

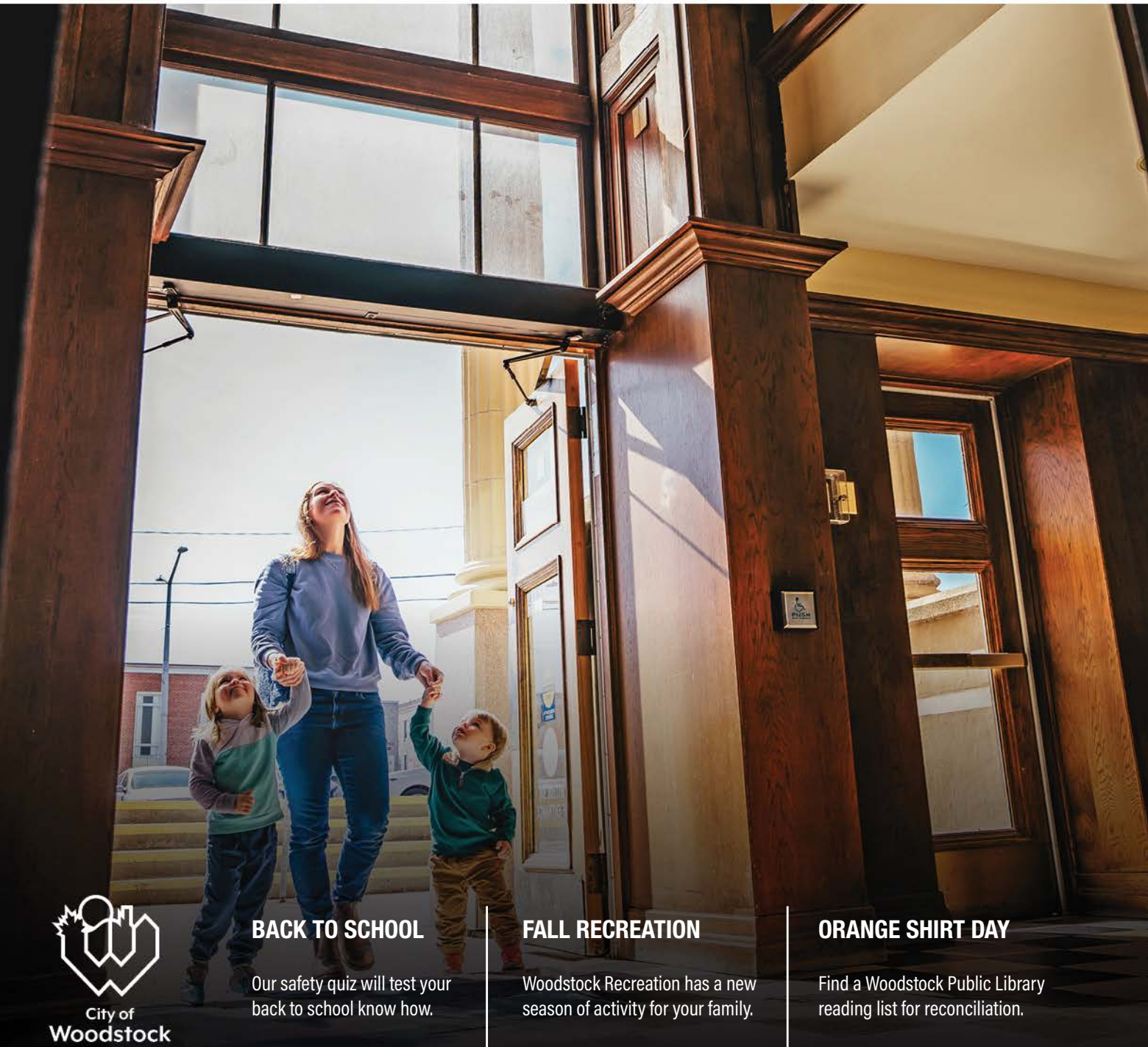


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## BACK TO SCHOOL

Our safety quiz will test your back to school know how.

