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# WOODSTOCK

November/December 2025

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## SNOW BUDDIES

This winter you and your shovel could be a big help!

## TRANSIT SURVEY

Help plan the next Transit Study in our online survey in November.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

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## City of Woodstock Phone Directory Contacts

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- City Hall.....519-539-1291
- Civic Centre Arena.....519-421-3484 x 4301
- 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

To have your events listed in the FREE Community Events Calendar in *What's on Woodstock*, please visit [cityofwoodstock.ca/wowevents](http://cityofwoodstock.ca/wowevents)



# Become a Snow Buddies volunteer

When winter brings snow and ice, it does more than create frosty fun and scenic landscapes. For many people in our community, it also brings tough challenges. Snow and ice that collects on sidewalks creates dangerous conditions that can cause serious harm to you or your neighbours. The City launched the Snow Buddies program to help connect people who are unable to clear their sidewalks with volunteers ready to assist. It's a program that can make a real difference in our communities, but in recent years requests for help have outpaced the number of volunteer signups.

The Snow Buddies program can help keep people safe by making sure there are safe, accessible pathways not only for the residents they assist but also for other community members, including seniors, people with disabilities and anyone with mobility issues

To volunteer, you must be 12 years or older and are required to attend the free training session offered by the City. Then volunteers will be matched with someone in need of help and will commit to clearing their sidewalks after each snowfall. It's a simple act of service that has a powerful impact throughout your community. Connect with your neighbours while helping them stay safe and independent. Even through the harshest weather.

So suit up, grab a shovel, team up with friends and help make winter a little easier for someone in need.

Whether you want to earn volunteer hours, make new connections or just help your community, Snow Buddies gives you a meaningful way to make a substantial difference.

Visit [www.cityofwoodstock.ca/snowremoval](http://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/snowremoval) to volunteer your time today!



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# Shaping the Future of Transit in Woodstock: Have Your Say!

As Woodstock continues to grow, so too must the public services we offer. With projections suggesting the population in Woodstock could nearly double by 2050, it's important that we look ahead to plan for reliable, well-connected, and flexible public transit to help keep our city moving. That's why the City of Woodstock is launching a comprehensive Transit Route Study — and your voice is a key part of shaping its future.

The study will guide planning and investments for transit and include recommendations for improving route frequency, increasing service to new and growing areas, and creating better connections to get people around in Woodstock. The plan will be developed through a combination of technical analysis and community input to ensure it reflects the current and future needs of residents.

Right now, the city's transit system is facing new challenges. With busier roads, increasing ridership and a larger service area, it's becoming harder for some routes to stay on schedule.

"We saw a record high for transit use in 2024, with over 664,000 rides taken," said Jeffrey Springsted, the City's Supervisor of Transit. "It's clear that residents rely on our service but we know there are still needs we aren't meeting with the current routes. This is why their input matters — we want to learn more about how we can improve the service to address those needs."

How to get involved:

- **Online Survey:** The public is invited to take an online survey to share their experiences with the current transit system and what they'd like to see in the future. The survey is open from Nov. 1–23. Paper copies are available as well upon request.
- **Public Open House:** The public is invited to an open house on Nov. 12 at Woodstock City Hall, 500 Dundas St. from 6–8 p.m. Learn more about the study, speak with project staff, and provide direct feedback on what's working — and what's not — with the current system. The open house will also gather ideas about travel patterns, values, and vision for the future of transit in Woodstock.

The feedback provided will be incorporated in the report and shared with the public in early 2026. There will be another opportunity for comment before the final report is presented to Council next year.

By planning ahead now, Woodstock can ensure its transit system keeps pace with growth and continues to provide convenient and accessible service for all. Your participation will help build a network that supports the city's diverse and growing population — today and for years to come.

For more information and to complete the survey, visit [www.letstalkwoodstock.ca](http://www.letstalkwoodstock.ca)

# Lest We Forget

On Remembrance Day,  
honour the sacrifice of our  
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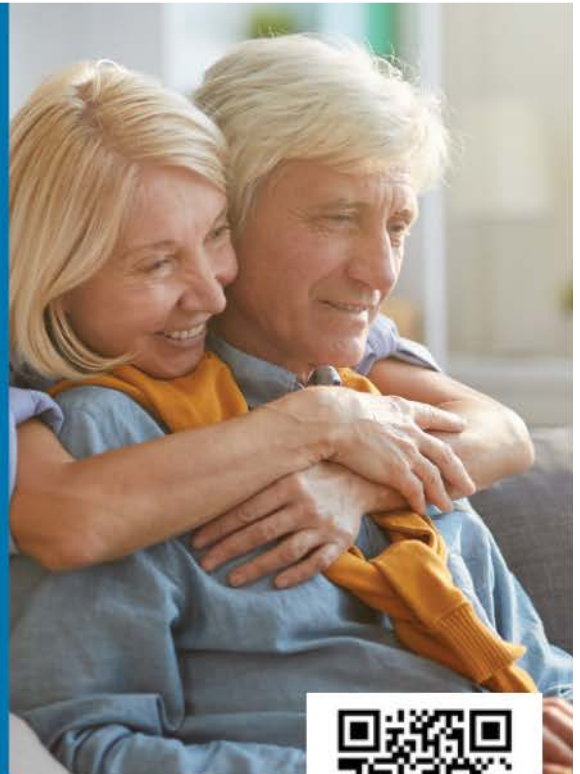
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# CO Awareness Week

Carbon Monoxide (CO) Awareness Week is recognized annually Nov. 1-7. Carbon monoxide (CO) is a toxic gas that is a by-product of burning fuel sources like:

- Gasoline
- Natural gas
- Propane
- Wood
- Oils
- Tobacco

CO can be harmful if you are exposed to it and is often called the silent killer because you can't see or smell it.

Symptoms of CO poisoning include:

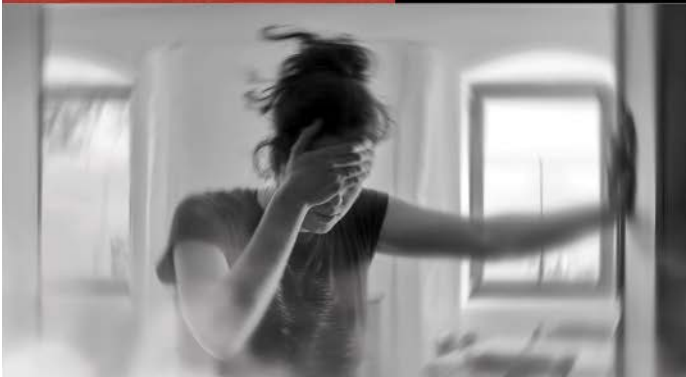
- Headaches
- Confusion
- Dizziness
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Fatigue
- Weakness
- Sleepiness
- and even death

Currently, CO detectors or alarms are required by law to be installed beside all sleeping areas in homes that have a fuel burning appliance, fireplace or attached garage. Starting Jan. 1, 2026, it will now be law to have a CO detector or alarm on every floor of homes. Learn more at [www.cityofwoodstock.ca/wfd](http://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/wfd)



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# Year in Review + Goals for 2026

The joy and excitement of the holiday season has arrived! A time to embrace the festive spirit, reflect on the past year – its challenges, accomplishments and lessons learned, while setting intentions for the year ahead. **At the beginning of 2025, WEAC established our own objectives to better understand local policies and seek opportunities to enhance biodiversity** and its associated benefits for both wildlife and residents. Before we reflect on our successes and outline how we plan to build on this momentum into the coming year, let's first take a closer look at what biodiversity means in an urban setting – and why it matters.

