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Woodstock

DOWNTOWN STREETS

Streetscape updates begin to take shape Downtown.

WINTER RECREATION

Recreation Woodstock feature plus summer camp registration.

NEW AT COWAN FIELDS

Exciting changes are in the works for recreation in north Woodstock.



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WE ARE HIRING

SUMMER STUDENT POSITIONS ARE AVAILABLE IN:

- Parks
- Public Works
- Water
- Art Gallery
- Museum
- Recreation and Camps
- Treasury
- Information Technology
- Economic Development

Roles include:

- Student Labourers
- Visitor Services Assistants
- Curatorial / Collections Assistants
- Summer Camp Supervisors
- Summer Camp Leaders
- Office Support

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City of Woodstock Phone Directory Contacts

Art Gallery.....	519-539-6761
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 www.cityofwoodstock.ca/wowevents



Understanding your City's budget

Your property taxes directly fund the wide variety of services and facilities our community gets to enjoy. Every year, we face the difficult task of balancing our community's needs with the resources available. This involves carefully planning for both present demands and future growth. It's a juggling act that ensures the long-term sustainability of the services and infrastructure that we all rely on each day.

The Two Parts of Our Budget

Capital Budget: The capital budget includes funding for big-ticket items. Initiatives like the upgrade or repair of buildings, roads, parks etc. and equipment like vehicles or heavy machinery.

Revenue (or Operating) Budget: This is all about keeping the city's day-to-day operations running smoothly. Expenses like wages, licences, materials and supplies are funded from the operating budget.

Where We're at in the Process

The Capital Budget was adopted at the Dec. 12 Council meeting. Some of the notable projects included in the 2025 Budget are:

- Eight new pickleball courts at Cowan Fields
- A new sport themed splash pad at Cowan Sportsplex
- Expanded changerooms at Southside Aquatic Centre
- Phase 2 of the Downtown Streetscape

Staff is preparing the draft Revenue Fund Budget for presentation to Council starting at their Feb. 20 meeting. The draft budget is the blueprint for achieving Council's goals and priorities and maintaining existing service levels. It also identifies any new funding initiatives needed to support Woodstock's growth. Once a draft budget is finalized, it will be available for review as part of the agenda package and posted on our website at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/budget

Participating in the Process

We encourage you to review the information on our website, attend the meetings in person or online to learn about the proposed initiatives and follow the discussion and share your thoughts with your members of Council. Your feedback is critical to helping them make informed decisions that best represent the needs of the community.

The budget process is more than just numbers and spreadsheets; it's about making sure Woodstock remains a vibrant, thriving place to live. Your municipal taxes are a vital part of this process, directly impacting the quality of life here in Woodstock. By understanding where your money goes and participating in budget discussions, you're helping to build a better future for all of us.

Dundas Street Phase 1 begins this spring



Dundas Street will start to look a little different this year as construction begins on the Downtown Streetscape.

In March 2024, Council directed staff to proceed with phase one, which includes the section of Dundas between Riddell Street and Wellington Street.

“The work that’s being done is all about improving accessibility, helping pedestrians feel safe and comfortable downtown, supporting the growth of local businesses and creating an inclusive environment for everyone,” said Kerry Baird, Downtown Development Officer.

Rolled curbs and flexible spaces

One of the first things you’ll notice when you walk or drive down the new street will be the rolled curbs that separate the sidewalks, parking spaces and road.

Unlike barrier or straight curbs, rolled curbs have a gentle slope that can be crossed by both vehicles and pedestrians.

“The existing curbs are a significant challenge for people who use wheelchairs and other assistive devices, families with strollers, or even someone

with a temporary mobility issue like a broken leg. By removing that barrier, more people will be able to enjoy the amazing businesses and services we have downtown,” said Baird.

The rolled curbs also allow more flexibility for events and activities without having to fully close the street, enabling businesses to explore opportunities like sidewalk sales or more easily set up patios in the summer.



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Bright and inviting lights

In addition to the rolled curbs, the streets will be lit by new streetlights as well as catenary lights,

which are suspended from cables between light posts.

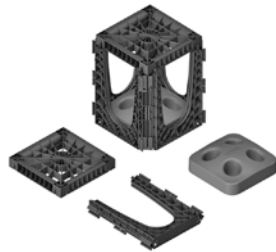
This style of lighting creates a warm and inviting atmosphere, while ensuring the streets are brightly lit.

“The downtown has so much to offer in the evening. People can enjoy dinner out, go shopping, see a show or attend a creative workshop,” explained Baird. “There are also many residents who come home or leave work late at night. The new lighting will help everyone feel safe and comfortable, no matter the time of day.”

The light posts can also be used for multiple decorative and seasonal elements including hanging flower baskets, banners and holiday lights.



Catenary lights



Soil cells

Green design

The environment is another focus of the improvements. New garbage containers will help keep the street litter-free, while bike racks will support active transportation in the downtown core.

Trees will also line Dundas Street with the aid of soil cells. This innovative technology is designed to help trees grow in an urban environment.

The interlocking components provide structural support and allow roots to grow and expand, without causing damage to the pavement above or interfering with other critical infrastructure underground.

Investing in the community

The budget for phase one is \$2.7 million. The next phase of the project was also included in 2025 Capital budget and will focus on the section of Dundas Street between Light Street and Graham Street, with a budget of \$2.9 million.

“We’re working with several local companies, so that money is going back into our community,” said Baird.

The tender was awarded to Viewcon Construction Ltd. Maglin Site Furniture is also supplying the benches, bicycle racks, planters and garbage cans, and the soil cells are created by GreenBlue Urban Ltd.



Woodstock Art Cycle bike racks

Construction impacts

Construction for phase one is scheduled to start by April 1 depending on the weather, with phase two planned for the fall.

City staff are working with the contractor to limit the impact to residents who live, work, shop and eat downtown and ensure businesses will be accessible during business hours.

Updates and information including road closures and transit detours will be shared on the City’s website and social media as construction gets underway.

You can learn more at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/streetscape

Get Involved!

The City is also developing interpretative signage as part of the Downtown Streetscape project. You’ll have the opportunity to share your input on moments in time, places and people that have built our community. Watch for the survey at www.letstalkwoodstock.ca



CONVENTIONAL & PARA-TRANSIT HOURS OF OPERATION

- Now running Monday–Saturday: 6 a.m.–10 p.m.

No Sunday or Holiday bus service. Find route and 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.
- 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.

Winter is here!

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



EnviroDepot Winter Hours

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 – 6 a.m. from December 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



Looking to access your health records online?

Learn more about ConnectMyHealth!

What Is ConnectMyHealth?

ConnectMyHealth is this region's new patient portal that can provide you with access to your health records from participating hospitals in southwestern Ontario, and help empower your health journey. You will be able to view various types of health records, including radiology reports and images, laboratory and microbiology results, hospital discharge summaries, and more!

Using ConnectMyHealth, you can view your upcoming appointments, and subscribe to be notified by email when you have new results available, at participating hospitals.

ConnectMyHealth is safe and secure, can be used on desktop/laptop computers or mobile devices, and there is no cost to use it.

Visit <https://info.ConnectMyHealth.ca>, or scan the QR code for more information, including how to register for your account



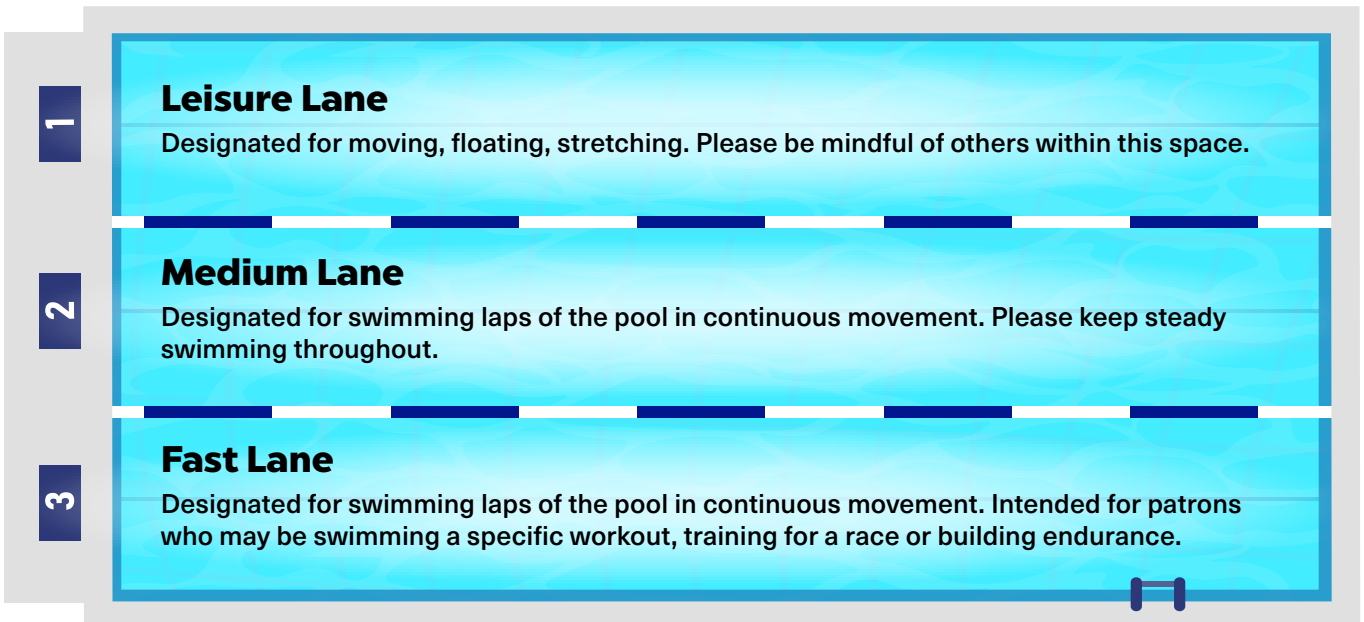
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Aquatics

Lane Swims

Not only is swimming a life saving skill, but it is also a fantastic whole-body workout with many health benefits. Whether you're looking to build endurance, improve strokes or stay active, Southside Aquatic Centre offers lane swim opportunities for all ages. Pool length 25 m : 40 lengths = 1 km.