## FALL RECREATION

Woodstock Recreation has a new season of activity for your family.

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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)



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# Downtown Streetscape Update

Earlier this year the downtown streetscape project finally got underway. The project was originally identified as one of the top priorities in the Downtown Development plan, which was adopted by Council in June 2020.

The work will address areas of concerns identified through the public consultation and will improve accessibility by replacing the current interlocking brick with poured concrete and asphalt, adding new seating and improved lighting to create a more inclusive environment for everyone.

Council directed staff to implement the streetscape master plan using a phased approach and approved Phase 1 and 2 for completion in 2025. The remaining phases, which include three more phases related to the Dundas Street reconstruction, as well as two additional phases for the proposed redevelopment of Museum Square and future addition to City Hall, have not yet been approved by Council.

“The streetscape project is not just about beautification,” said Kerry Baird, Downtown Development Officer for the City of Woodstock. “It’s about improving accessibility, helping pedestrians feel safe and comfortable downtown, supporting the growth of local businesses and creating an inclusive environment for everyone.”

With Phase 1 complete, Phase 2 got underway at the end of July. Both phases include:

- Updated water services and storm drains
- Soil cells to support tree growth
- New concrete sidewalks and rolled curbs to improve accessibility and functionality
- Redesigned parking bays that can transform into patios during the summer
- New benches, lighting, bike racks and garbage containers to create a more comfortable space for people

Phase 2 is expected to take approximately 14 weeks to complete.

Trucks and through traffic will continue to detour from Vansittart Avenue through Huron Street. Local traffic is permitted except for the streets immediately affected by the construction in each phase. All businesses will remain open during construction. You can find detour routes and transit detours, as well as subscribe to construction updates at [www.cityofwoodstock.ca/streetscape](http://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/streetscape).



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

**A:** George Street, Hanover Square.

**As backpacks fill and classrooms buzz, best wishes for a great school year!**

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# Back to School Safety – Check

September marks a busy time of year as families settle into new routines. Students are excited to meet new teachers and see old friends as they return to school. This excitement can lead to distractions during their travel to and from school. That's why we must all work together to keep kids safe and avoid collisions and injuries.

Our team of 24 dedicated crossing guards attend their posts, multiple times a day, in all kinds of weather to help children get to and from school safely. During Crossing Guard Appreciation week, we received many comments from families who shared heartwarming stories about the positive influence these crossing guards have on their daily lives. Unfortunately, in recent years, we have seen an increase in aggressive driving at our crossing guard locations. Aggressive driving puts them, and our children, at risk and is unacceptable. Please slow down, have patience and obey posted signs and crossing guard instructions.

## Test your back-to-school safety knowledge!

We've put together a short quiz to help you talk to your students about keeping safe when heading back to school.

- When crossing the street as a pedestrian, you should:**
  - Look left, right, and left again before crossing
  - Run quickly so you don't hold up traffic
  - Cross between parked cars to save time
  - Close your eyes and hope for the best
- True or False: If there is a crossing guard, you do not need to look for cars.**
- Why should you make eye contact with drivers before crossing?**
  - To say hello
  - To make sure they see you and will stop
  - To show them your new backpack
  - To ask for a ride
- In Ontario, who is required by law to wear a helmet while riding a bike?**
  - Everyone
  - Only kids under 10
  - Anyone under 18
  - Only people riding on the road

