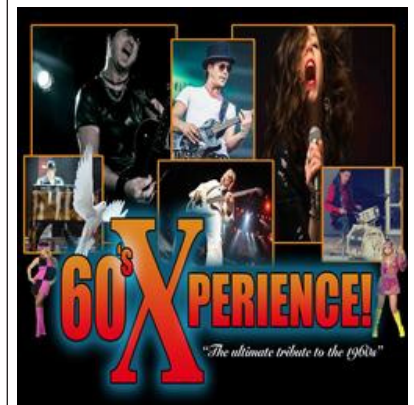
If anyone has questions or would like to offer support Ruth McGee can be contacted at 519-599-6305 or email bvopendoor@gmail.com

EVENTS

To be included in this listing post your event on www.visitbluemountains.ca
Subject to change- Confirm with organizers

FINDING YOUR WAY

Wednesday, January 13, 1:00 - 3:00pm
L.E. Shore Library
'Finding Your Way' a multicultural safety awareness initiative, that helps prevent people living with dementia from "wandering" and going missing, and helps care partners and other family members prepare for such incidents. presented by Public Education Coordinator of Alzheimer Society Grey Bruce. Co-sponsored by New Territory for Seniors (BVO) and Seniors Network--Blue Mountains, with support from the Older Adult Centres' Association of Ontario (OACAO) & Senior Community Grant Program, Ontario. FREE EVENT, all are welcome. Please register by phoning Answers4Seniors (BVO) 519 599 2577, ext. 29. Transportation available free of charge; please call BVO transportation coordinator Barb, at 519-599-3114 to arrange.



Saturday, January 16, 8:30pm

Marsh Street Centre
Come dressed in your favourite 60's gear including sandals, headbands, peace symbols, flower power shirts/skirts, rawhide vests, mini skirts and go-go boots. Best dressed will win free tickets to our next show. The 60's Xperience is an exciting new musical production that salutes the most influential decade of our time... the 1960's. Relive the music, the culture, the fashion, and the good vibrations with the 60's Xperience. So, come out and dance the night away with us at The Marsh...it will be Groovy, Man! Tickets \$40.00 Contact: Laura 519-599-7837 www.marshstreetcentre.com

TOWN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2016 PROPOSED BUDGET MEETINGS

**Mon., January 18, 9:00am - 4:30pm
and**

Wed., January 20, 9:00am - 4:30pm

For a copy of the 2016 Proposed Budget, download the file under Budget on the documents library page found under local government at www.thebluemountains.ca

Taoist Tai Chi™ arts OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, January 20, 10 am to noon
Beaver Valley Community Centre

You are invited to an Open House for Taoist Tai Chi™ arts to discover the proven health benefits of Taoist Tai Chi™ arts for balance, strength, flexibility & circulation, as well as to improve over-all health & well-being of body, mind & spirit. A set of 108 gentle movements will be demonstrated and also explained, with participation invited. A new beginner session will start on Wednesday, January 27, 9-10:30 am. 519-538-0288

CELEBRATE WINTER

Saturday January 23 - all day
Blue Mountain Village

FUNDRAISER TO SPONSOR A SYRIAN FAMILY

Saturday, January 30, 11am - 1pm
St. Georges Anglican Church, Clarksburg
BY DONATION - Come stretch and dance with us and help make a difference! No yoga or dance experience required. You will be guided through gentle stretches and a sacred circle dance. Hosted by Joanne Pineau and Jane Booth. Children welcome. Bring a mat and wear comfortable clothing. Income tax receipts available for \$20 or more. Joanne Pineau Phone: 705-888-9686

GIRL GUIDES VALENTINE TEA AND BAKE SALE

Saturday, February 13, 2:00- 4:00pm
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Thornbury
Enjoy a hot drink with home made goodies served by your local Girl Guides and then browse through our Bake Table for a treat to take home. Tickets \$2.50 available at the door or call 519-599-3968

Daily - Monday-Friday

Coffee Klatch - 10am to noon
Marsh Street Centre, Clarksburg

Mondays

Grief Support Group 10am-noon
L.E.Shore Library, 519-922-3383

Let's Move Seniors' Exercise Group

10:30am - 11:30pm Sitting or standing, no matter your ability. Improve your fitness and balance. Join us Mondays at 10:30 am. Cost is \$2. 519-599-3681

Wednesdays

Taoist Tai Chi Arts™ Classes 10am-noon
Beaver Valley Community Centre.
519-538-0288