The pool is split into 3 double lanes:



Swimming

- The deep end area is available for shorter distance swims, floating, socializing, and treading water.
- Please be mindful of others within this space.
- Please follow the circle swim pattern in the medium and fast lanes. Circle swimming allows for more swimmers to participate and eliminates disruption as new swimmers join the lane.
- Pull buoys and flutter boards are available on deck for swimmers to use.
- We encourage you to take breaks during your swim. Please take breaks at the end of the lane to avoid disruption for other swimmers.

Food and Drink

- Food is NOT allowed on the pool deck, in the water and cannot be consumed while swimming.
- Gum is a choking hazard and must be thrown out prior to your swim.
- You are welcomed to bring water in a plastic bottle onto the pool deck to stay hydrated during your swim.
- Glass bottles and other types of drinks are prohibited on the pool deck.

Lifeguards

- Lifeguards are always present on deck to ensure the safety of this program.
- Please follow pool and facility rules and any instructions from the lifeguard.
- Please ask lifeguards if you need assistance regarding lane placement or concerns surrounding this program.

Days & Times

Lane Swim Schedule – Winter Session 1 (Jan 6–Feb 23)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday & Thursday	Friday	Saturday & Sunday
6:30 a.m.–2 p.m.	6:30–10:10 a.m. 8:10–9:30 p.m.	6:30 a.m.–2 p.m. 8:10–9:30 p.m.	6:30 a.m.–2 p.m.	6:30–8:30 a.m. 12–1:50 p.m.

Note: Schedule is subject to change. Lane direction may change or pool may be divided into numerous activities

Cost

Age	Single Admission	10 Admission Pack	1–Month Membership	3–Month Membership	12–Month Membership
Child	\$3	\$27	\$26	\$65	\$200
Adult	\$4.50	\$40.50	\$40	\$100	\$345
Senior	\$3.75	\$33.75	\$36	\$90	\$296

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Note: Lane swim is NOT a learn to swim program, we highly recommend taking swimming lessons with an instructor at Southside prior to attending if you do not know how to swim. We offer a wide range of swim lesson options for all ages.

A list of available programs can be found at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/registernow

Leadership & Learn to Swim

Becoming a lifeguard is a great way to develop leadership skills, share your passion for swimming with others and find a rewarding part-time job (or even life-long career!)

Certification	Requirements
Bronze Star (optional)	8+
Bronze Medallion and Emergency First Aid	13+ or Bronze Star
Bronze Cross and Standard First Aid	13+, Bronze Medallion and Emergency First Aid
National Lifeguard and Airway Management	15+, Bronze Cross and Standard First Aid
Assistant Swim Instructor and HIGH FIVE (optional) (once complete you can apply to be an assistant instructor!)	14+, Bronze Cross and Standard First Aid
Swim Instructors* (*once both are complete you can apply to be a swim instructor!)	15+, Bronze Cross and Standard First Aid; and, Instructor Pack
Lifesaving Swim Instructors* (*once both are complete you can apply to be a swim instructor!)	15+, Bronze Cross and Standard First Aid; HIGH FIVE; and, Instructor Pack

Find a full list of leadership programs at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/leadership

New! Leadership Lending Library

We're partnering with Woodstock Public Library to provide one manual per course for registrants with a library card to borrow. Manuals include *National Lifeguard Alert Manual*, *Bronze Medallion & Cross: Canadian Lifesaving Manual* and *Swim & Lifesaving Instructor: Instructor Pack*.

Learn to Swim

We offer learn to swim programs for kids 4 months and older, including teen and adult lessons.



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Parent and Tot

Children aged 4 months to 3 years (children participate with a parent or adult in the pool).

Preschool

Children aged 3–5 can gain confidence and comfort in the water as they develop a foundation in water skills.

Swimmer

Children aged 5–12 years old participate in the Lifesaving Society's six level swimmer program to develop swimming skills and Water Smart education.

Swim Patrol

Children aged 5–12 develop swim strokes and conditioning as they improve strength and efficiency in the water.

Teen Lessons

Help youth aged 12–18 develop confidence and improve swimming ability no matter what their current ability is.

Adult Lessons

Adults 18+ can work with instructors to learn how to swim or improve their current ability and fitness.

Find descriptions of the levels and register for lessons at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/aquatics

Aquatics Refund Policy

If you've registered for a leadership course or swimming lessons and can no longer attend, please let us know as soon as possible!

Leadership Courses

- No refunds or credits will be issued if you cancel less than five days before the program starts, unless you provide a medical note.

Swimming Lessons

- You will receive a full refund or credit if you cancel at least five days before the first lesson. You can also transfer into another program if one is available.
- If you cancel before the second lesson, a prorated credit will be applied to your account. Refunds will not be issued.
- No credits or refunds will be issued if you cancel after the second lesson, unless you provide a medical note.

Cowan Park Sportsplex

Drop-in Programs

We offer a number of drop-in programs that allow you to get out and be active with no commitment. Drop-in programs include:

Turf Time

Turf Time is available for Parent and Tot, Children, Youth and Adults – unstructured play on our indoor turf field. Indoor running shoes are required.

Open Gym

Open gym times are available for Children, Youth and Adults. Activities include basketball and volleyball.

Pick-up Sports

You can also check Pick-Up Hub for drop-in teen and adult sports including hockey, floor hockey, basketball and soccer.

Walking Track

Our indoor walking track is open daily and welcomes guests of all ages. The drop-in rate for the walking track is \$3 per visit. Memberships are also available. For hours, membership prices and rules, visit the website or call the sportsplex.

Pickleball

Drop-in pickleball is available at Cowan Park Sportsplex. Due to the popularity of this sport, we recommend booking a spot in advance. You can also grab 3 friends and book a court.

Find details at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/pickleball

Drop-in Program Fees

Age	Single Admission	10 Admission Pack
Child	\$3	\$27
Adult	\$4.50	\$40.50
Senior	\$3.75	\$33.75

For up-to-date schedules, rates and details on any of the above programs visit www.recreationwoodstock.ca or call 519-539-2382 x 2740.



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BIRTHDAY PARTY PACKAGES

Available at Cowan Park Sportsplex

Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. or 1–3 p.m. or 4–6 p.m.

Packages include:

- 2 hours on the indoor turf
- 1 program instructor to lead party activities tailored to your interests
- Assistance with set-up and we'll clean-up for you!

Available party activities include soccer, camp games, parachute, laser tag, Nerf guns, imagination playground, and much more! The choice is yours and you are welcome to use as much or as little of the equipment we offer.

\$236.25 for up to 15 participating children | \$315 for 16–30 participating children
(does not include food or decorations)

Please visit www.recreationwoodstock.ca for more information and to complete a facility request form



Recreation
Woodstock

Reeves Community Complex

Goff Gymnasium

Book a Pickleball Court

Grab three friends and book one of our courts for some pickleball action! The cost to book a court is \$13.86 for 1.5 hours. Walk-ins are not accepted. Registration opens online three days in advance. One member of your group is responsible for booking the court for your team.

Find details and register at
www.cityofwoodstock.ca/pickleball



Available Timeslots

Days	Times
Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays	12:30–2 p.m. 2–3:30 p.m. 3:30–5 p.m.
Tuesdays and select Thursdays	3:30–5 p.m. 5–6:30 p.m. 6:30–8 p.m. 8–9:30 p.m.
Select Saturdays	2–3:30 p.m. 3:30–5 p.m.
NEW! Sundays	9–10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m. 12–1:30 p.m. 1:30–3:00 p.m.