- True or False: Kids under 10 can ride their bikes on the sidewalk — but they must still watch for pedestrians.**
- When walking or biking, what clothes should you wear so drivers can see you better?**
  - Dark colours
  - Pyjamas
  - Camouflage
  - Bright colours
- When riding a bike, which direction should you ride in?**
  - Opposite the traffic
  - In zig-zags
  - In the same direction as traffic
  - It doesn't matter
- What do you do when you come to a stop sign while biking?**
  - Slow down but keep going
  - Stop completely and look both ways
  - Ring your bell and keep going
  - Close your eyes and hope for the best (again)
- The speed limit in most Woodstock school zones is:**
  - 60 km/h
  - 30 km/h
  - 40 km/h
  - As fast as you can drive if you're late
- True or False: Drivers must stop for school buses that have red lights flashing — even if it is in the opposite direction.**
- When entering a school zone, drivers should:**
  - Slow down and be prepared to stop
  - Watch for the crossing guard with their stop sign clearly visible
  - Be patient
  - All of the above

## Bonus “What Would You Do?”

- You are walking to school and wearing headphones. You reach a crosswalk. Do you...**
  - Keep listening to your music and cross
  - Take off your headphones, stop, look, and listen for cars
  - Dance across the street without looking
  - Wait for a friend to carry you

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# Reading Towards Reconciliation

Sept. 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (NDTR) and Orange Shirt Day in Canada.

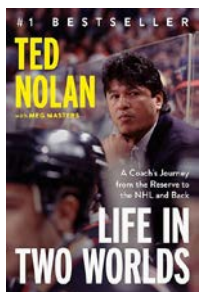
Beginning as an Indigenous-led grassroots movement in 2013, this federal statutory holiday commemorates the survivors and lost children of the residential school system and raises awareness of the ongoing inter-generational impacts of our country's tragic and painful history.

The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation suggests six actions each of us can take towards reconciliation:

- **Learn** the history between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples
- **Understand** the history and legacy of residential schools
- **Explore** the unique intersections we have between treaty, constitutional, Indigenous, and human rights we have in Canada
- **Recognize** the rich contributions that Indigenous peoples have made to Canada
- **Take action** to address historical injustices and present-day wrongs
- **Teach others**

Whether you're just starting to learn about the history of residential schools or looking to discover new Indigenous voices and perspectives, the Woodstock Public Library has put together a list of must-read books in honour of NDTR.

## Life in Two Worlds: A Coach's Journey from the Reserve to the NHL and Back



**Ted Nolan**

Ted Nolan began his hockey career playing for the Detroit Red Wings in 1978 and worked his way up to become the successful head coach of the Buffalo Sabres. Despite leading the Sabres to their first Northeast Division title in 16 years, the team did not re-sign Nolan the following year.

This deeply personal memoir recounts Nolan's life as he navigates the hockey world as an Indigenous man, facing adversity from team management, the media, and even the fans themselves. *Life in Two Worlds* is the 2025 selection for Oxford Reads. For more information, visit [www.oxfordreads.ca](http://www.oxfordreads.ca).

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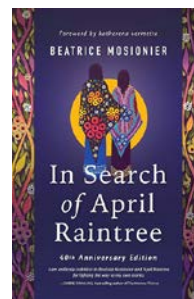
## The First Few Feet in a World of Wolves



**Scott Mainprize**

This novel follows the emotional and sometimes humorous journey of Nomad, a two-spirit man teaching in the fictional Inuit community of Nunarjuaq Akuluk, as he grapples with the impacts of colonialism, reconciling with his Indigenous heritage, and fostering his relationship with the land of Turtle Island.

## In Search of April Raintree



**Beatrice Mosionier**

*In Search of April Raintree* tells the raw and powerful stories of two Métis sisters separated by the foster care system, and how their differing experiences allows one sister to embrace her Métis heritage, while the other is convinced she must hide it to survive.

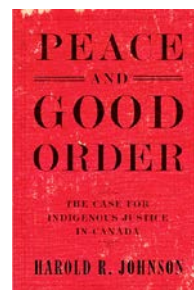
## Waiting for the Long Night Moon



**Amanda Peters**

Ranging from short and sweet to poignant and long-lasting, this collection of short fiction uses beautiful prose to explore the Indigenous experience from the trials and trauma of oppression to the joys in embracing one's identity and traditions.