Let's Move Seniors' Exercise Group -
10:30am - 11:30pm Library

Wednesday and Thursday

Euchre 1:30 pm Beaver Valley Community Centre, \$2.00 - 519-599-2209

Thursdays

Knitting Group - 1:30pm - 3:30pm
Library

Errinrung Residence becomes a clothing donation center for the Syrian refugees

Errinrung Residence, Retirement Living and Long Term Care is now set up as a clothing donation drop off for new and gently used clothing to give to the distribution centers in Toronto for the Syrian refugees. "This year with so many refugees coming into Canada the clothing distribution will be strained by an already overwhelming need of clothing for existing low income families. Any effort on our behalf to collect new and gently used clothing in the communities we have our homes will benefit everyone" - mentions Christine Ozimek. "We want to do our part to help. These people have faced great hardship and maybe we can make a difference in being able to provide for them clothing, especially during winter". Canada's Immigration Office has identified clothing distribution centers. In Ontario New Circles is the clothing donation office. They are located in Toronto at 161 Bartley Avenue.

The clothing dropped off at Errinrung Residence will be picked up throughout January and delivered to the New Circles drop off in Toronto for distribution to the refugees and other needed families.

Errinrung Residence is open 24 hours a day and is located at 67 Bruce Street, Thornbury. For Contact: Judy Plummer, General Manager (519) 599-2737

Call To Artists For Studio Tour 2016

Call to Artists living in the Town of the Blue Mountains and village of Kimberley. If you are interested in opening your studio for our 21st annual studio tours on the holiday weekends in May and October of 2016, please see our website for details on the tours and the application form. Deadline is January 30, 2016. Contact: Louise McFarlane 519 599 3999

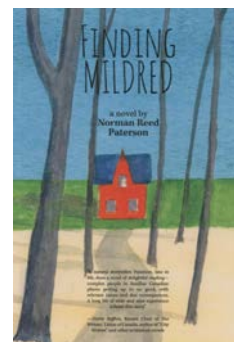
Website: <http://tourofthearts.ca>

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Jayne Randall at
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Local Author Launches Book

Norm Paterson was host to friends and family at the LE Shore Library at the launch of his book *Finding Mildred*. If you like a mystery that engages you from the start, with suspense, wit and occasional irony, you will enjoy Finding Mildred. Set at first in a small Ontario town, the characters take you to Vancouver Island and Upstate New York as the suspense mounts. Will they find and rescue the real Mildred? Leonard, a retired lawyer and modern-day Don Quixote, leads the hunt, with the vulnerable Charlotte and her gentle aunt alternately playing the distressed maiden. The quirky and dangerous Agnes gives them a run for their money. As the truth is revealed, the mystery resolves itself. But not until the last page do we discover if justice is served. www.friesenpress.com



L-R: Amy and David Paterson (grandson); Doris Heffron (local author); Norman and Sally Paterson; Norm Paterson (son); Catherine Osler (daughter)

Thank you

The free annual Community Christmas Dinner was once again held on Christmas Day at Blue Mountain Community Church. Beginning at 1pm, the many volunteers, both from the church congregation and the surrounding community, worked together to provide a festive atmosphere, delicious food and inviting fellowship for about seventy diners. As a traditional turkey meal was served to those in attendance, they shared in conversation and camaraderie.

A huge thank you goes out to all the volunteers who put in many hours of work in the weeks leading up to Christmas as well as on Christmas day, among them: Mary Raymond and Jayne Randall, just to name a few. Young and "older" pitched in to make the day a success, with the youngest server being six years old.

A very big thank you also goes out to Black Angus Fine Meats and Game in Thornbury for donating the turkey needed for this traditional feast.

Overall, the day was a great success and we look forward to doing it all again next year. Merry Christmas!

Call For Artists' - MAP

The Public Art Committee is pleased to announce its 5th Annual Call For Artists' Submissions to the Municipal Art Program an initiative of the Town of The Blue Mountains.

The deadline for application is Feb 28/2016. Please visit www.thebluemountains.ca/map.cfm for the application forms and details on the submission process.

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In Memoriam

Those we love, don't go away, they walk beside us every day, unseen, unheard, but always there, still missed, still loved, still very dear!



ANDRUS, MYRNA EMILY

Myrna passed away peacefully surrounded by her family at Campbell House Hospice in Collingwood on Tuesday December 1, 2015 at the age of 77. Myrna was born in Thornbury on July 2, 1938, a daughter of the late George and Emily (née Fawcett) Glenn. Myrna was predeceased by her beloved husband Robert W. 'Bob' Andrus in April 2000. She will be remembered as the cherished "Mom" of Lori McKean and her husband Greg of Heathcote and as the forever loved and devoted Grandmother "Nanny" of Mallory. She was tragically predeceased by her grandson Andrew McKean in 2007. Myrna was predeceased by a sister Enelda, wife of Morrison Thomson, a brother Harvey and remembered by Harvey's wife Doris, brothers Murray and Barry Glenn and remembered also by Barry's wife Joyce and she is survived by a brother Ray Glenn and his wife Sandra. She will be the fondly remembered Aunt of several nieces and nephews and their families.