**Urban biodiversity refers to the variety of life found within and around cities**, including plants, animals, and microorganisms that coexist in urban environments. It provides essential ecosystem services like air purification and temperature regulation, offers potential refuge for struggling wildlife, and provides cultural and recreational benefits.

**Enhancing biodiversity is often discussed alongside the importance of pollinators, pollinator-friendly planting, and the creation of green corridors that support wildlife migration.** This past year, WEAC conducted a review of the City of Woodstock's by-laws and policies to identify opportunities to encourage pollinator restoration strategies in both private and public spaces.

To this end, **we introduced a new category to the City Beautiful Awards, titled "Environmentally Friendly."** (to learn more about the City Beautiful Awards, visit: [www.cityofwoodstock.ca/citybeautiful](http://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/citybeautiful)). Under this new category, eligible gardens are those that demonstrate:

- the absence of invasive species,
- the avoidance of pesticides or synthetic fertilizers,
- the inclusion of low-maintenance and/or drought-tolerant plant species, and
- the presence of fauna-friendly plants, such as those that support pollinators.

**Do you know a residential property that fits this category?** Be sure to complete the online nomination form on the City's official website next summer.

**This past fall, WEAC, in collaboration with the City's Bird Friendly Team, submitted an application to Nature Canada for designation as a Bird Friendly City** – with the goal of joining the roughly 20 designated communities across Ontario, including London and Kitchener. The designation is judged and awarded based on three guiding pillars, including: **Habitat Protection, Restoration, and Climate Resiliency** – this can include a municipal strategy for protecting and enhancing biodiversity, a climate change policy, an ecological approach to managing trees and forests, and strategies to promote native species (to learn more about this designation, check out: <https://naturecanada.ca/defend-nature/how-you-help-us-take-action/bfc/>). Stay tuned for updates as we await the official review of our application. **Interested in joining our Bird Team, contact our staff representative or through our Facebook page** (details below).

**Where do we go from here?** As we set our sights on 2026, WEAC plans to build on our momentum by focusing on:

- Climate action and resiliency
- Residential pollinator planting
- Continuing to recommend policies that support our goal of becoming a designated Bird Friendly City

**Want to learn more?** Members of the public are welcome to attend our regularly scheduled meetings, held on the second Tuesday of every month. For more information, please contact City Staff via [www.cityofwoodstock.ca/eac/](http://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/eac/) and stay up-to-date by following us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/woodstockenvironmentaladvisorycommittee/](https://www.facebook.com/woodstockenvironmentaladvisorycommittee/)

We wish everyone a safe, happy and healthy holiday season!

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**Annual Status  
Report Update  
to the 2023–2027  
Accessibility Plan**



Join us on November 12  
for an update on the  
actions the City of Woodstock  
is taking to remove barriers for  
people with disabilities.

**Date:** Nov. 12

**Time:** 3–4 p.m.

**Location:**

Woodstock City Hall,  
2nd Floor Boardroom

[www.cityofwoodstock.ca/accessibility](http://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/accessibility)

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# Woodstock's Cenotaph: 100 Years of History

This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Woodstock War Memorial in Victoria Park.

Located at the corner of Graham Street and Buller Street, the cenotaph was established in 1925 to honour local soldiers who lost their lives during the First World War.

## An empty tomb

A cenotaph is a monument to a person or people who are buried elsewhere. The word comes from the Greek *kenos* and *taphos*, meaning "empty tomb."

In the aftermath of WWI, France and Britain erected temporary cenotaphs for their victory march parades in 1919. A permanent cenotaph was later built in London in 1920 after the temporary site drew thousands of visitors.

This style of monument quickly gained popularity in other Allied nations, symbolizing the soldiers whose bodies were never found or could not be identified, and providing a place for people to collectively mourn the lives that were lost.

## "Their Name Liveth for Evermore"

The Havelock Chapter of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire led the effort to raise money for the cenotaph in Woodstock.

Designed by Montreal sculptor Coeur de Lion McCarthy, the grey granite and bronze monument was unveiled on August 30, 1925, by Lieutenant-Governor Henry Cockshutt.



Victoria Park Cenotaph, Aug 23, 1925. Photo supplied by Woodstock Museum NHS.

More names were added in the following decades to commemorate World War II, the Korean War and the war in Afghanistan, but by the late-2000s the names cut into the stone had started to fade. Some names were also missing or had been misspelled.

Restoration work on the monument was completed from 2010–2011 and included repointing and repairing the mortar and cleaning the granite. New slabs of polished granite were also added to the front of the monument with an updated list of names etched onto the surface.

In 2015, a monument to veterans of the Afghanistan War was erected to the left of the cenotaph. The monument features a bronze sculpture of a soldier’s helmet, rifle and boots, which was purchased by a group of residents with funds raised from an event in support of local veterans.

### New commemorative crosswalk

A century later, the cenotaph continues to stand as a reminder of the sacrifices made by the men and women who have served our country and honours their commitment to protecting the rights and freedoms of people around the world.

This year the City has extended the memorial with a commemorative crosswalk across Buller Street.

Staff consulted with Royal Canadian Legion Branch #55 to select a functional, respectful and meaningful design that pays tribute to our local veterans. The new crosswalk features a red and white striped pattern with the silhouette of a soldier and the phrase “Lest We Forget” at each end.



The new crosswalk on Buller Street leading to the Cenotaph.



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

**A:** Governor General Albert Grey.

## Remembrance Day Ceremony

Join us on Tuesday, Nov. 11 to pay tribute to the courage and sacrifice of our veterans and those who continue to serve our Country. The Ceremony will take place at Victoria Park located at 413 Buller St, Woodstock.

Rogers TV Woodstock will be broadcasting the ceremony live starting at 10:45 a.m. on the morning of Nov. 11, and will re-broadcast at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

The City of Woodstock is grateful for the efforts of those who have assisted in organizing the Remembrance Day ceremony, including the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #55, The Oxford County Naval Veterans Association, City of Woodstock staff, local MP, MPP, emergency services and local school boards.