## Peace and Good Order: The Case for Indigenous Justice in Canada



**Harold Johnson**

*Peace and Good Order* examines the Canadian justice system, exposing how systemic racism and ignorance to the history and relationships between Indigenous Peoples not only leads to the over-incarceration of Indigenous people but also withholds justice from those who have been wronged.

## More Recommendations

Continue reading and learning with more staff picks from the Woodstock Public Library. Scan the QR code for books by Indigenous authors for adults, teens and kids.

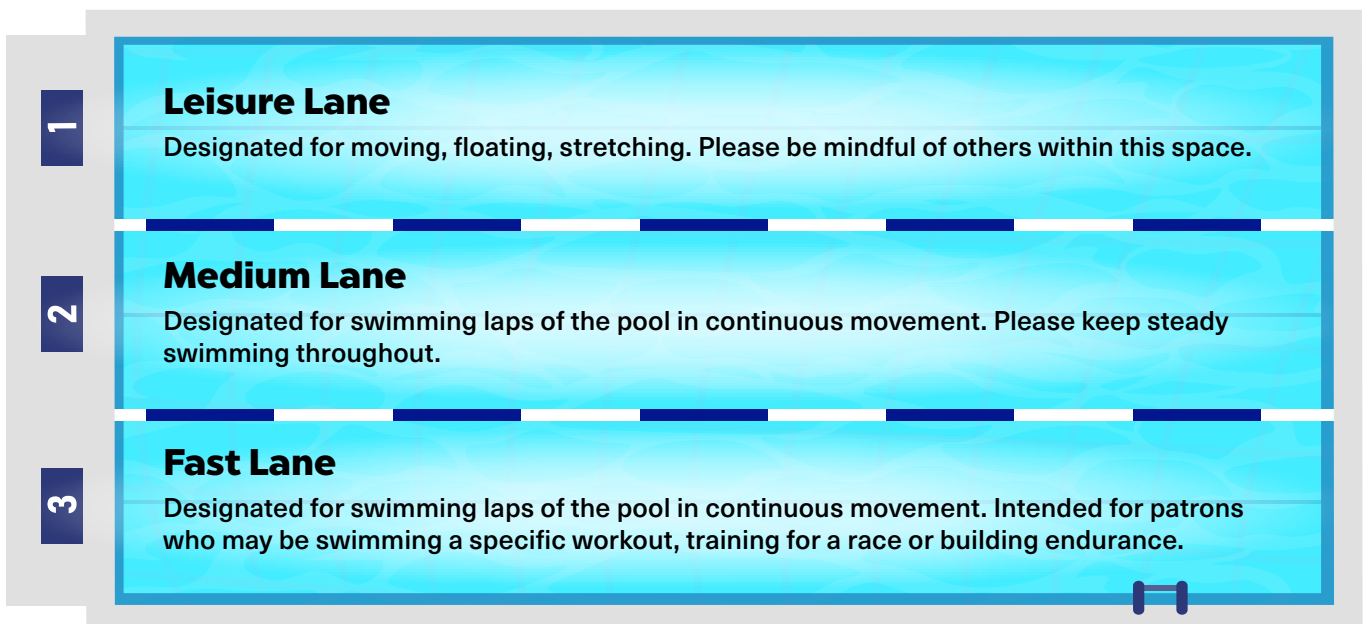


# Aquatics

## 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 – Fall Session 1 (Sept 8–Oct 31)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday & Thursday	Friday	Saturday & Sunday
6:30 a.m.–2 p.m.	6:30 a.m.–2 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
<b>Child</b>	\$3	\$27	\$26	\$65	\$200
<b>Adult</b>	\$4.50	\$40.50	\$40	\$100	\$345
<b>Senior</b>	\$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](http://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/registernow)