EMMERSON, JOHN LANCASTER

Passed away peacefully at the Errinrung Nursing Home on Monday, December 7, 2015. Emmerson Lancaster of Thornbury/Clarksburg, in his 83rd year Beloved husband of the late Joan Matilda (Waters). Loving Father of John (Dawn) of Kitchener, Keith (Carol) of Thornbury, Gail Lancaster of Burlington, Brian (Tina Holowaty) of Thornbury and Linda Lancaster (Shawn Larkin) of Thornbury, Sadly Missed by 18 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren. Predeceased by one son Bob Lancaster.

RIEMERSMA, LYNN DIANNE

Born in Meaford, a daughter of the late Noreen (née Smith) and Roy McIntosh, Lynn passed away suddenly and unexpectedly at the Meaford Hospital on Tuesday, December 08, 2015 at the age of 60. A well known resident of Thornbury and area, Lynn is remembered as the much loved mother and "Mom" of Derek Lougheed and his wife Esther of Thornbury and the devoted grandmother of their children Victoria and Patrick, both at home. She is survived by a brother Glen McIntosh and his wife Judy of

Owen Sound, and sisters Sandra and her husband Jim McNichol of Blue Mountains, and Doris and her husband Fred Sproule of Collingwood and she was predeceased by a sister Marlene (Ken) Laycock.

BRYCE, JOYCE VALERIE

(nee Parkinson)

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of our mother and matriarch, Joy Bryce on December 10, 2015 at the age of 83. Predeceased by Bob, her husband of almost 55 years, "Grandma Joy" enjoyed the legacy of her three sons Andrew (Shirley), Peter (Heather), and Rob (Donna), eight grandchildren, and four greatgrandchildren. Joy is also survived by her sister, Pat Neylan of Toronto. As a gracious host, Joy split her retirement between Ottawa and Thornbury entertaining friends and family.

RANSOME, RUBY JACQUELINE

(nee Richards)

At Meaford General Hospital early Tuesday morning December 15, 2015. Ruby Ransome of Thornbury and formerly of Hepworth in her 93rd year. Beloved wife of the late William Ransome. Cherished mother of Bonnie and her husband John Schnurr of Hepworth and Terry Lynn and her husband George Branton of Tara. Loved grandmother of Tracie, Darrin, Vicki, Todd and Scott as well as 10 great grandchildren and 10 great great grandchildren. Predeceased by her brother Doug Richards.

TAYLOR, DOROTHY V.

Born in Euphrasia Township on December 29, 1922, a daughter of the late Dalton and Stella (nee Gould) Vickers, Dorothy passed away after a brief illness at the Meaford Hospital on Wednesday, December 16th 2015 at the age of 92. Dorothy, a long time resident of Thornbury and the Beaver Valley, was predeceased by her husband Mitchell E. Taylor in 1979. She is remembered as the much loved mother of Dianne and her husband Mikal Maxwell of Clarksburg and as the devoted "Gramma T" of David and Jackie of Leith and children Nelson and Taylor; Greg of Collingwood; and Scott and Shirley of Meaford and children Meagan, Cameron and Austin. Dorothy was a dear sister to Lois (late Jack) Ormsby of Meaford and was predeceased also by a sister Alice (late Elwood) Shaw of Markdale. She will be recalled also as a very special aunt to her several nieces and nephews and their families.

HELP STAMP OUT A \$10 - 15 BILLION CANADIAN INDUSTRY

Brock Godfrey, one of the original volunteers with the Canadian Anti-fraud Centre (and an Advisor to your Blue Mountains Community Policing Committee) reports that Frauds and Scams are huge and growing industry in Canada. The Anti-fraud centre estimates that Canadians are bilked out of \$10 - \$15 billion each year! In 2016 help stamp out this nefarious industry.

Be aware, for example, of: "I am Eric from Microsoft and your computer has a problem"; "Hi! - It's your favourite Grandson and I am in trouble"; "I am George from the Canada Revenue Agency - you have made a very serious error in your 2014 tax return which must be fixed prior to year-end or you will face prosecution and major penalties (and deportation if you a new Canadian!)"; "I am here to do a free test on your water quality - you may need a new water purification system. You and your family's health may be at risk"; "On the internet - I am a retired engineer and my wife has recently passed, let's chat!"