Time	Agenda	Agenda (Continued)
10:15 a.m.	Pre-Laying of the Wreaths	The Act of Remembrance
10:35 a.m.	March on the Sentries	Reveille
10:45 a.m.	The Walking March proceeds to the Cenotaph	Prayers and Address
10:55 a.m.	Singing of ‘O Canada’	Officials Address
10:58 a.m.	Last Post	Reading of ‘In Flanders Fields’
11:00 a.m.	“THE SILENCE” Two Minutes of Silence, The Lament, Canadian Harvard Aircraft Fly-over	Placing of Wreaths
		Benediction and Blessing
		God Save the King
		Closing Remarks
		The Walking March Departs
		March off of the RCR Sentries





## CONVENTIONAL & SPECIALIZED TRANSIT HOURS OF OPERATION

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No Sunday or Holiday bus service. Find route and schedule details at [www.cityofwoodstock.ca/transit](http://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/transit)

## FARES & PASSES

Fare Type	Adult	Student/ Senior (60+)	Child (under 5)/ Veteran
<b>Cash</b>	\$2.75 (exact fare)	\$2.75 (exact fare)	Free bus service
<b>Monthly Pass</b> (non-transferable)	\$66.00	\$53.00	Free bus service
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<b>Group Pass</b> (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.
- 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.

## SPECIALIZED 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.**

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**DECEMBER**

*6th*

**1 - 4 PM**

- Join us for an afternoon of holiday cheer at Cedarview Senior Living! Enjoy unique artisan and handmade goods, festive crafts and décor, seasonal snacks, and live holiday music. Plus – don't miss a special visit from Santa Claus for kids and kids-at-heart!
- Visit from Santa
- Live Holiday Music
- Come shop, snack, and celebrate the season with your community – all are welcome!

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*Admission is free! Please bring a non-perishable item or donate to support our local food bank.*



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**@W.** Check out the COW Tales 'Way Back When' contest on page 19 and enter today!  
**A:** Oxford Patriotic Association.

# WINTER HOLIDAY COUNTDOWN!

Winter  
Holiday  
Countdown

Celebrate the season with these festive programs and events!  
Visit [www.cityofwoodstock.ca/specialevents](http://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/specialevents) for event schedules and details.



## Lighting of Museum Square

Nov. 14 | 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Start the holiday season by joining us for the Lighting of Museum Square in Downtown Woodstock! With the lighting of the lights, a selection of festive activities and a visit from our special guests, Mr. and Mrs. Claus, the night is sure to be magical!



## Santa Claus Parade

Nov. 15 | 6 p.m.

Dundas St. from Mackenzie Ave. to Light St.

The parade will feature holiday themed floats, marching bands, inflatables and a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Claus! Please bring a non-perishable food item for donation if you're able.



## CPKC Holiday Train

Nov. 21 | 6:40 p.m.

199 Winniett St.



The CPKC Train is rolling through Woodstock again, spreading holiday cheer and collecting donations for the food bank. Come enjoy live performances by Smash Mouth and JJ Wilde while supporting a good cause.



## Decoration Exchange

Nov. 22 | 8:30–9:30 a.m.

Reeves Community Complex, 381 Finkle St.

Deck your halls with a selection of gently used Christmas decorations free of charge. Drop off donations at Goff Gymnasium on Thursday, Nov. 20 and Friday, Nov. 21 from 5–7 p.m.

## Woodstock Shopping Night

Nov. 27 | 5–8 p.m.

Enjoy a night out in downtown Woodstock with extended store hours and exciting specials! Visit [www.downtownwoodstock.ca](http://www.downtownwoodstock.ca) for more info!



## Christmas in the Square

Dec. 12 & 19 | 5–8 p.m.

Dec. 13 & 20 | 12–4 p.m.

Get festive in Museum Square with train rides, pictures with Santa and live music! Learn more at [www.downtownwoodstock.ca](http://www.downtownwoodstock.ca)



## Holiday Kids Nights

Dec. 11 & 18 | 5:30–8:30 p.m.

Cowan Park Sportsplex

Join us for a fun-filled holiday themed kids' night for ages 6 to 12! Kids will enjoy activities, crafts and pizza for dinner. Cost: \$25.50 Register at [www.recreationwoodstock.ca](http://www.recreationwoodstock.ca)



## Woodstock Shopping Night

Dec. 18 | 5–8 p.m.

Head to downtown Woodstock for your last-minute holiday shopping, with extended store hours and specials. Learn more at [www.downtownwoodstock.ca](http://www.downtownwoodstock.ca)



# 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 Oxford County Archives, CoW Tales shares stories that help us understand and connect with our past as our community continues to grow and evolve. In honour of Remembrance Day, this issue features tales from the First and Second World Wars.



## Grey's Horse

The 24th Regiment (Grey's Horse) was a cavalry militia regiment in Oxford and Waterloo Counties. At the outbreak of World War I, militia regiments across Canada received telegrams from Ottawa requesting troops. Enlistees had to be between 18 and 45-years-old, at least 5'3" and have a chest measurement of 33.5 inches. Unmarried applicants were taken before those who were married and had families. On Aug. 20, 1914, the regiment boarded a train in Ingersoll with 50 men and headed to training camp in Valcartier, Quebec. Photo: 124th Regiment Grey Horse, 1909.



## Oxford Returned Soldiers Association

The ORSA was formed in 1916 to support veterans and their families in the aftermath of World War I. The group focused on finding employment opportunities for returned soldiers. They encouraged local manufacturers to prioritize hiring veterans and started a program with Oxford factories to offer vocational training. In 1917 the ORSA changed its name to the Great War Veterans Association, joining the country's largest WWI veterans' organization. Photo: Great War Veterans Association of Canada Woodstock Branch, 1917.



## No. 11 Training Centre

During World War II, the Woodstock Fairgrounds were transformed into a military training centre. The first recruits arrived on Oct. 9, 1940. Originally set up for basic training, the camp was later used as a Canadian Driving and Maintenance School. Trainees learned to operate and maintain motorcycles, armoured Universal Carriers and other large trucks. By the end of the war, more than 28,000 men and women were trained at the camp. Photo: Barracks and vehicles at Advanced Driver Training School Woodstock Fairgrounds, 1942c.



## Eileen Dufton's Scrapbook

Eileen Dufton was a Woodstock resident who collected hundreds of newspaper clippings during World War II. Her scrapbook features many of the local men and women who served in the war, along with news from the front lines and snapshots of life on the home front. Eileen's cousin, Betty Priddle, donated the scrapbook to the Oxford County Archives in 2024. A digital copy is available at [www.oxfordcounty.ca/archives](http://www.oxfordcounty.ca/archives). Photo: Eileen Dufton, courtesy of Oxford County Archives.

# C.O.W. TALES

## Way Back When Contest

**THE WINNER** of the October 'Way Back When' Contest question is **Amandeep Sekhon**. Amandeep correctly answered that the library's Children's Department was established in 1929. Amandeep wins a \$50 gift card from Boston Pizza Woodstock, and Amandeep will qualify for a \$100 Boston Pizza Woodstock gift card to be drawn from all the monthly winners in December.

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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*. Contest questions have been selected from the book, *Quizzical History*, published by the Oxford Historical Society and Woodstock Museum NHS.