## Leadership Courses

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
<b>Bronze Star</b> (optional)	8+
<b>Bronze Medallion and Emergency First Aid</b>	13+ or Bronze Star
<b>Bronze Cross and Standard First Aid</b>	13+, Bronze Medallion and Emergency First Aid
<b>National Lifeguard and Airway Management</b>	15+, Bronze Cross and Standard First Aid
<b>Assistant Swim Instructor and HIGH FIVE</b> (optional) (once complete you can apply to be an assistant instructor!)	14+, Bronze Cross and Standard First Aid
<b>Swim Instructors*</b> (*once both are complete you can apply to be a swim instructor!)	15+, Bronze Cross and Standard First Aid; and, Instructor Pack
<b>Lifesaving Swim Instructors*</b> (*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](http://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/leadership)

## 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](http://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 business 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 business days before the first lesson. You can also transfer into another program if one is available.
- If you cancel before the third 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 third 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

Practice and play pickleball in a learning environment with Introductory, Recreation and Advanced drop-in programs, or grab three friends and book a court.

Find details at [www.cityofwoodstock.ca/pickleball](http://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](http://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](http://www.recreationwoodstock.ca) for more information and to complete a facility request form



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## 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 \$15 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.

Watch for the schedule the first week of September and register at [www.cityofwoodstock.ca/pickleball](http://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/pickleball)



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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 ages 4 to 17.

### Fall Programs:

- O.U.R. Beginner and Open Basketball
- Floor Hockey, Levels 1, 2 and 3



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## Adult Pickleball

Learn how to play pickleball and build your skills on the court with instructor-led courses on Friday and Saturday evenings from Sept. 5–Oct. 4.

- Learn 2 Play
- Advanced Beginner Strategy & Training
- Kitchen Confidence

For program details, schedules and registration visit:  
[www.recreationwoodstock.ca](http://www.recreationwoodstock.ca)



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# General Recreation and Development Programs



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## Stemotics/Robotics

Develop motor and cognitive skills in a 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.

- **Upcoming Dates:**  
Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Jan. 30



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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.

- **Upcoming Dates:** Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Jan. 30



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# PA Day 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](http://www.recreationwoodstock.ca)



## Youth Programs

Our new youth programs were a huge hit this summer! Teens ages 13 to 17 enjoyed weekly in-town activities and out of town adventures including soccer, pretzel making at Whisk and Roll Bakery, and trips to Canada's Wonderland and the Minecraft Experience.

### Coming in October:

- Halloween Haunt at Canada's Wonderland
- New! Friday Fun Nights

Watch for more details at [www.recreationwoodstock.ca](http://www.recreationwoodstock.ca)



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# 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](http://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/registernow).

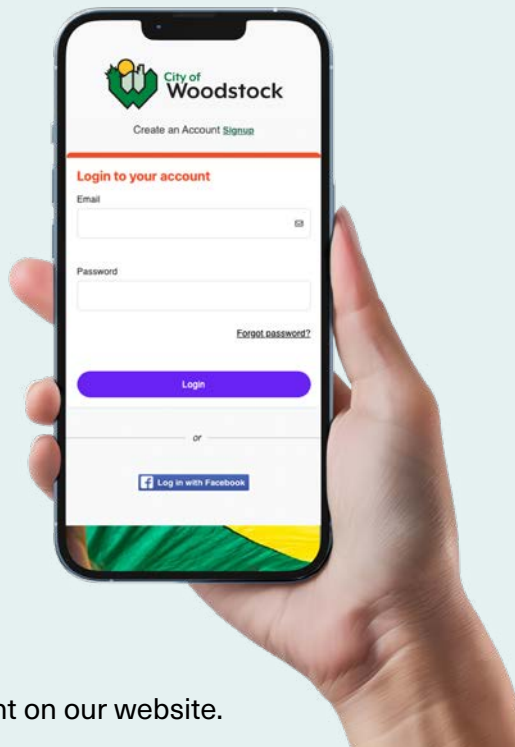
### Once you're logged into your account you can:

- 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](http://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/fair)

# 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 and the Heritage Advisory Committee, CoW Tales shares stories that help us understand and connect with our past as our community continues to grow and evolve. This issue features a few recent additions to the Museum's collection.