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Sports and Fitness Programs

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The City offers a variety of sports and fitness programs for children and youth including:

- Basketball
- Floor Hockey
- Volleyball
- Soccer
- Dodgeball



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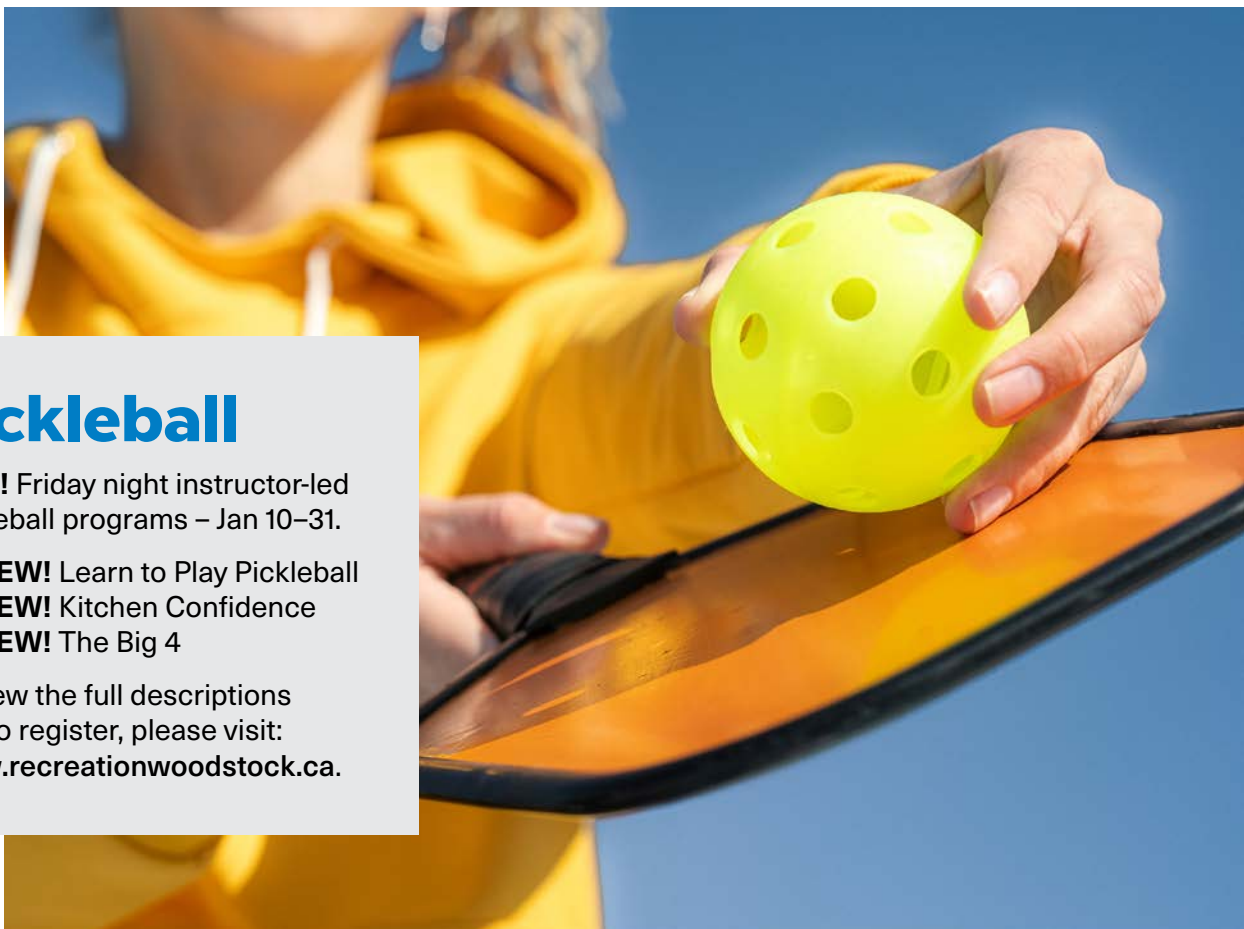


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Pickleball

NEW! Friday night instructor-led Pickleball programs – Jan 10–31.

- **NEW!** Learn to Play Pickleball
- **NEW!** Kitchen Confidence
- **NEW!** The Big 4

To view the full descriptions and to register, please visit:
www.recreationwoodstock.ca.

General Recreation and Development Programs

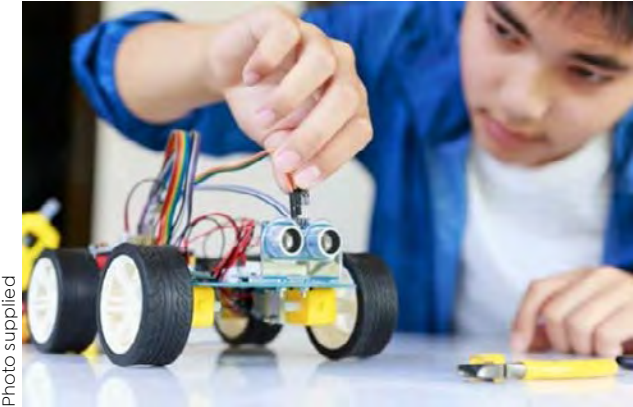


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Stemotics/Robotics

Develop motor and cognitive skills in fun, STEM focused learning program. Geared towards grade-school kids, participants will learn foundational concepts in physics, engineering and programming.

Babysitting Courses

Participants will learn how to supervise younger siblings or other children in a safe and responsible manner, basic first aid skills and how to run a small babysitting business.



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Home Alone Courses

The Home Alone Safety for Kids program helps children and their families get ready for their child's first steps towards independence with a focus on safety and accident prevention.



Recreation
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PA Day and March Break Camps

available at Cowan Park Sportsplex,
Woodstock Museum and Woodstock Art Gallery



Register now for our PA Day camps for kids aged 4-12



To register visit www.recreationwoodstock.ca

Summer Camps

We have a jam-packed, adventure-seeking, fun-filled summer planned for your campers! City of Woodstock summer camps offer fun, friendship and excitement for a wide variety of interests in an environment that supports kids' healthy development. View our camps at a glance on the next page. Visit www.recreationwoodstock.ca for program descriptions, information about our summer camp payment plan and to register. Registration begins on Feb 3, 2025 at 10 a.m.



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




Recreation Camps






















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

Traditional Day Camps






	Age	Featured Activity*	July 2-4	July 7-11	July 14-18	July 21-25	July 28-Aug 1	Aug 5-8	Aug 11-15	Aug 18-22	Aug 25-29	Fee
Cowan Kinder Camp	4 to 5	 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$212
Cowan Tykes	6 to 7	 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$195
Cowan Juniors	8 to 9	 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$195
Cowan Seniors	10 to 12	 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$195

Specialty / Themed Camps

Ultimate Sports Camp – Juniors	6 to 8	  		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$195
Ultimate Sports Camp – Seniors	9 to 12	  		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$195
Pack & Go	8 to 12	 		✓		✓		✓		✓		\$375
Little Picasso Art & Swim Camp	6 to 9	  			✓			✓		✓		\$195
Stemotics/Robotics – Minecraft Coding	6 to 9	 							✓	✓		\$375
Stemotics/Robotics – Lego WeDo	6 to 9	 		✓	✓							\$375
DIY Camp	6 to 9			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$195
Summer Sport & Cycling Camp – Beginner	7 to 9				✓		✓			✓		\$195
Summer Sport & Cycling Camp – Pro	8 to 12	  		✓		✓			✓			\$195








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

Specialty / Themed Camps







Explore the Outdoors – Hiking Camp	8 to 12	 		✓	✓		✓					\$195
Summer Sport & Bronze Star Camp	9 to 12	  		✓		✓			✓			\$375
Summer Sport & Learn to Swim Camp	6 to 9	 			✓		✓					\$325

Reeves Complex 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Traditional Day Camps















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Specialty / Themed Camps

Pack & Go	8 to 12	 		✓		✓		✓		✓		\$375
Pre-Season Conditioning Hockey Camp JR	7 to 9									✓	✓	\$375
Pre-Season Conditioning Hockey Camp SR	10 to 12									✓	✓	\$375
Summer Sport & Skating Camp JR	4 to 7								✓	✓	✓	\$375
Summer Sport & Skating Camp SR	8 to 12								✓	✓	✓	\$375

Cowan Fields 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Specialty / Themed Camps

Fields Kinder Camp	4 to 5		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$212
Fields Tykes	6 to 7	 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$195
Ultimate Sports Camp – Juniors	8 to 9	 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$195
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Pack & Go	8 to 12	 	✓		✓		✓		✓			\$375
Racquets & Paddles – NEW!	8 to 12			✓		✓			✓			\$325
Activate – NEW!	9 to 12	 		✓		✓			✓			\$375
Summer Sport & Learn to Swim Camp	6 to 9	  			✓		✓					\$325

*  Swimming  Off-site Trips  Specialized Instructor

Register for a Program

The City offers a number of recreation, culture and leisure programs to help Woodstock residents get out, get active and be healthy! There are three ways to register for programs and activities:



Online

Login (or create your account) on our online program registration system: www.cityofwoodstock.ca/registernow.

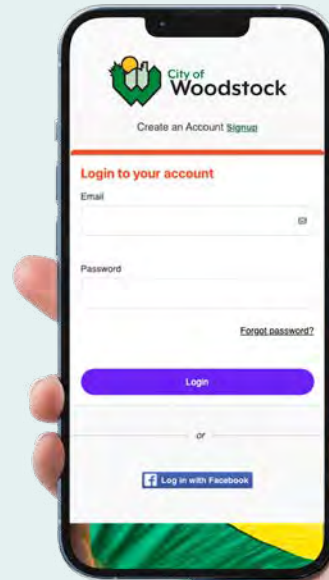
Once you're logged into your account you can:

- View and register for programs and activities
- Reserve a spot in one of our drop-in programs
- Find information about City facilities available for rent
- Manage your account details

To register programs and activities you'll need:

- Your email address and password
- Visa or Mastercard
- Program name and Course ID (which can be found in the registration system)

You'll find step-by-step instructions on how to create an account on our website.