- Q.** Who was the Grey's Horse regiment named after? (See pg. 13)
- Q.** How many names are listed on the cenotaph in Woodstock? (See pg. 4)
- Q.** Which organization founded before the ORSA in 1914 also aided World War I veterans and their families? (See pg. 15)
- Q.** When did the training centre at Woodstock Fairgrounds close?

Send your answer along with your name and phone number to [wow@cityofwoodstock.ca](mailto:wow@cityofwoodstock.ca) by Friday, November 28, 2025. You can also drop your answer in the contest box at City Hall.



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# What to Do With Your Fallen Leaves?

Fall is here and the City of Woodstock would like to remind you of your options for handling fallen leaves.

- 1** Help your lawn retain moisture and supply rich nutrients to the soil by **mulching leaves on your own property.**
- 2** **Drop them at the Yard Waste Depot.** The depot is open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Leaves can be dropped off for free. Bags are not allowed.
- 3** **Rake them to the curb.** Curbside loose leaf collection runs from Oct. 20 to Nov. 28. Check the map online to find your zone and follow the City's social media channels for updates.

## Learn More at:

[www.cityofwoodstock.ca/leafcollection](http://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/leafcollection)

 Or Call: 519-539-2382 Ext. 3104 or 3102

## 2026 Budget Process Kicks-Off

As part of the City's annual budget process, Council and the public will get their first look at the proposed Capital budget and forecast Nov. 20. Once the Capital budget is adopted by Council, they will then consider the Operating budget (also known as revenue fund).

### Schedule for the 2026 Capital Budget & 2027–2030 Capital Forecast

Meeting Date	Time	Details
Thursday, Nov. 20	7 p.m.	Capital Budget Overview (Presentation during regular Council meeting)
Tuesday, Nov. 25	5 p.m.	Detailed Capital Budget Review
Thursday, Nov. 27	5 p.m.	Additional budget review meeting if required
Thursday, Dec. 11	7 p.m.	2026 Capital Budget adoption



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

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**DECEMBER 13 & 20 12-4PM**



**WOODSTOCK SHOPPING NIGHTS**

**NOVEMBER 27**

**DECEMBER 18**





# Recreational Skating Schedule

## Public Skating

Anyone can attend. Children 12 and under must have adult supervision in the facility. Skates must be worn on the ice. No shoes, strollers or skating aids allowed.

**Civic Centre – 895 Nellis St (Fairgrounds)**

**Reeves Community Complex – 381 Finkle St  
Green Rink and Red Rink**

Day	Time	Arena
Tuesdays	4–4:50 p.m.	Civic Centre Arena
Wednesdays	4–4:50 p.m.	Reeves Complex – Green Rink
Thursdays	4–4:50 p.m.	Civic Centre Arena
Saturdays	7–7:50 p.m.	Civic Centre Arena
Sundays	1:15–2:05 p.m.	Reeves Complex – Red Rink

## Upcoming Dates – November 2025

Date	Sponsor	Location
Nov 1	Steve Hart Excavating	Civic Centre
Nov 4	Adams Building Centre	Civic Centre
Nov 5	Adams Building Centre	Reeves Green
Nov 6	Adams Building Centre	Civic Centre
Nov 8	Boston Pizza Woodstock	Civic Centre
Nov 9	Vance Construction	Reeves Red
Nov 11		Civic Centre
Nov 12	Woodstock Silverstick Tournament Committee	Reeves Green
Nov 13	Taplay Fire Protection	Civic Centre
Nov 15	Al McCulloch Lock Service	Civic Centre
Nov 18	Dr. Lail & Associates Family Dentistry	Civic Centre
Nov 19	Old Buoys Hockey Team	Reeves Green
Nov 20	Lind Equipment	Civic Centre
Nov 22	David Hilderley, Century 21	Civic Centre
Nov 25	Oxford Plumbing	Civic Centre
Nov 26	Woodstock Police Association	Reeves Green
Nov 27	Bucholtz Home Comfort	Civic Centre

**NO SKATING: Nov 16, 23, 29, 30**

## Public Skating

### Upcoming Dates – December 2025

Date	Sponsor	Location
Dec 2	Lind Equipment	Civic Centre
Dec 3	Dr. Lail & Associates Family Dentistry	Reeves Green
Dec 4		Civic Centre
Dec 6	City of Woodstock – Parks & Recreation	Civic Centre
Dec 7	Woodstock Silverstick Tournament Committee	Reeves Red
Dec 9	Boston Pizza Woodstock	Civic Centre
Dec 10	Woodstock Silverstick Tournament Committee	Reeves Green
Dec 11	Mackey Moving	Civic Centre
Dec 13	Cimco Refrigeration	Civic Centre
Dec 16	Lind Equipment	Civic Centre
Dec 17	AP Hurley	Reeves Green
Dec 18	Lind Equipment	Civic Centre
Dec 20	Taplay Fire Protection	Civic Centre
Dec 21	Pepper Plumbing	Reeves Red
Dec 23	Upper Thames Brewing Company / Brickhouse Brew Pub	Civic Centre
Dec 27	City of Woodstock – Parks & Recreation	Civic Centre
Dec 28	Verbruggan Trucking	Reeves Red
Dec 30	B&B Real Estate Team, The Realty Firm	Civic Centre

**NO SKATING: Dec 14, 24, 25, 31, Jan 1**

## Holiday Skating

**Reeves Community Complex – Red Rink  
1:15–2:05 p.m. (days as indicated)**

Date	Sponsor
Monday, Dec 22	City of Woodstock – Parks & Recreation
Tuesday, Dec 23	Teighan Morris, Realtor® – The Realty Firm
Monday, Dec 29	Heather Nielsen Real Estate & Kim Shram Real Estate
Tuesday, Dec 30	Dr. Lail & Associates Family Dentistry
Wednesday, Dec 31	Roes-Zehr Electrical Ltd.

**MORE INFO:**

[www.cityofwoodstock.ca/skatingschedule](http://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/skatingschedule)

## Parent and Tot Skating

Maximum age of child participants is five years of age. Pucks and sticks are not permitted on ice. Skating aids will be available.

**Reeves Community Complex**  
Wednesdays, 1–1:50 p.m. – Green Rink  
Fridays, 9–9:50 a.m. – Green Rink  
Fridays, 4:45–5:15 p.m. – Red Rink

NO SKATING: Nov 14, 28, Dec 12, 24, 26, 31

## Parent and Tot Shinny

Maximum age of child participants is five years of age. Pucks and sticks are permitted on ice. All participants must wear a helmet and gloves. Skating aids are not allowed.

**Civic Centre**  
Tuesdays, 1–1:50 p.m.  
Thursdays, 1–1:50 p.m.

NO SKATING: Dec 25, Jan 1

## PA Day Skating

**Reeves Community Complex – Red Rink**  
Nov 14, 1:15–2:05 p.m.

Sponsored by Woodstock Orthodontics

## Adult Skating

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

**Reeves Community Complex – Red Rink**  
Mondays, 1:15–2:05 p.m.  
Wednesdays, 1:15–2:05 p.m.  
Fridays, 1:15–2:05 p.m.

NO SKATING: Nov 14, 28, Dec 12, 22, 24,  
26, 29, 31

Please note, skating times may change due to special events not scheduled at the time of printing.