(Current Canadian record -- \$1.3 million!!); "I am from your bank and we need your help!" Or the latest one - "When will you be home to receive a gift delivery (wine and flowers from an anonymous friend), just sign here pay by credit card for a modest delivery charge!!" - Surprise, watch the fraudulent charges on that credit card escalate!

This list goes on and on! And given our demographics and relative wealth, our Town of the Blue Mountains is a prime target for these fraudsters and scam artists. They are very skilled and compelling - don't you, your family or your friends and neighbours be victims. Spread the word -- If it sounds too good to be true - yes, it will be too good to be true! Report fraudsters. Call the OPP non-emergency number 310-1122, or

the Canadian Anti-fraud Centre 1-888-495-8501. Visit the website www.antifraudcentre.ca and follow your Community Watch website www.bluemountainscommunitywatch.ca

THE BLUE MOUNTAINS COMMUNITY POLICING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

The Blue Mountains Community Policing Committee (CPC) is a volunteer organization that operates in partnership with the Blue Mountains OPP detachment and the Community. This influential and active group is dedicated to helping develop and encourage proactive policing activities & programs including the Community & Neighbour Watch program. The Committee encourages citizen as well as community and commercial organizations' participation in the identification & resolution of policing issues while liaising with and annually reporting to the Town's Police Services Board.

The Committee is seeking an enthusiastic and energetic Chairperson to lead, guide & direct its activities while assisting in providing a strong voice in continuing to grow partnerships and build a safer community. Some experience or exposure to components of the policing, or our justice system, would be helpful but not required. If you are interested we would like to hear from you!

Please contact the Chair of the CPC Succession Committee, Bruce Melhuish at brucemel@rogers.com as soon as possible.

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Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary Club, President Brian Harnkess presents a cheque to Director Cathy Smart of Big Brothers Big Sisters.

About BBBS of the Georgian Triangle

At Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Georgian Triangle, we've been creating meaningful friendships since 2003. Although we started by simply matching Big Brothers with Little Brothers, our organization has grown tremendously, and we are now able to offer a multitude of different programs that serve both boys and girls.

Some of the programs we have to offer include our Traditional Big Brother/Big Sister program, our In-School Mentoring program, our Go Girls program, and our Homework Club. In every one of these programs, our goal is the same: to help children realize their full potential through the power of mentoring.

Although monetary donations are always highly appreciated, we also realize the value of time. If you want to do some good, we would love to have you join our organization as a volunteer. Whether you have three hours a month or three hours a week to spare, any time you spend with a child can make a real difference.

We are very proud of our achievements and do everything we can to move the Big Brothers Big Sisters movement forward in Canada. Please consider making a donation to our program so we can continue to make a difference in the lives of children throughout the Georgian Triangle. www.bigbrothersbigsistersgeorgiantriangle.org 705-445-2330

Free iPad and Android Classes at the Library

Registration for iPad Basics part 1, iPad Basics part 2, iPad Photo and Android Basics is now open. Classes are free, but registration is required. Register at the L.E. Shore Memorial Library, by phone at 519-599-3681 or through our website. Instructor: Darrell Noseworthy.

iPad Basics Part 1: Learn iPad basics in a small group. Learn screens and gestures, working with apps, the App Store, browsing the Internet. Tues. January 26, 2-4 pm:

iPad Basics Part 2, Communications: An overview of Mail, Skype and Messages. For people who have taken iPad Basics Part 1. Tues. Feb 23, 2-4

iPad Photos: An introduction to working with photos on your iPad: taking photos with the iPad and using the Photo App to review, edit, and organize images. You must have already taken iPad Basics part 1 or can demonstrate that you are comfortable with your iPad. Tues. February 9, 2-4 pm; Tues. March 8, 2-4 pm

Android Basics: Become better friends with your Android phone or tablet. Learn Android basics in a small group. Tues. March 22, 2-4 pm

MNR to lower Thornbury Dam on Jan 11th

The Town has worked closely with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) and the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) to sign a three year agreement to determine whether lowering the water level of the Thornbury Mill Pond during the winter months will prevent flooding from the buildup of frazil ice. This agreement was signed on January 6th, 2016 and the lowering of the dam will take place on Jan 11.



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March 16 - 7 to 9 pm



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\$25. at Door

Mad Dog's Vinyl Cafe, 203 Hurontario St. Collingwood
Matilda Swanson Gallery, Marsh St. Clarksburg
Online - www.collingwoodjazz.ca



Sat. January 23rd
Blue Mountain Village

Enjoy skiing, snowboarding, skating on the mill pond*, snow tubing, snowshoeing and more. Saturday afternoon don't miss the snow sculpture demo, Maple Taffy tastings, MJ Byrne's Horse & Wagon tours plus Groove Dancing! When night falls the Blue Mountain village will come alive with the fire and ice show.



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