In Person or By Phone

You can register in person for programs at:

- Cowan Park Sportsplex, 895 Ridgewood Dr.
519-539-1291 x 2740
- Reeves Community Complex, 381 Finkle St.
519-539-1291 x 4301
- Southside Aquatic Centre, 315 Finkle St.
519-539-2382 x 2701
- Woodstock Art Gallery, 449 Dundas St.
519-539-6761
- Woodstock Museum, 466 Dundas St.
519-537-8411

Fee Assistance

The City offers fee assistance to residents whose family income falls below the low-income cut-off (based on their family size).

The Fee Assistance In Recreation (FAIR) program allows qualifying participants to sign up for recreation and leisure activities and buy Woodstock Transit passes at reduced rates.

Learn more at: www.cityofwoodstock.ca/fair



Check out the COW Tales 'Way Back When' contest on page 23 and enter today!

A: 735 Rathbourne Ave.



Photos supplied

Nominate your local sports hero!

Do you know a local team, athlete or community member from Woodstock who deserves to be recognized for their outstanding accomplishments? It's time to nominate them for the Sports Wall of Fame!

The Recreation Advisory Committee's Sports Wall of Fame celebrates the contributions and athletic achievements of hundreds of individuals and teams.

Eight new inductees were added to the roster in 2023. The City also launched an updated virtual experience at Reeves Community Complex, showcasing all the past inductees and their accomplishments.

The next round of nominations is due March 31.

Who can you nominate?

Athletes: Individuals who have won or participated in provincial, national, international or professional competitions.

Teams: Teams that have won provincial, national or international competitions or have contributed significantly to sport in our community and encouraged others to participate.

Builders of Sports: Individuals or organizations that have contributed significantly to sports and sport development in the community, from administration and officiating to mentoring youth.

Historic Contributions: Achievements over 40 years ago that have made lasting impacts.

Lifetime Achievements: Icons who have shaped the sports scene in Woodstock and made significant contributions in athletic achievement, organization, development, mentoring, volunteering or coaching.

Honourable Achievements: Special contributions made by individuals or teams.

How to submit a nomination

Help us continue to celebrate Woodstock's rich sports history! You can submit a nomination online at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/sportswalloffame.

Make sure to include as much information about the nominees as possible including the sport they participated in, their accomplishments, biographical information, a high-quality photo, a reference and any supporting documentation like news articles or clippings.

2023 Inductees

Special Recognition:

Amanda Nelson —
Ultra Marathon Runner

Special Recognition: Alida
Kingswood — Rowing

Builder of Sport: Tom Arnott
— Football Coach

Teams: WCI 1990–91
Senior Boy's Basketball

Historic: Peter Ferguson
— Badminton

Individual Female Athlete:
Karen Hansen — Rowing

Teams: WCI 1990–91
Senior Boy's Volleyball

Individual Male Athlete:
Derek Couch — Wrestling

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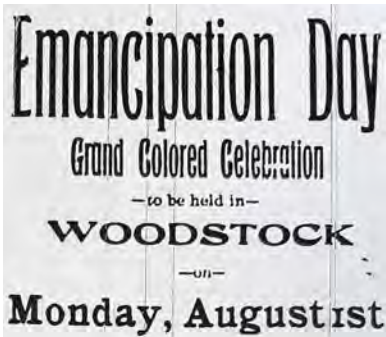
EXPLORE

Get to know your community. Get out and explore this winter.

www.TourismOxford.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. February marks Black History Month and Heritage Week (Feb. 17–23, 2025) in Canada.



Emancipation Day

The Slavery Abolition Act legally ended slavery across the British Empire on Aug. 1, 1834. Emancipation Day events soon became a tradition across Canada, providing an opportunity for Black communities to come together, reflect on the past, celebrate freedom and fight for equality. One event organized by the Woodstock Colored Society in 1898 included a baseball match, parade, competitions and musical performances. Photo: Emancipation Day Celebration Announcement, *Woodstock Sentinel-Review*, July 22, 1898, Oxford County Archives.



Gilbert Sanders

Born around 1841, Gil Sanders came to Woodstock after escaping slavery in the US. He started the only barber shop in town on Dundas Street. The 1871 Census shows Sanders employed two Black men, Henry Anderson and William Tillman, as barbers. Sanders had three children with Caroline Hisson, whom he married in 1869. After her death in 1885, he also had a son with Flora Johnson. Sanders died sometime before 1901. Photo: Gil Sanders, 1860–1900, Woodstock Museum NHS.



George Washington Jones

Woodstock's self-appointed town crier was born into slavery around 1856 and escaped to Canada in a boxcar. Jones lived in Chatham before coming to Woodstock in 1925 as part of a travelling carnival. Equipped with a sandwich board, bell and megaphone, he advertised local events and businesses and was a major source of news. Jones was well-respected in the community until his death in 1951. Photo: George "Washington" Jones, 1930 C, Woodstock Museum NHS.



Heritage Properties

The Ontario Heritage Act allows municipalities to designate and protect historic or culturally significant properties. There are currently 31 designated properties in Woodstock. Built in 1928, the former Chalmers United Church at 15 Vansittart Ave., is the youngest on the list. The building is recognized for its Gothic Revival architecture and the deep historical roots of its original congregation, which began in 1852. Today it's home to Grace Presbyterian Church. Photo: Chalmers United Church postcard, 1934, Woodstock Museum NHS.

C.O.W. TALES

Way Back When Contest

THE WINNER of the November/December 'Way Back When' Contest question is Emanuel Rebelo. He correctly answered that 'Bernadette Smith' was the former Woodstock mayor born on Christmas Day in 1895. Emanuel wins a \$50 gift card from Boston Pizza Woodstock.

CONGRATULATIONS to Sue Manak, grand prize winner of the 2024 'Way Back When' Contest! Sue wins a \$100 gift card from Boston Pizza Woodstock. Now, for 2025, you can enter for eight chances to win a \$50 gift card from Boston Pizza Woodstock. Enter today!

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431 Norwich Ave
519-536-7800
www.bostonpizza.com

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.** Which local landmark is named in honour of George Washington Jones? (See pg. 27)
- Q.** What was the name of the Park Row church founded by two men who escaped slavery? (See pg. 3)
- Q.** Which heritage building is the former home of Captain Andrew Drew? (See pg. 19)
- Q.** Where was Gil Sanders' barber shop located in 1889? (See pg. 31)
- Q.** Where did the Chalmers United Church congregation first worship and what building stands there now?

Send your answer along with your name and phone number to wow@cityofwoodstock.ca by Friday, February 7, 2025. You can also drop your answer in the contest box at City Hall.

Put a **FREEZE** on Winter Fires



Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, be fire smart!



Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, or space heaters.

Install carbon monoxide and smoke alarms on every floor and outside of sleeping areas. Test them monthly.



Fire Safety Saves Lives!

Questions? Call the Fire Prevention Division at 519-537-3412



FAMILY DAY

FEB. 17, 2025

Enjoy activities and fun for the whole family!
Visit www.cityofwoodstock.ca/familyday for schedule updates and shuttle details.



Free Shuttle Bus | 9 a.m. – 5:10 p.m.
Courtesy of Woodstock Transit



Cowan Park Sportsplex

895 Ridgewood Dr.

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|--------------------------|--|--|
| 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. | | Walking Track Open
Regular drop-in rate and admission standards apply |
| 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. | | Free Open Turf Time <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Turf A: Parent and Tot• Turf B: Nerf Tag and Laser Tag• Turf C: Soccer and Capture the Flag |
| 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. | | Free Family Volleyball |
| 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. | | Free Family Basketball |
| 1 – 3 p.m. | | Free Family Movie |

Woodstock Museum

466 Dundas St.



10 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Free Family Drop-In

Join us as we explore Physics Matters, a new hands-on science exhibit for kids and the young at heart! Enjoy science demonstrations throughout the day, family friendly activities, crafts and a children's scavenger hunt.

Woodstock Art Gallery

449 Dundas St.



WOODSTOCK
ART GALLERY

10 a.m. – 12 p.m. | Free Open Studio Drop-In

Enjoy art activities for all ages and Storytime with the Woodstock Public Library! All activities are self-directed, supervised by professional art educators and designed to be completed in 15 to 20 minutes.

1 – 3 p.m. | Free Winter 2025 Open House

Join us in the afternoon for demonstrations, exhibition tours and talks with visiting artists.

Southside Aquatic Centre

315 Finkle St.

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Lane Swim

Regular drop-in swimming rates and admission standards apply

1:15 – 3:15 p.m. | Public Swim

Regular drop-in swimming rates and admission standards apply

Reeves Community Complex

381 Finkle St.

1:15 p.m. | Woodstock Navy Vets vs. New Hamburg Fire Birds (Red Pad)

Tickets available at the Complex starting at 12:40 p.m.

Free admission for kids under 12 accompanied by an adult and kids ages 13–16 wearing their favourite sports jersey.

3:45 – 5:45 p.m. | Free Public Skate (Red Pad)

Sponsored by the Woodstock Navy Vets



Photos supplied

Planning for the future at Cowan Fields

Some exciting changes are underway this year at Cowan Fields.

The 24-acre outdoor recreation complex in the northeast of Woodstock opened in 2017 and currently features a spray pad, playground and three Class A baseball diamonds.

Construction on a new cricket pitch began last year and is expected to be finished in the spring. New outdoor pickleball courts are also in the works. Eight proposed courts were included in the 2025 Capital budget and staff will be preparing the tender for construction to take place in late summer.

“Woodstock has seen growing interest in both of these sports over the last few years. A cricket pitch and pickleball courts were recommended as part of the Recreation Facility Needs Study in 2021, so it’s great to see these new outdoor amenities start to come online,” said Brian Connors, Director of Parks and Recreation.