# Winter is coming!

There are a few seasonal reminders to make note of as we head into winter.

## EnviroDepot Winter Hours



Starting Dec. 1, the EnviroDepot is open Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Recycling drop-off is also available Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

## No overnight parking



There is no parking on city streets between 2 a.m. – 6 a.m. from Dec. 1 – March 31 each year. This helps staff complete winter maintenance activities.

## Snow plowing and salting



How and when plowing, salting or sanding takes place are influenced by temperature, forecasts and precipitation. Routes are planned to maximize efficiency and prioritize major arterial roads, bus routes, before getting into collectors and finally residential streets. Please be patient and drive according to conditions.

To learn more visit [www.cityofwoodstock.ca/snowremoval](http://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/snowremoval)

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## November

- 2 **Daylight Savings Time ends.** When you change your clocks, change the batteries in your smoke alarms.
- 7-8 **Innerkip Quilters Craft Show,** Innerkip Masonic Centre, 70 Blandford St, Innerkip. Free admission. Dec 7, 5:30-8 p.m.; Dec 8, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Handcrafts, unique items, bake table.
- 7-8 **Festival of One Act Plays,** St. David's United Church, Friday, 7:30 p.m., Saturday 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Tickets on sale now. Four new one-act comedies. Three performances only. Visit [www.oapcommunitytheatre.com](http://www.oapcommunitytheatre.com)
- 8 **Choral Singing from the Voice Teacher's Perspective,** Ingersoll Christian Reformed Church, 429 King St W, Ingersoll, Price \$15. Choral singing workshop led by Brandon Leis, Wilfrid Laurier. Visit [ingersollchoralsociety.ca](http://ingersollchoralsociety.ca)
- 8 **Friends of the Library Book Sale,** Woodstock Public Library, 445 Hunter St, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Visit [www.mywpl.ca](http://www.mywpl.ca)
- 8 **The Heart of Oxford Experience,** Oxford Auditorium, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Enjoy live music, delicious food, and shop a wide selection of local brands all under one roof. Get your tickets at [theheartofoxford.ca](http://theheartofoxford.ca)
- 8 **Yuletide Bazaar & Luncheon,** Knox Presbyterian Church, 59 Riddell St, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Free admission to Bazaar. Luncheon \$12 in advance or \$15 at door. Call Rose 519-539-8720 or Carol 519-537-3545 or Church 519-537-2962.
- 11 **Remembrance Day Ceremony,** Victoria Park Cenotaph, 413 Buller St, 10:15 a.m. Pre-laying of the Wreaths. Rogers TV coverage starts 10:45 a.m. See details on pg. 13.
- 11 **November Speaker Series,** Beachville District Museum, 7 p.m., Free. Speaker Stephan J. Smith discusses military history in Oxford County. Info: 519-423-6497.
- 14 **Soldier for a Day PA Day Camp,** Beachville District Museum, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost: \$37. Call 519-423-6497 or visit [beachvilledistrictmuseum.com/2025-pa-day-camps](http://beachvilledistrictmuseum.com/2025-pa-day-camps)
- 15 **Santa Claus Parade,** Dundas St from Mackenzie Ave to Light St, 6 p.m. The parade will feature decorated floats and marching bands. Visit [cityofwoodstock.ca/specialevents](http://cityofwoodstock.ca/specialevents)
- 19 **Canadian Forest Friends Bazaar & Café,** Dundas St. United Church, 1-5 p.m. Price \$2. Many crafts, baked goods and silent auction. Call 519-537-7935.
- 22 **Christmas Crafters Market,** St. Paul's Anglican Church, 4 Elgin St E, Princeton, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Handmade items perfect for gifts. Visit [anglicanparishofoxford403.com](http://anglicanparishofoxford403.com)

- 22 **Family Fun Day,** Emmanuel Reformed Church, 170 Clarke St, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Free. Penny sale, bake sale, soup, chili, hot dogs. Visit [emmanuelreformedchurch.ca](http://emmanuelreformedchurch.ca)
- 26 **Grief and the Holidays,** St. David's United Church, 190 Springbank Ave, 6-7:30 p.m. \$20 for materials. 1st session (Nov 26): Holiday Support Gathering. 2nd session (Dec 3) Memorial Ornament Workshop. Registration required. Email [info@caringheartssupportnetwork.com](mailto:info@caringheartssupportnetwork.com)
- 26 **Oxford Historical Society "Oxford Goes to War"** with Scott Gillies. Location TBD. Free. Visit [oxfordhistoricalsociety.ca](http://oxfordhistoricalsociety.ca), email [info@oxhs.ca](mailto:info@oxhs.ca) or phone 226-242-4774.
- 27 **Downtown Woodstock Shopping Night,** Dundas St, Adelaide St, Light St, 5-8 p.m. A monthly shopping event, Woodstock Shopping Night, typically occurs every 4th Thursday. 20+ participating stores stay open late 'til 8 p.m. Visit [downtownwoodstock.ca/events](http://downtownwoodstock.ca/events) or call 519-537-5721.
- 28 **Oxford Winds Annual Christmas Concert,** Knox Presbyterian Church, 59 Riddell St, Tickets \$10 advance or \$15 at door. Children under 12 free. Visit [oxfordwinds.ca](http://oxfordwinds.ca)
- 30 **Woodstock Community Carol Concert,** Knox Presbyterian Church, 59 Riddell St., Free will offering for Operation Sharing. Visit [knoxwoodstock.ca](http://knoxwoodstock.ca) or call 519-537-3927.

## December

- 5 **Light Up The Museum,** Beachville District Museum, 6:30 p.m. Free. We will transform the grounds into a holiday wonderland. Info 519-423-6497.
- 12-13 **Christmas in the Square, Museum Square,** Fri 5-8 p.m. & Sat 12-4 p.m. Join us for free festive fun. Get a free photo with Santa! Visit [downtownwoodstock.ca](http://downtownwoodstock.ca)
- 13 **Oxford Collegium Singers present "A Festival of Lessons and Carols,"** Church of the Epiphany, 560 Dundas St, 7:30 p.m. Join us for inspiring Christmas choral music. Tickets available at [oxfordcollegium.ca](http://oxfordcollegium.ca) or [Eventbrite.ca](http://Eventbrite.ca)
- 18 **Downtown Woodstock Shopping Night,** Dundas St, Adelaide St, Light St, 5-8 p.m. A monthly shopping event, Woodstock Shopping Night, typically occurs every 4th Thursday. 20+ participating stores stay open late 'til 8 p.m. Visit [downtownwoodstock.ca/events](http://downtownwoodstock.ca/events) or call 519-537-5721.
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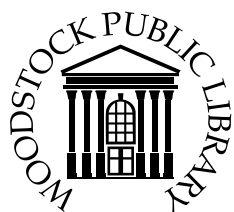
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## Storytimes!