## Eastwood Estate

Eastwood Estate was built by Admiral Henry Vansittart for his sister Caroline East in 1839. The 14 room Georgian style brick house was located in the village of Eastwood, north of Highway 2 near Highway 53. This was the original steel and brass lock used for the front door. The property was purchased by the City of Woodstock in 2020 for development of an industrial park. Image: Front door lock to the Eastwood Estate, 1839.



## Artillery Shell

The Ordnance QF 25-pounder field gun/howitzer was the standard artillery used by Canadian forces during World War II. While many of these guns and ammunition were produced in Canada in Sorel, Quebec, this shell was made in Woodstock by Holman Machines. The company had a brief contract to supply military equipment during WWII. Image: Artillery shell, 1944c.



## Lamp Lighting Ceremony

Graduates from the Woodstock General Hospital School of Nursing received this white porcelain candleholder shaped like an oil lamp in the 1950s. Lamp-lighting or candle-lighting ceremonies are a tradition welcoming new nurses to the profession. The lamps are a nod to Florence Nightingale, who became known as "The Lady with the Lamp" for providing nighttime aid to wounded soldiers during the Crimean War. Image: Woodstock General Hospital School of Nursing ceremonial candleholder, 1955c.



## Family Quilt

This quilt was created by members of Chalmers United Church in 1993 as a fundraiser for an addition to the building. The project was led by the Times Out For Moms group. Each square contains a piece of fabric that held special significance for a family belonging to the church. The fabric was cut into the shape of the window in the church nave and the name of the family was hand stitched in the top corner of the square. Image: Chalmers Church Family Quilt, 1993.

# C.O.W. TALES

## Way Back When Contest

**THE WINNER** of the July/August 'Way Back When' Contest question is **Wilma Lavelle**. She correctly answered that Fisher's Glen was the Lake Erie summer camp that started in 1908. Wilma wins a \$50 gift card from Boston Pizza Woodstock, and she will qualify for a \$100 Boston Pizza Woodstock gift card to be drawn from all the monthly winners in December.

### THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSOR!



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[www.bostonpizza.com](http://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 Woodstock company produced hand grenade castings, anti-submarine detection equipment and flywheels for Ford army trucks during WWII? (See pg. 22)
- Q.** Where was Vice-Admiral Henry Vansittart born? (See pg. 5)
- Q.** When did the nursing school at Woodstock General Hospital close? (See pg. 29)
- Q.** Which trailblazing reporter was born in Woodstock on Sept. 21, 1918?

Send your answer along with your name and phone number to [wow@cityofwoodstock.ca](mailto:wow@cityofwoodstock.ca) by Friday, September 12, 2025. You can also drop your answer in the contest box at City Hall.

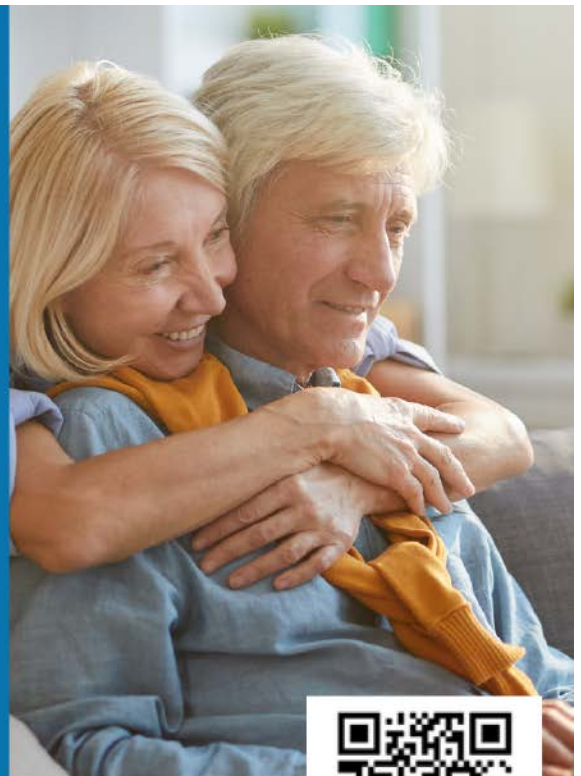
## Empower your Health Journey with ConnectMyHealth