The City is also looking ahead at a proposed indoor facility at Cowan Fields. The Recreation Facility Needs Study recommended a community centre with a single pad arena (with the ability to add a second pad in the future), a gym and multi-purpose rooms.

Last year, Council directed staff to move forward with a feasibility study to explore this recommendation further, identify how recreation trends may have changed since 2021, and provide cost estimates.

Need for space is growing

An update on the North Woodstock Recreation Facility Study was presented to Council in November.

One notable change the study found is that ice use in Woodstock exceeded previous projections, with over one thousand more hours of ice time rented during the 2023 – 2024 season, compared to 2018 – 2019. Participation in local ice sports also increased almost 20 per cent.

The City currently has two ice pads at Reeves Community Complex and one pad at Civic Centre Arena, which are both near capacity. Civic Centre Arena is also at the end of its life cycle. In addition to not meeting current accessibility standards, the 55-year-old arena will need repairs just to stay in operation. The refrigeration floor, boards and benches, for example, will cost an estimated \$2 million to replace.

The study also found that registration for swimming programs increased, while gym operating hours were expanded in the summer to accommodate the growing demand for rentals and programs.

The City's overall population is continuing to grow on top of this demand, with more children, teens and older adults now calling Woodstock home — and looking for accessible and affordable recreation opportunities.

What could the facility look like?



Based on the findings of the North Woodstock Recreation Facility Study, the updated recommendation is for a multi-use community centre anchored by a twin-pad arena, gymnasium and multi-purpose rooms, along with an indoor aquatics centre. The estimated cost for these core components is \$85.4 million.

The study also provided conceptual plans to show how the facility could be laid out. While these are high level plans that are subject to change through the design process, they give residents an opportunity to imagine what a new indoor recreation facility might look like in the future.

Core Components	Optional
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twin pad arena • Gymnasium • Indoor aquatics centre • Multipurpose rooms • Administrative space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curling facility • Childcare space
<p>Estimated Cost: \$85.4 million</p>	<p>Estimated Cost: \$15.6 million</p>

What's next?

Construction of the proposed facility is still years away and before shovels can go in the ground, the project will have to be considered by Council as part of future capital budget discussions.

In the meantime, a survey will be rolling out early in the new year to gather feedback from the public.

“We want to know what's most important to residents, what they think about the proposed amenities and how they would use the space. That feedback will not only guide the design process and shape what the facility looks like, it will also help Council make informed decisions going forward,” said Connors.

You can find information about the survey and more opportunities for engagement at www.letstalkwoodstock.ca.



Check out the COW Tales 'Way Back When' contest on page 23 and enter today!

A: George Washington Jones Walk in Museum Square.

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

Under the current policy, the City provides grants to volunteer, non-profit and charitable organizations to help them fund programs and initiatives that improve the well-being of the community. Staff will bring forward a report to Council in January with recommendations for updates to the policy relating to eligibility and application requirements.

Visit the website at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/communitygrants for details.

The deadline to apply is
Monday, March 3 at 4:30 p.m.*
* subject to change pending Council's decision



Recreational Skating Schedule

Public Skating – Jan

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

Date	Sponsor	Location
Jan 2	Brock and Visser Funeral Homes	Civic Centre
Jan 7	Bucholtz Home Comfort	Civic Centre
Jan 8	Brock and Visser Funeral Homes	Reeves Green
Jan 9	City of Woodstock – Parks and Recreation Department	Civic Centre
Jan 11	Brock and Visser Funeral Homes	Civic Centre
Jan 12	Brock and Visser Funeral Homes	Reeves Red
Jan 14	Brantwood Services Ltd.	Civic Centre
Jan 15	City of Woodstock – Parks and Recreation Department	Reeves Green
Jan 16	Woodstock Old Buoys Hockey Team	Civic Centre
Jan 18	Arpan Khanna, MP Oxford	Civic Centre
Jan 19	Fanshawe College	Reeves Red
Jan 21	City of Woodstock – Parks and Recreation Department	Civic Centre
Jan 22	Brock and Visser Funeral Homes	Reeves Green
Jan 23	Brock and Visser Funeral Homes	Civic Centre
Jan 25	Upper Thames Brewing Company / Brickhouse Brewpub	Civic Centre
Jan 26	Aduro Athletics	Reeves Red
Jan 28	City of Woodstock – Parks and Recreation Department	Civic Centre
Jan 29	Oxford Plumbing	Reeves Green
Jan 30	City of Woodstock – Parks and Recreation Department	Civic Centre

Public Skating – Feb

Upcoming Dates

Date	Sponsor	Location
Feb 1	Mackey Moving	Civic Centre
Feb 2	Brock and Visser Funeral Homes	Reeves Red
Feb 4	Oxford Plumbing	Civic Centre
Feb 5	Oxford County Paramedics	Reeves Green
Feb 6	Brantwood Services Ltd.	Civic Centre
Feb 8	City of Woodstock – Parks and Recreation Department	Civic Centre
Feb 9	Brock and Visser Funeral Homes	Reeves Red
Feb 11	Upper Thames Brewing Company / Brickhouse Brewpub	Civic Centre
Feb 12	City of Woodstock – Parks and Recreation Department	Reeves Green
Feb 13	A.P. Hurley	Civic Centre
Feb 15	Steve Hart Excavating	Civic Centre
Feb 16	Woodstock Police Association	Reeves Red
Feb 18	Adams Building Supply	Civic Centre
Feb 19	Adams Building Supply	Reeves Green
Feb 20	Adams Building Supply	Civic Centre
Feb 22	Brock and Visser Funeral Homes	Civic Centre
Feb 23	Brock and Visser Funeral Homes	Reeves Red
Feb 25	City of Woodstock – Parks and Recreation Department	Civic Centre
Feb 26	Brock and Visser Funeral Homes	Reeves Green
Feb 27	Bucholtz Home Comfort	Civic Centre

Holiday Skating

Reeves Community Complex – Red Rink

Jan 2, 1:15–2:05 p.m.

Sponsored by The Realty Firm,
B&B Real Estate Team

We are very pleased to offer free skating for the 2024 – 2025 season. It wouldn't have been possible without the support of our Community Sponsors. Please show them your support throughout the season!

MORE INFO:

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: Jan 1, 3

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.

PA Day Skating

Reeves Community Complex – Red Rink
Jan 17, 1:15–2:05 p.m.
Sponsored by Palleck Orthodontics

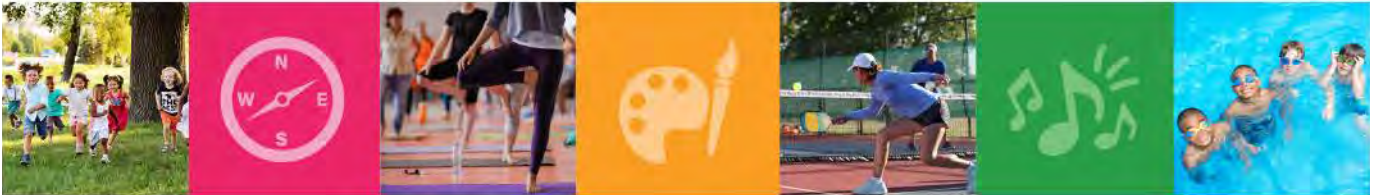
Adult Skating

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: Jan 1, 3, 17, Feb 17

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



ANNUAL REC & LEISURE *Fair*

Sunday, March 2, 2025
Oxford Auditorium | 875 Nellis St.
1–4 p.m.

Call for Vendors

Local sports teams and leagues, interest groups, community organizations and leisure interests of all kinds.

Space is limited! Sign up now at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/recfair



Winter watermain woes

Watermain breaks often happen with sudden temperature changes which is why they happen more frequently in winter months. These temperature swings cause the ground to expand or contract which can put pressure on pipes causing them to crack. As pipes age, they are more likely to break. Watermain breaks can also happen occasionally as a result of damage during construction.

The Water Distribution Network

Safe and clean drinking water is delivered to properties throughout the City through a network of nearly 300 km of watermains. We work together with Oxford County, who is ultimately is accountable for the water and wastewater services across the County. Through a contract with the County, the City of Woodstock is responsible for the monitoring, maintenance and repair of these services in the City.

Most watermains are cast iron, ductile iron or PVC pipes. The average age of the watermains in Woodstock is 33–42 years old and the anticipated useful life is approximately 90 years. PVC watermains became more prominently used in the mid 1980's in Ontario in new development areas as well as most reconstruction projects.

According to the County's Asset Management Plan more than 60 per cent of watermains in Woodstock are rated as good or excellent condition. Only about 18 per cent of the watermains in Woodstock are considered to be in poor or critical condition.

Watermain breaks

In 2024, there were 13 watermain breaks in Woodstock. Of those, three quarters occurred in cast iron pipes which tend to be older and are more brittle than ductile iron. One of the reasons for the shift to PVC watermains is that they are less vulnerable to breaking from cold temperatures.

If a hole or crack develops in the pipe, it typically finds its way to the surface and continue to flow until it's repaired. When underground watermains break, it can cause flooding over streets and damage private property.

When we are notified of a potential break, staff will go out and investigate. If a watermain break is confirmed, staff undertake a number of actions to:



- secure the site,
- protect our drinking water and
- repair the damage as quickly and efficiently as possible.