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. Dedicated time for play and to meet other families is provided at the end of the program. Children should be accompanied by a caregiver. **No registration required.**

Program	Description	Dates/Times
<b>Tales &amp; Tunes</b> (Family)	An interactive storytime that will cultivate a love of books with stories, songs, rhymes, and other activities.	Wednesdays Nov 12 – Dec 17, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
<b>Toddler Tales</b> (12–36 months)	An active program with stories, rhymes, songs, and other activities.	Thursdays Nov 13 – Dec 18, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
<b>Books &amp; Bounces</b> (Birth–18 months)	Babies and caregivers will hear stories, and learn songs, rhymes, and bounces that will help foster a love of reading.	Thursdays Nov 14 – Dec 19, 12–1 p.m.
<b>Story Explorers</b> (3–5 years)	Build on stories through songs, rhymes, and hands on STEAM activities for preschoolers.	Fridays Nov 14 – Dec 19, 10:30–11:30 a.m. <i>(Cancelled Dec 5)</i>
<b>Strollers and Stories</b> (Birth–18 months)	Join us for a half-hour neighbourhood walk ending with a 15-minute story-time at Victoria Park. Meet at the corner of Hunter St. and Graham St. by noon to join us!	Fridays Nov 14 – Dec 19, 12–1:00 p.m. <i>(Cancelled Dec 5)</i>

### Baby Clothing Swap Social (Family)

Wednesday, November 5 – 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Join us for an hour of play and browse for clothes to refresh your baby’s closet! Bring your gently used baby clothes (any sizes between Premie/Newborn – 2T) to swap. Please wash the items prior to the event and do not bring any items that are stained or torn. Light refreshments will be provided.

**No registration required.**

### Multilingual Storytime (Family)

Saturday, November 22 – 11 a.m.–12 p.m. – French

Saturday, December 6 – 11 a.m.–12 p.m. – Albanian

Learn about and celebrate the diversity of our community. Every month we will learn about a new culture through language, art, song and story. **No registration required.**

### Storytime with Santa (Family)

Tuesday, December 16 – 6–7 p.m.

Our friend Santa will be here to spread Christmas cheer to the families of Woodstock! Join us for a Holiday themed storytime, then get your picture taken with Santa! **No registration required.**

**BABY CLOTHING SWAP**  
**NOVEMBER 5**

## Children & Families

**Craft Club** (10+ years)  
Saturday, November 1 – 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Children aged 10+ are welcome to join us for a fun afternoon of making bookmarks from books! Drop in. No registration required.

**Oxford Reads: Storytime with the Navy Vets** (Family)  
Saturday, November 1 – 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Join us for a special story time celebrating *Life in Two Worlds: A Coach's Journey from the Reserve to the NHL and Back* by Ted Nolan with players from the Woodstock Navy Vets, who will be stopping by to share stories, meet young fans, and help inspire a love of reading, teamwork, and resilience.

**Messy Art** (18 months – 5 years)  
Thursday, November 6 – 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Some messy fun for curious children as they learn and explore through process art. Chaos is expected. Please bring a smock or an old t-shirt or something that can get dirty, as aprons/smocks will not be provided. Registration required.

**Code with Scratch** (6–12 Years)  
Thursdays, Nov. 6 & 20, Dec. 4 & 18 – 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Have fun coding with Scratch! Beginners are welcome. Laptops and iPads will be provided, and participants are welcome to bring their own device and headphones. If using a library device, please bring a USB so the project can be taken home. Note: children under the age of 12 must have a parent or guardian present in the library throughout the duration of the program. Drop in, no registration required.

**Homeschool Meet-Up** (Family)  
Monday, November 10 – 1–3 p.m.  
Monday, December 8 – 1–3 p.m.

Meet other Homeschooling families for an afternoon of fun! Play board games or test out a robot. Snacks provided. No registration required.

**PA Day Movie: Zootopia** (Family)  
Friday, November 14 – 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Join us for the Disney family friendly movie *Zootopia* this PA Day. Popcorn included! No registration required.



**Adventure with Muk** (10–14 years)  
Saturdays, Nov. 15 & 29 & Dec. 20 – 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Muk invites young players to join him on a Dungeons and Dragons adventure. Players will continue to work on their own characters and to adventure with Muk and friends through Dankwood. New players are always welcome. Registration required.

**LEGO Club** (5+ years)  
Saturday, December 13 – 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Celebrate LEGO! There will be challenge cards designed to test your LEGO building skills, colouring activities, and a scavenger hunt. No registration required.

# Youth & Young Adults

## **Snow Countess Poetry & Photo Contest** Saturday, November 1–Friday, November 28 – Online

We are holding a poetry and photo contest to honour the Woodstock Springbank Snow Countess' birthday! A winner from each category (Poetry: 12–14 years, Poetry: 15–18 years, Best Photo: 12–18 years) will be chosen by local judges. Prizes are from some of Woodstock's favourite independent shops! Contact [programs@mywpl.ca](mailto:programs@mywpl.ca) for additional information.

## **Lunch Time Breakout** (12–18 years) Thursdays, November 6 – December 18 – 11–11:45 a.m.

Can you and your friends solve all the puzzles to break open the box? A new Breakout EDU game will be featured each week! No registration required.

## **Loom Knitting Circle** (12–18 years) Thursdays, Nov. 13 and 27, Dec. 11 – 3–4:30 p.m.

Learn how to loom knit a hat or scarf this fall! No registration required.

## **Queer Conversations** (16+ years) Tuesdays, Nov. 18 and Dec. 16 – 6:30–8 p.m.

Join the Oxford County Community Health Centre and the Woodstock Public Library for a gathering of 2SLGBTQIA+ community and conversation. No registration required.

## **Festive Holiday Ornaments** (12–18 years) Tuesday, December 9 – 6:30–8 p.m.

Get into the holiday spirit by making a cute penguin ornament! All supplies provided. Also, warm up with a cup of hot chocolate and some yummy treats while you work. Drop-in, no registration required.



# Adults & Families

## **Writers' Group** (15+ years) Wednesdays, Nov. 26 & Dec. 17 – 6–8 p.m.

Active and aspiring writers of all kinds are welcome to join together once a month for a time of fellowship, support, and quiet writing. Our format includes opening discussion, quiet writing for an hour, and an opportunity to share or discuss at the end. Snacks provided. No registration required.

## **Mama and Baby Wellness Series** Tuesday, November 4 – 10:15–11:15 a.m.

Join Coach Alysia for our fitness and wellness series for moms with babes in arms. Each session will be about the dimensions of wellness, followed by a gentle Pilates-inspired workout. Registration required.

## **Mah-Jongg** Tuesdays, Nov. 4–Dec. 23 – 10:15 a.m.–12 p.m.

American Mah-jongg is an exciting game that will challenge participants. Unlike the online game, this uses sequences to create a winning hand of fourteen tiles. New players are welcome. No registration required.