ConnectMyHealth (CMH) is a secure patient portal that allows you to view your health information from many healthcare facilities in southwestern Ontario in one, consolidated view. CMH can be used on desktop and mobile devices and is completely FREE to use.

To register successfully:

- You need a valid (not expired), green Ontario Health Card and a secondary piece of valid identification
- You must have an email address that is unique to you (not shared with anyone)

[info.connectmyhealth.ca](http://info.connectmyhealth.ca)



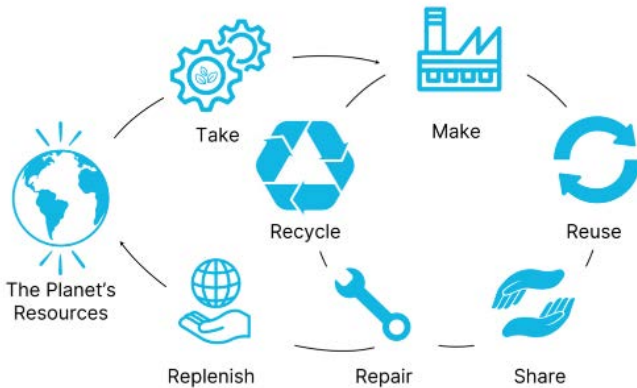
ConnectMyHealth is made possible through a collaboration between Hamilton Health Sciences, Ontario Health, and your local Ontario Health Team.



# October is Circular Economy Month in Canada (Part 1 of 2)

Launched by Circular Innovation Council, Circular Economy Month is a public awareness campaign dedicated to educating and empowering Canadians to support minimizing waste and expanding the life of resources we use every day. Circular Economy Month raises awareness about the benefits of the circular economy and celebrates circular innovations that keeps product materials in circulation, rather than used and disposed. During October, we invite Canadians to learn about the circular economy, celebrate our individual and collective efforts, embrace circular solutions, and encourage others to take action.

## What is a Circular Economy?



A circular economy is a new way of looking at how we make and use things. It minimizes waste and makes the most of the earth's resources, like wood from trees or minerals from the ground. In an economy where we make products that last longer, that can be fixed, reused again and again, and deconstructed into their original parts, the intention is to move away from a linear economy (take-make-waste) towards an economy that is circular (re-use-recycle-refurbish). Doing so will have benefits of being more resourceful with finite resources,

long term more affordable, and less cluttered with waste. It is a "closed loop" economic system based on the reuse and regeneration of materials or products, especially as a means of continuing production in a sustainable or environmentally friendly way. It avoids the need to over-extract from natural or produced resources for single-use.

It includes 6 R's – **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Refurbishment, Recover, and Repairing** of materials. The focus is on minimizing waste while maximizing total product life utilization, and calls for a production model aiming to retain the most value to create a system that promotes sustainability, longevity, reuse, and recycling.

An aluminum can is an example of a closed loop – a circular economic product in that when it is recycled, it can be transformed back into a new aluminum can without significant loss of material quality, allowing for continued life-cycle activities and use. This process is highly efficient, using 95% less energy than producing aluminum from raw materials, and recycled aluminum cans can be back on shelves in as little as 30 days, with an average of 73% recycled content.