They will isolate the break to minimize the area impacted and reduce water flow through the pipes, while maintaining positive pressure, to prevent debris from entering the pipes. This lowers water waste and protects the surrounding area from water damage. Roads will be closed, or lanes will be reduced in the area to allow the break to be inspected and repaired while protecting the public and staff completing the repair work. Please help keep our staff safe by following all emergency signage, slowing down and giving them room to work.

Because of the urgent nature of watermain breaks, we unfortunately are not able to provide advanced warning that water pressure will be reduced.

The area of the break will be dug out to expose the pipe and allow staff to assess the most appropriate method for repairing the pipe. Once the repair is completed, the area around the watermain is backfilled and temporarily restored until the road can be repaired at a later date. The water will be turned back on as quickly as it is safe to do so to minimize the disruption to affected properties. After the water is turned back on you may notice brown or cloudy water coming from the tap. Turn on the tap on the lowest level of your home and let it run until clear.

In more serious breaks where there is any concern for possible contamination, two rounds of water quality testing take place over a period of 48 hours so we can continue to have confidence in the safety of our drinking water. In these rare situations, a boil water advisory will be put in place and measures will be put in place to ensure the affected area is isolated.

Signs to look for

In the event of a watermain break, you may notice the following signs:



- a sinkhole on the street
- surface water running or bubbling on the street
- a change in water pressure

If you suspect a watermain break, please report it quickly by calling 519-539-2382 ext. 3120. Please give a detailed description of the location of the break with the following information so we can dispatch staff to evaluate the situation:



- address and street name
- direction of lane – north, south, west, or east bound

Learn more about our water system at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/water



Check out the COW Tales 'Way Back When' contest on page 23 and enter today!

A: 129 Dundas St.

REGISTER NOW

2025 Season Starts Feb. 3rd



Boys & Girls Grades 1-8 Ages 7-14

Limited Spaces Available

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what's on WOODSTOCK

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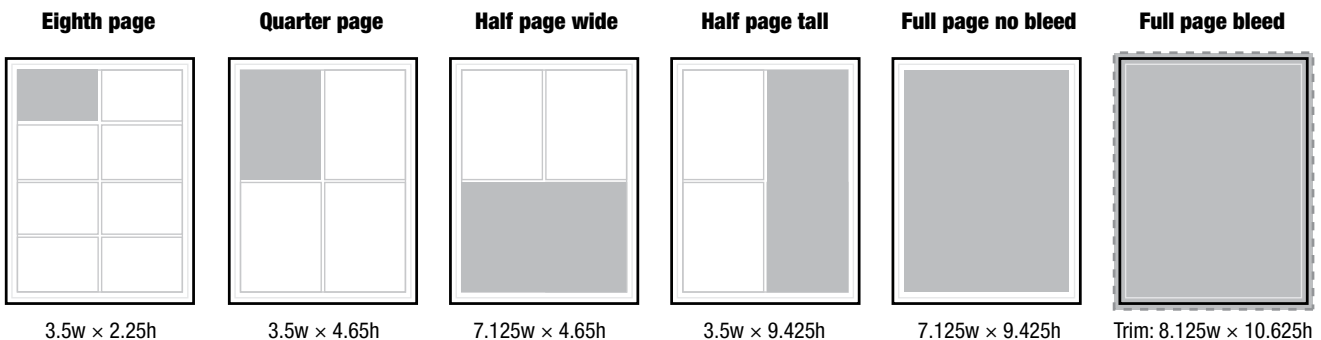
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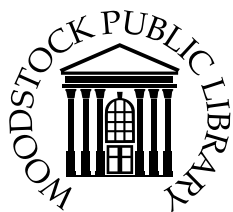
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March	Jan 29	Jan 31	Feb 27 ¹
April	Mar 5	Mar 7	Mar 27 ¹
May/June*	Apr 2	Apr 4	May 1 ¹
July/Aug*	May 28	May 30	Jun 26 ¹
September	Jul 30	Aug 1	Aug 28 ¹
October	Sep 3	Sep 5	Sep 25 ¹
Nov/Dec*	Oct 1	Oct 3	Oct 30 ¹

* Combined issue.

¹ Canada Post Delivery beginning week of date shown.

Community Calendar

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



PUBLIC LIBRARY

Monday to Thursday 10 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday 1–5 p.m.
Closed January 1 & February 17
445 Hunter St., Woodstock ON
www.mywpl.ca

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
Tales & Tunes (Family)	An interactive storytime that will cultivate a love of books with stories, songs, rhymes, and other activities.	Wednesdays Jan 15–Mar 5, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Toddler Tales (12–36 months)	An active program with stories, rhymes, songs, and other activities.	Thursdays Jan 16–Mar 6, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Books & Bounces (birth–18 months)	Babies and caregivers will hear stories, and learn songs, rhymes, and bounces that will help foster a love of reading.	Thursdays Jan 16–Mar 6, 12–1 p.m.
Story Explorers (3–5 years)	Build on stories through songs, rhymes, and hands on STEAM activities for preschoolers.	Fridays Jan 17–Mar 7, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Baby Sign Storytime (birth–18 months)	Infants and their caregivers are invited to learn ASL vocabulary signs through stories and rhymes.	Fridays Jan 17–Mar 7, 12–1 p.m.

**Multilingual Storytime –
French/English (Family)**
Saturday, January 18 – 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Gain early exposure to the French language and literacy skills through songs, rhymes and stories. Majority of the program will be presented in French with some English to aid comprehension. No registration required.

**Multilingual Storytime –
Mandarin/English (Family)**
Saturday, February 1 – 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Celebrate the diversity of our community through language, art, song and story. This month is Mandarin! We will also learn about the Lunar New Year. No registration required.

FAMILY LITERACY DAY



Celebrate Family Literacy Day with the WPL
Saturday, January 25, 2025 – 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

- Storytime with author, Loretta Garbutt – 10:30–11:15 a.m. ●
- Eco-friendly Craft Club – 2:30–4 p.m. ●

Plus prizes ● activities ● and more, all day long!

Supported by the



Programs for Children

Family Movie (Family)

Friday, January 3 – 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Join us for a family friendly movie! We will be showing *Abominable* (PG). Popcorn included! No registration required.

Homeschool Meet-Up (Family)

Monday, January 6 – 1–3 p.m.

Monday, February 3 – 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 (Family)

Friday, January 17 – 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Join us for a family friendly movie this PA Day! We will be showing *Harold and the Purple Crayon* (PG). Popcorn included! No registration required.

Afterschool Hang Out (9+ years)

Thursday, January 23 – 3:30–5 p.m.

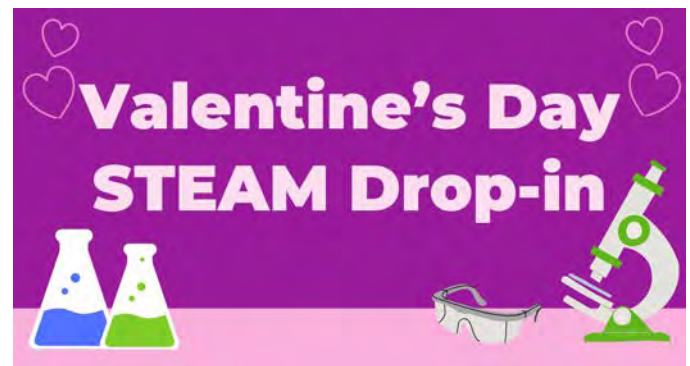
Thursday, February 20 – 3:30–5 p.m.

Come by after school and try out some fun games, robots, and crafts! Snacks will be provided. No registration required.

Retro Gaming Night! (All Ages)

Thursday, February 6 – 6–8 p.m.

Feeling nostalgic about the games from your youth? 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.



Valentine's Day STEAM Drop-In (6–12 years)

Saturday, February 15 – 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Come by and try out some "sweet" STEAM activities! No registration required.

Programs for Teens

Brightside Pizza Pop-Up (12+ years)

Monday, January 6 – 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Monday, February 3 – 11 a.m.–12 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.

Design a Vision Board (12–18 years)

Tuesday, January 7 – 6–8 p.m.

Join us to create your own vision board for 2025! Create a collage of words and images to motivate and inspire you throughout the year. All supplies provided. No registration required.

Lunch Time Breakout (12–18 years)

Thursdays, January 9–February 27 – 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.

Sips & Snacks! (12–18 years)

Tuesday, February 4 – 6–8 p.m.

Come celebrate the end of exams by joining us for a hot chocolate and tea bar, snacks, and a movie. No registration required.

Programs for Adults

Knitting and Crochet Drop-In

Saturdays, January 4 & 18 – 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Saturdays, February 1 & 15 – 3:30–4:30 p.m.

A cozy hour of knitting and crochet! Bring your current project or check out our collection of crochet and knitting books for patterns. No registration required.

Board Game Drop-In

Mondays, January 6 & 20 – 2–4 p.m.

Monday, February 3 – 2–4 p.m.

Play your favourite classic board game or challenge yourself to try something new. A new set of games will be put out every drop-in session. All board games provided. No registration required.

Mah-Jongg

Tuesdays, January 7–February 25 – 10:15 a.m.–12 p.m.

American Mah-Jongg is an exciting game that will challenge participants. Join us! No registration required.

Chit Chat Circle

Tuesdays, January 7–February 25 – 2–3:30 p.m.