## **Chit Chat Circle** Tuesdays from Nov. 4 – Dec. 23 – 1:30–3 p.m.

Socialize in a safe space hosted by the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA). No registration required.

**The Library is closed on November 11  
for Remembrance Day and December 5  
for Staff Development Day.**



# Adults & Families

## Retro Video Gaming Night! (All Ages)

Thursday, November 6 – 6–8 p.m.

Thursday, December 18 – 6–8 p.m.

Feeling nostalgic about the games from your youth? Want to finally play the original Mario Party your parents won't stop talking about? Then come on down for an evening of Retro Gaming! Play a sampling of retro games on various consoles. In partnership with Operandi Gaming Community. No registration required.

## Oxford Reads: Gala with Ted Nolan

Friday, November 7 – 7–8 p.m.

The 2025 Oxford Reads title is *Life in Two Worlds: A Coach's Journey from the Reserve to the NHL and Back* by Ted Nolan. Join Oxford County Library and Woodstock Public Library for our Gala at the Market Centre, featuring Ted Nolan! Copies of his book will be sold at the event and Ted will be available after the gala for a book signing. For details and to secure your free tickets, visit [www.oxfordreads.ca](http://www.oxfordreads.ca).

## WPL Book Club

Wednesday, November 12 – 2–3 p.m.

Thursday, November 13 – 7–8 p.m.

Tuesday, December 9 – 2–3 p.m.

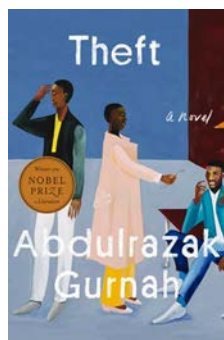
Thursday, December 11 – 7–8 p.m.

Begin each month with a good read! Join us for our afternoon or evening session for a lively discussion on the title selected. Open to all. No registration required.

### November Title

*Theft*

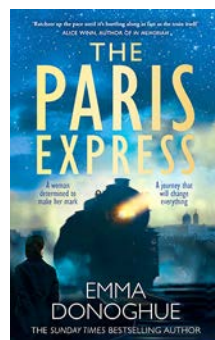
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### December Title

*The Paris Express*

Emma Donoghue



## Job Search Strategies Workshop with CES

Wednesday, November 19 – 6:30–8 p.m.

Whether you're entering the job market for the first time or for the first time in a long time, the library and Community Employment Services (CES) has your back! Learn how to use jobs searching resources from the library and CES. Registration opens November 5.

## Vanished Beyond the Map: An Evening with Author Adam Shoalts

Wednesday, December 10 – 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Join us for a captivating evening with acclaimed explorer and bestselling author Adam Shoalts as he presents his latest adventure, *Vanished Beyond the Map: The Mystery of Lost Explorer Hubert Darrell*. Don't miss this chance to hear firsthand about Shoalts' efforts to solve a century-old mystery and the remarkable legacy of a vanished explorer. Hosted at Market Centre Theatre, 22 Reeve Street, Woodstock. Registration required.

## Pub Trivia Night

Wednesday, November 19 – 7–8:30 p.m.

Join us at Upper Thames Brewing Company each month where you and your teammates can test your smarts against other beer enthusiasts! No registration required.



## Crafty Adults

Thursday, November 27 – 7–8 p.m.

Monday, December 22 – 7–8 p.m.

Come out for a fun night of crafting! Check our website for craft details each month. All materials provided. Registration required. Registration opens 2 weeks in advance of the program date.

# Adults & Families

## Cyber Assist

Tuesdays, 10:30–11:30 a.m.  
Wednesdays, 5:30–6:30 p.m.  
Fridays, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Book one-on-one assistance with our technology specialist. Sessions are 30 minutes in length. Book online or call 519-539-4801, extension 3006.

## Genealogy Assist

Book a one-on-one session with a genealogy specialist librarian. Learn how to use the library's digital microfilm readers and e-Resources including Ancestry Library Edition and Paper of Record. Each session is 50 minutes in length. Registration required. Check our website or call 519-539-4801, extension 3006 for available dates and times.

## Dungeons and Dragons:

### Dragon Heist (18+ years)

Saturday, Nov. 15 and 29, Dec. 20 – 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Join us to play the *Waterdeep: Dragon Heist Dungeons and Dragons* module. No previous DND or roleplaying experience is required but a willingness to have fun with a group of like-minded people is. Registration required.

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## Friends of the Library

# BOOK SALE

Saturday,  
November 8  
10am-2pm

CASH ONLY  
Woodstock Public Library



## Become a Member

Purchase a museum membership for discounts on PA Days, camps and adult workshops! Members also get 10% off in the gift shop, one free photo reproduction per year, access to our library and research files, and monthly email newsletters in partnership with the Oxford Historical Society.

**Cost: \$20/Individual, \$30/Family**

## Fall Programs

### Electricity and Magnets PA Day

Friday, Nov. 14 | 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Have a great time making circuits and moving magnets today as we learn about science and how it impacts our lives. **Ages: 5–12**

**\$55 (Members \$49.50)**

### Lunch & Learn: Our Cenotaph Soldiers

Tuesday, Nov. 18 | 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Join us to explore the names on the Woodstock Cenotaph with WPL's Chris Harrington. He'll guide us in a detailed look into a few local soldiers' lives and share the resources he's created to help researchers learn about our past. This presentation is followed by a light lunch. Register in advance to reserve your spot. **Ages: 16+**

**\$25 (Members \$20)**



## Coming Soon! Winter 2026

### Cozy Crafts PA Day

Friday, Jan. 16 | 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Get your craft on in this cozy winter program with your friends. Kick off the year with soft and fuzzy projects, imaginative games, and a cup of cocoa! Please check that your child has this date off before registering. **Ages: 5–12**

**\$55 (Members \$49.50)**



### Winter Games PA Day

Friday, Jan. 30 | 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Explore Italy where the Winter Games take place this year! We'll learn about the ancient Olympics, make podium worthy crafts and play games inspired by places across the globe! **Ages: 5–12**

**\$55 (Members \$49.50)**

### March Break: Awesome Animals!

March 16 – 20 | 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Explore fauna and cool animal species from around the world! We'll craft cute critters, play games, get outside, have special guests and learn about the amazing life of animals. **Ages: 5–12**

**\$200 (Members \$180)**

## Save the Date

Mark your calendars and watch for more details in the New Year!

### Summer Camp Registration

Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2026 | 10 a.m.

### Free Family Day Drop-In

Monday, Feb. 16, 2026



# CHRISTMAS VACATION ESCAPE ROOM

1 hour time slots  
4–9 p.m.

\$20 per person  
4–6 people  
Ages 14+

Fridays and Saturdays  
Nov. 7–Dec. 20

BOOK ONLINE AT  
[WOODSTOCKMUSEUM.CA](http://WOODSTOCKMUSEUM.CA)



## PHYSICS MATTERS

An Interactive Science Exhibit  
Grade 3 to 5 Curriculum

**HELD OVER  
January 2026**

Created by the Woodstock Museum NHS

**UPCOMING  
PROGRAMS****CHILDREN****AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Wednesdays, Oct. 1 – Dec. 10  
4 – 5:30 p.m.