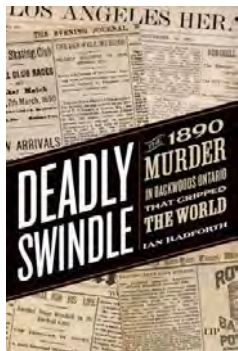
Socialize in a safe space hosted by the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA). No registration required.



Canadian Mental Health Association
Thames Valley
Addiction and Mental Health Services

“Deadly Swindle” with Author Ian Radforth

Thursday, January 9 – 6:30–8 p.m.



Join author Ian Radforth, writer of the recent non-fiction book, “*Deadly Swindle: An 1890 Murder in Backwoods Ontario that Grippped the World*” for a fascinating discussion about one of Canada’s most sensational murder cases and how the regional and international press ran with it. Registration required. Registration now open.

WPL Book Club

Tuesday, January 14 – 2–3 p.m.

Tuesday, February 11 – 2–3 p.m.

Thursday, February 13 – 7–8 p.m.

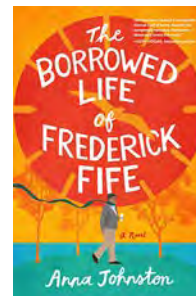
Begin each month with a good read! Join us for our afternoon or evening session for a lively discussion on the title selected.

Note: no evening session in January. Open to all. No registration required.

January Title

The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife

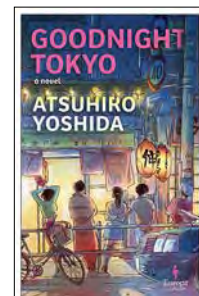
Anna Johnston



February Title

Goodnight Tokyo

Atsuhiko Yoshida



Pub Trivia Night

Wednesday, January 15 – 7–8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 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.



Queer Conversations (16+ years)

Tuesday, January 14 – 6:30–8 p.m.

Tuesday, February 11 – 6:30–8 p.m.

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



Oxford County
Community Health Centre

Programs for Adults

Heads up for Healthier Brains

Thursday, January 16 – 6–7 p.m.

January is Alzheimer’s Awareness Month. Join the Alzheimer Society Southwest Partners for a “Heads up for Healthier Brains” presentation, followed by a question-and-answer period on dementia, brain health, and community resources. Registration required. Registration opens January 2 at 10 a.m.

Yoga & Wisdom with Soraya Benevides

Thursday, January 23 – 7–8 p.m.

Local author, Soraya Benevides, will share how she came to the practice of yoga, the benefits of yoga and the transformative potential it can provide. She will share from her newest book, *Yoga & Wisdom: A Practical Guide with Reflections to Transform your Life*, an illustrated guide that includes step-by-step instructions for beginners. No registration required.

Crafty Adults

Thursday, January 30 – 7–8 p.m.

Thursday, February 24 – 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.

Researching the History of Your Home

Thursday, February 20 – 6:30–8 p.m.

Discover how you can use library resources to research the history of your home! Attendees will have the opportunity to try out their own personal searches. Bring your laptop or tablet or use one from the library. Registration required. Registration opens February 6 at 10 a.m.

Travelogue: Svalbard – Far Beyond the Arctic Circle

Thursday, February 27 – 7–8 p.m.

Travel beyond the Arctic Circle with Murray Coulter and Bob Axon. Learn about an accumulated history of whaling, coal mining and modern-day eco-tourism in the land of the midnight sun. Registration required. Registration opens February 13 at 10 a.m.

Cyber Assist

Tuesdays, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Fridays, 10:30–11:30 a.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.

Summer Student Program Assistant Positions 2025

There’s still time to apply!

Visit our website to apply and learn more!

Applications close January 10, 2025





Camps

PA Day Camps

Select Fridays | 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Enjoy a day off of school at the Museum! We'll take part in fun activities, games and crafts inspired by a different theme each day. **Ages: 5–12**

- **Jan. 17:** Funny Pages Day Camp
- **Feb. 14:** Valentines Day Camp
- **March 28:** Butter Churn Day Camp

Please ensure your child has the day off school before booking.

\$55 (Members \$49.50)

March Break Time Machine

March 10–14 | 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Hop aboard our March Break Time Machine for an exhilarating journey through history with engaging games and creative activities from various eras. Campers will travel through different time periods, tackle historical mysteries, and dive into themed crafts and adventures, creating a spring break they won't forget! **Ages: 5–12**

\$200 (Members \$180)

Adult Workshops

Historic Book Club

Tuesdays, Jan. 7–Feb. 4 | 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Join us for a new book club inspired by the Museum's exhibits and collection! Over several weeks, we'll be unpacking Mark Sakamoto's *Forgiveness*, which examines the effects of WWII on his grandparent's lives. This selection is inspired by *The Suitcase Project*, a photo exhibit by Kayla Isomura. Register in advance online. **Ages: 16+**

Free

Charting New Territory: A Map Making Workshop

Tuesday, March 4 | 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Create your own fantasy world with instructor Keziah Hope in this fun, creative map making workshop! You'll outline your new world and our instructor will lead you through the design process to bring your new territory to life — be it a treasure map, an imaginary island or whatever your mind can conjure. All materials will be supplied. **Ages: 16+**

\$30 (Members \$27)

Lunch & Learn Spring Series

Third Tuesday in March, April and May | 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Join us each month for a unique topic followed by a simple lunch. Space is limited, register in advance to reserve your spot. **Ages: 16+**

- **March 18:** World War One Art and the Group of Seven with historian Dr. Jason Pankratz
- **April 15:** Bernadette Smith and Woodstock Political Stories with Samantha Henderson, Councillor Kate Leatherbarrow and Mayor Jerry Acchione
- **May 20:** To be announced

\$20

Learn to Play Dungeons and Dragons

Saturday, March 29 | 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Are you interested in playing Dungeons & Dragons, but not sure where to start? Sign up for a D&D training session! Learn the basic rules and how to create a character, then play a game session. You'll also get tips on how to find online and in-person games. Pizza lunch included. **Ages: 16+**

\$55

Family Fun

Handwriting Day Write-In

Thursday, Jan. 23 | 3:30–4:30 p.m., 5–6 p.m., 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Can you read your own handwriting? Join us as we try the art of modern and historical handwriting. Practice your cursive or try it for the first time! All materials supplied. Please register before Jan 21. Parents/caregivers stay with minor children. Great for adults too! **Ages: 10+**

\$2 (Members FREE)

Black History Month Shop Hop

Join us all February as we celebrate African, Black and Caribbean business owners in Woodstock! Pop into participating businesses to learn about Black Woodstonians of the past and Black Canadians involved with science and technology. Plus, you can enter to win a prize when you visit these amazing local businesses! Visit www.woodstockmuseum.ca for details.

Family Day

Monday, Feb. 17 | 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

See pages 24–25 for details!



Special Programs for Schools and Groups

Physics Matters: An Interactive Science Exhibit

Discover the science that shapes our everyday lives with an engaging exhibit all about physics! Explore topics including matter, force, motion, light, sound, structures and simple machines through diagrams, interactive components and hands-on activities. This program supports the Ontario Science and Technology curriculum for Grades 3-5.

Book Now!

Available from Jan. 25-June 26, 2025 for schools or until Aug. 22, 2025 for camps and community groups.

Cost: \$6 per student (minimum \$100)

Contact the Education Officer at 519-537-8424 or submit a school programming request online.



**Scan to see all of our
Museum School Programs!**

PHYSICS MATTERS
An Interactive Science Exhibit
Grade 3 to 5 Curriculum
January 25 to Summer 2025
Created by the Woodstock Museum NHS



2025 Summer Camps

Registration opens Feb. 3 at 10 a.m.

Join in all the fun this summer with learning, history, games, excursions, special guests and unique themes. Make some friends and try something new! Buy a family membership now to receive a discount on programs all year!

Camps run on weekdays from 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Extended care is not available.

Dino Camp

July 2–4 | Ages 4–6

If you dig Dinosaurs, this week of fun at the Museum is for you. Bones & fossils can tell you what types of dinosaurs lived long ago, what they ate and how they got around. Use our collection of fossils to delve into the past with fun games, and Dino crafts.

3 Day Camp: \$120 (Members \$108)

Totally Jurassic Camp

July 7–11 | Ages 7–12

What extinct creatures roamed the Jurassic period? Check out ancient fossils, learn to draw Jurassic dinos and what an archaeological dig site is really like. Explore a hands-on science exhibit, make cool crafts, experiments and have fun with friends.

5 Day Camp: \$200 (Members \$180)

Spectacular Science Jr.

July 14–18 | Ages 5–8

Crank up the chemistry, blare the biology and fill up with physics! Try super fun experiments, play outdoor games, make scientist crafts and if you feel like it – style your hair just like Einstein's!

5 Day Camp: \$200 (Members \$180)

Spectacular Science

July 21–25 | Ages 7–12

Discover the world of science with fascinating hands-on experiments with our special exhibit! Crank up the chemistry, blare the biology and fill up with physics! Try super fun experiments, play outdoor games, and make science theme crafts!

5 Day Camp: \$200 (Members \$180)

Unicorn Camp

July 28–Aug. 1 | Ages 4–7

Our unicorn utopia has everything you need to fulfill your magical fantasies. Get glittered, make unicorn crafts, and play fun, magical games this week!

5 Day Camp: \$200 (Members \$180)

Villain Con Camp

Aug. 5–8 | Ages 7–12

This hilarious camp will give the villains of books and movies the chance to be the star. Superheroes need Super Villains, so if you've felt a kinship with Darth Vader, this week is for you. We'll dress up like Captain Hook or the Evil Queen from Snow White and see if the bad guys change their ways by the end of the story.

4 Day Camp: \$160 (Members \$144)

Culture Camp: Woodstock Art Gallery & Woodstock Museum

Aug. 11–15 | Ages 6–12

Discover the spectacular world of science with hands-on experiments at the Woodstock Museum and explore the arts at the Woodstock Art Gallery. Visit woodstockmuseum.ca or woodstockartgallery.ca for more details about this exciting combined program!

Specialty Camp: \$300 (Members \$250)

Fairy Tale Camp

Aug. 18–22 | Ages 4–6

Become an enchanted frog, a fairy who grants wishes and so much more as we explore a week of fairy tales. Create your own coat of arms and learn the Knights creed. Pick a Princess from the storybook and try fun mythical games.

5 Day Camp: \$200 (Members \$180)

WINTER PROGRAMS

CHILDREN

START WITH ART

Wednesdays, Jan. 8, Jan. 22, Feb. 5, Feb. 19
11 – 11:45 a.m.

Preschool aged children and their caregivers will discover a variety of artistic fundamentals, techniques and materials.

Age: 5 and under.

Must be accompanied by an adult.

Cost: \$8/day

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Juniors: Jan. 8, Jan. 22, Feb. 5, Feb. 19

Seniors: Jan. 15, Jan. 29, Feb. 12, Feb. 26
4 – 5:30 p.m.

This program includes guided gallery tours, art lessons and self-guided activities, offering time and space for interactive creativity and social engagement. Registration required.

Age: 5 – 8 (Juniors) and 9 – 12 (Seniors)

Cost: \$8/day

CREATIVE PA DAY

Friday, Jan. 17
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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

Age: 5 – 12

Cost: \$75 (Members \$60)

Extended care included.

MARCH BREAK ART CAMP

March 10 – 14

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Join WAG for a full week of fun and inspiring hands-on art projects, field trips, collaborative activities and special guests. This year, we're focused on nature! Find inspiration while exploring local parks and trails, examine the importance of conservation with the City's Parks and Forestry experts, and learn photography fundamentals and editing with our partners at Focus on Nature. By the end of the week, young artists will create an exhibition to be displayed in the Community Gallery this spring! All tools and materials are included with registration.

Age: 6 – 12

Cost: \$350 (Members \$300)

YOUTH AND ADULTS

MINDFUL MARK MAKING

Wednesdays, Jan. 8, Feb. 12, April 9
6:30 – 8 p.m.

This series of workshops is designed for anyone open and curious about exploring their creativity. Discover a variety of mark-making exercises. Develop or hone art fundamentals and self-expressions through practice and process. Each month, experiment with different tools, materials and techniques.

Age: 13+

Experience: Everyone welcome!

Cost: \$50 (Members \$40)



SUMMER ART CLASSES

Registration starts
Feb. 3 at 10 a.m.

Visit woodstockartgallery.ca OR
scan the QR Code to find out
what's in store this summer!

COLLAGE: EXTREME CUT & PASTE

Saturdays, Jan. 25 & Feb. 1
10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Join instructor Bob Phillips in this two-day workshop, exploring a variety of approaches to collage, assemblage and photomontage. Push the boundaries of artmaking and repurpose images using mixed-media techniques. Artistic and ethical ideas about image appropriation and copyright will be discussed. All tools and materials are included with registration, but registrants are encouraged to bring used magazines, old books, photographs, etc. to use in their projects.

Age: 13+ Experience: Novice/Beginner
Cost: \$250 (Members \$200)

FUNDAMENTALS OF COLOUR PENCIL: CONTINUED

Saturday, Feb. 8
10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

In this workshop, students will be introduced to or continue their understanding of coloured pencil through in-depth practice and experimentation of blending techniques, colour theory and colour matching. Arts professional Lindsay Liboiron will lead students through several small studies, culminating to create a final artwork. Materials list will be provided upon registration.

Age: 13+ Experience: Novice/Beginner
Cost: \$200 (Members \$175)

POST-IMPRESSIONIST ACRYLIC PAINTING

Saturday, Feb. 15
10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Through a series of exercises, students will experience a variety of post-impressionism techniques that define the style of Vincent van Gogh with instructor Lindsay Liboiron. Practice colour blending and explore basic colour theory. Students will complete a rendition of van Gogh's *Wheatfield with Cypresses* as well as a unique landscape painting of their own design. All tools and materials are included with registration.

Age: 13+ Experience: Novice/Beginner
Cost: \$200 (Members \$175)

DRAWING THE LINE: PEN + INK DRAWING

Saturday, Feb 22
10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Join instructor Bob Phillips for an intensive one-day workshop focused on drawing with metal (straight) and technical pens, brushes and inks. Students will be introduced to a variety of line rendering techniques, including ink wash and mixed-media approaches. Effective composition will be examined and discussed. Historical and contemporary drawings will be presented as inspiration. All tools and materials are included with registration, but registrants are encouraged to bring pencil drawings, photos or digital references to use in their projects.

Age: 13+ Experience: Novice/Beginner
Cost: \$200 (Members \$175)



Join us for

FAMILY DAY

Monday, February 17

- 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Open Studio Drop-In
- 1 – 3 p.m. Winter 2025 Open House

SEE PAGE 25 FOR DETAILS!

CURRENT EXHIBITIONS



GATHERING FICTIONS
A Dialogue
on Painting
Michael Daigneault +
Janet Jones
Feb. 15 – June 21, 2025
Curator: Anik Glaude

Organized by



Michael Daigneault, *Rose*, 2023
Janet Jones, *Voices of Love*, 2021



FLORENCE CARLYLE
In the Space Between

On view until July 5, 2025
Curator: Danielle Hoevenaars

Florence Carlyle, *Motherhood (detail)*, 1910



KODANSHA COMICS MANGA GALLERY

ON VIEW UNTIL
JUNE 21, 2025

 KODANSHA 

Naoko Takeuchi, *Pretty Guardian Sailor Moon*, kanzen-ban cover / volume 1, Release Date: September 22, 2003

BETTY McARTHUR
Present in the Moment

On view until July 5, 2025
Curator: Danielle Hoevenaars



Betty McArthur, *Four Geese with Heads Up*, 1987

COMMUNITY EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE CITY OF WOODSTOCK

January

- 10 **Paris vs. Woodstock Navy Vets**, Reeves Community Complex, 7:45 p.m. Tickets \$12 or Student/Senior \$9. Kids 12 & under \$7 or free only if accompanied by an adult.
- 10–12 **Theatre Woodstock STAGES presents 'Switchermoo! A Cosmic Cow Caper/WE WILL ROCK YOU'**, Market Centre, 22 Reeve St. Jan. 10 & 11 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 11 & 12 at 2 p.m. Tickets \$12–\$20. To purchase, visit app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=232684.
- 13 **Living with Loss**, St. David's United Church, Woodstock, 2–3:30 p.m. The next 6-Week Grief Support Group will begin on Jan. 13. Call or text 519-536-3370 to register or email info@caringheartssupportnetwork.com. We offer a safe, supportive space to explore your grief, with the guidance of trained facilitators. www.caringheartssupportnetwork.com
- 23 **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
- 25 **Family Literacy Day**, Woodstock Public Library, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Free. Join us for storytime with Loretta Garbutt at 10:30 a.m., Eco-friendly Craft Club at 2:30 p.m. Games and activities available all day! Visit www.mywpl.ca.
- 29 **Oxford Historical Society**, Woodstock Museum, 6:30 p.m., Free, open to all. AGM & Presentation, "Elaine Becker – To Be Continued: The Story of the Salvation Army in Woodstock. Check www.oxhs.ca for the most current event information.

February

- 2 **Chilly Charlie's Prediction & Breakfast**, South Gate Centre, 191 Old Wellington St. S., 8:15 a.m.–Noon. Brunch, adults \$15, kids \$7.50. Join the Mayor and the city of Woodstock residents as they witness the prognostication of Ground Hog Day with Woodstock's resident groundhog, Chilly Charlie. For details, visit southgatectr.com or phone 519-539-9817.
- 3 **Summer Camp Registration Opens**, 10 a.m. online at www.recreationwoodstock.ca.
- 6–16 **Theatre Woodstock presents 'Cabaret'**, Market Centre, 7:30 p.m., Tickets \$18–\$32. Shows run Feb 6–9 and Feb 13–16 with matinée performances on 9th and 16th. To book tickets, visit app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=232502
- 17 **Family Day in the Friendly City**, Enjoy free activities and fun for the whole family at Cowan Park Sportsplex, Museum, Art Gallery, Southside Aquatic Centre, and Reeves Community Complex. Visit www.cityofwoodstock.ca/familyday.
- 22 **Mudmen Concert**, Market Centre, 7:30 p.m. All seats \$30. Two 60 min. acts with intermission. A non LLBO event. Tickets: app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=240827
- 23 **Psychic Medium Tania Thomas**, Market Centre, 2 p.m. Tickets \$40. Ticket purchase does not guarantee a reading. Visit app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=256042
- 27 **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



Do you have your business licence?

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

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

Visit www.cityofwoodstock.ca/businesslicensing to determine if you need a licence and how to apply.

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

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