This program is led and supervised by professional arts educators and includes guided gallery tours and art lessons and self-guided activities. Designed to provide time and space for interactive creativity and social engagement. Registration required.

Age: 6 – 12  
Cost: \$8/day

**START WITH ART**

Wednesdays, Nov. 12, Dec. 10, Jan. 7  
11 – 11:45 a.m.

Preschool aged children and their caregivers can join us once a month on select Wednesdays as a professional arts educator guides you through a variety of artistic fundamentals, techniques, materials, and mindful creative practice. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Age: 5 and under  
Cost: \$8/day

**CREATIVE PA DAYS**

Friday, Nov. 14 & Jan. 30  
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Creative PA Day programs include art-making activities and lessons, a lunch break, two snack breaks and outdoor play. The program is led and supervised by professional arts educators and includes both guided and self-guided activities.

Age: 5 – 12  
Cost: \$75 (Members \$60)

**TEENS & ADULTS****LEAVING YOUR MARK: DRAWING EXPLORATIONS**

Wednesdays, Jan. 21 – Feb. 25, 2026  
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

This six-week course with Bob Phillips will attempt to extend your imagination and challenge preconceived ideas about what exactly is a drawing. Registrants will create drawings in a variety of two-dimensional media. Examples of contemporary drawing practice will also be highlighted. Previous drawing experience is required. Materials list will be provided.

Age: 13+  
Cost: \$300 (Members \$250)

**ALL AGES****OPEN STUDIO DROP-IN**

Saturday, Nov. 1  
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Enjoy free art-making projects in the studio as part of our Fall Open House! Everyone is welcome. Children 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

**BIRTHDAY PARTIES AND  
TEAM BUILDING**

Book a children's birthday party or team building program at the WAG! Have fun exploring the exhibits, discover what inspired you and create your choice of three hands-on art projects.

Dates available for November 2025 to March 2026. Visit [woodstockartgallery.ca](http://woodstockartgallery.ca) for more details!

## FALL EXHIBITIONS



Lyn Carter

*The Pinks*

July 26, 2025 –  
Jan. 24, 2026



*Pink 3 and Pink 2, 2025, animation, presented on a 146 x 84 cm display screen*

**together** APART  
**UNDER ONE ROOF**

Nov. 1, 2025 –  
March 7, 2026

Curators:  
Denise Lawson and  
Angela Somerset



Originally presented at Comox Valley Art Gallery, Comox, BC. Circulated by DST Studio, Winnipeg, MB.

Aganetha Dyck

Reva Stone

Diana Thorneycroft



**Jaquie Poole**  
Present in the Moment

July 26, 2025 –  
Jan. 24, 2026

Jaquie Poole, *Flat Rock*, 2009, Acrylic on board, 91.5 cm x 122.3 cm, Gift of Jaquie Poole.  
Photo Credit: Rita Taylor

CELEBRATING OVER

**175 YEARS**

OF OXFORD COUNTY



July 12 –  
March 7, 2026

Court House  
Square photograph,  
1865, Oxford  
County Archives



# Holiday Closures & Schedule Changes

Facility or Service	Dates and Details	
<b>City Hall</b> 500 Dundas St.	<b>Closed:</b> Nov. 11 <b>Closed:</b> Dec. 24–Jan. 1	
<b>Engineering &amp; Public Works</b> 944 James St.	<b>Closed:</b> Nov. 11 <b>Closed:</b> Dec. 24–Jan. 1	
<b>Market Centre</b> 21 Market St.	<b>Closed:</b> Nov. 11 <b>Closed:</b> Dec. 24–Jan. 1	
<b>Cowan Park Sportsplex</b> 895 Ridgewood Dr.	<b>Closed:</b> Dec. 24–26, Jan. 1 (Closing 5 p.m. on Dec. 31)	
<b>Reeves Community Complex</b> 381 Finkle St.	<b>Closed:</b> Dec. 24–26, Jan. 1 (Closing at 3 p.m. on Dec. 31)	
<b>Civic Centre Arena</b> 895 Nellis St.	<b>Closed:</b> Dec. 24–26 & 31, Jan. 1	
<b>Southside Aquatic Centre</b> 315 Finkle St.	<b>Closed for renovations until January</b>	
<b>Woodstock Art Gallery</b> 449 Dundas St.	<b>Closed:</b> Nov. 11 <b>Closed:</b> Dec. 24–Jan. 1	
<b>Woodstock Museum</b> 466 Dundas St.	<b>Closed:</b> Nov. 11 <b>Closed:</b> Dec. 24–Jan. 1	
<b>Woodstock Public Library</b> 445 Hunter St.	<b>Closed:</b> Nov. 11 <b>Closed:</b> Dec. 5, 24–26 & 31, Jan. 1	
<b>Waste Collection</b>	<b>If your collection day is:</b>	<b>Your waste will be picked up:</b>
	Nov. 11	Nov. 12
	Dec. 24	Dec. 22
	Dec. 25	Dec. 23
	Dec. 26	Dec. 29
	Jan. 1	Jan. 2
<b>EnviroDepot</b> 381 Finkle St.	<b>Bonus Full Service Days:</b> Dec. 19 & 30   10 a.m.–6 p.m. <b>Closed:</b> Dec. 24–26, Jan. 1	
<b>Transit &amp; Para-Transit</b>	<b>Service ends at 8 p.m. on Dec. 24</b> <b>No Service:</b> Dec. 25 & 26, Jan. 1	

Visit [www.cityofwoodstock.ca/holidayclosures](http://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/holidayclosures) for details and updates.



# Waste collection changes start January 2026

## Important changes are taking place to curbside waste collection in Woodstock next year



### Green bin organic collection

Oxford County's new green bin organics program begins in January 2026 for Woodstock residents, introducing weekly curbside collection of food scraps, soiled paper, and other compostable materials.

If you haven't received your green bin kit by November 30, please contact Oxford County at [info@wasteline.ca](mailto:info@wasteline.ca) or 1-800-755-0394, ext. 3159.



### Six-day collection schedule

Starting the week of January 5, garbage and organics will be collected on a six-day collection cycle. This type of schedule moves your collection day forward one day from week to week, skipping weekends and holidays.



### Recycling

Beginning January 2026, blue box recycling will no longer be collected by City of Woodstock for Oxford County. This service is being provided across Ontario by Circular Materials with some changes to acceptable materials. You may also have a different collection day for recycling.

Learn more at [www.circularmaterials.ca/city-of-woodstock](http://www.circularmaterials.ca/city-of-woodstock)



Remember to place your green bin at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on your collection day



Download the **Wasteline** app for reminders and service updates



Reminder: Bag tags increase to \$3.00 per tag starting January 1, 2026



For more information visit

[www.oxfordcounty.ca/new-waste-collection](http://www.oxfordcounty.ca/new-waste-collection)

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