Visit [www.circulareconomymonth.ca](http://www.circulareconomymonth.ca) to take the pledge and learn more. Take the Food Waste Pledge as an individual, school, business/ organization, household, or community. Then share your commitment to encourage others to join! Join the conversation on social media using the hashtags **#CircularEconomyMonth** and **#CircularCanada**.

**Note:** Part 2 of this series will appear in the next edition of *What's on Woodstock*.



# 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. Shoes, strollers and skating aids are not permitted.

**Reeves Community Complex – Green Rink**  
Wednesdays, 4–4:50 p.m. (begins Sept. 3)

**Reeves Community Complex – Red Rink**  
Sundays, 1:15–2:05 p.m. (begins Sept. 21)

## Upcoming Dates

Date	Sponsor
Sept. 3	Bucholtz Home Comfort
Sept. 10	Easy Way Cleaning Products
Sept. 17	CIMCO Refrigeration
Sept. 21	Roes-Zehr Electrical Ltd.
Sept. 24	Mackey Moving
Sept. 28	Teighan Morris, Realtor® – The Realty Firm

**MORE INFO:**

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



## Curbside Brush Collection

Oct. 6 - 10, 2025

### Brush Must be:

- At the curb by 7 a.m. on Oct. 6
- Tied in bundles no longer than 2 m
- Less than 50 lbs



Visit [www.cityofwoodstock.ca/waste](http://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/waste) for details.



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025**

*10 a.m. – 4 p.m.*

*Explore Woodstock's unique heritage and cultural sites!*

[www.doorsopenontario.on.ca/woodstock](http://www.doorsopenontario.on.ca/woodstock)



# Local history meets fall family fun on Oct. 4

Mark your calendars! Doors Open is returning to Woodstock on Saturday, Oct. 4, along with a brand-new fall family event in Museum Square.

Local heritage and culture sites will be opening their doors to offer free behind-the-scenes tours and activities from 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Doors Open is a provincial tourism program organized by the Ontario Heritage Trust. Communities in Oxford County rotate hosting the event, which is put on in Woodstock by the City's Heritage Advisory Committee every two years.

"There are ten stops on the tour that each showcase Woodstock's rich architectural, cultural, economic and political history," said Karen Houston, Manager of Culture.

"Two new locations that we're excited to feature this year are Baird Machines, which has served the community since 1890, and The Mill, which has been home to several local businesses since 1912."



In addition to Doors Open, the City is also introducing its newest special event. Fall Fest will take place from 12 – 5 p.m. in Museum Square and will feature free activities, entertainment and treats inspired by the season.

"After an amazing summer of events, we're ready to bring on the fall vibes and continue creating opportunities for people to come together and celebrate our community," said Kristen Brodhagen, Manager of Special Events.

"There are so many special family traditions this time of year with both Thanksgiving and Halloween. Woodstock is also a city with deep agricultural roots, so collaborating with Doors Open for our first year was a natural fit."

You can find more information about Doors Open and Fall Fest at [www.cityofwoodstock.ca/specialevents](http://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/specialevents).

## 2025 Doors Open Sites



Baird's Machine Shop 1905c courtesy of Woodstock Museum NHS

- ▶ **Baird Machines**  
568 Dundas St.
- ▶ **Church of the Epiphany**  
560 Dundas St.
- ▶ **Museum Square**  
472 Dundas St.
- ▶ **Old St. Paul's Anglican Church**  
723 Dundas St.
- ▶ **The Mill**  
50a Ingersoll Rd.
- ▶ **Woodstock Art Gallery**  
449 Dundas St.
- ▶ **Woodstock Fire Station No. 1**  
1203 Parkinson Rd.
- ▶ **Woodstock Masonic Lodge**  
10 Brock St.
- ▶ **Woodstock Museum NHS**  
466 Dundas St.
- ▶ **Woodstock Public Library**  
445 Hunter St.



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

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WOODSTOCK  
ART GALLERY



# TEACHER

## Appreciation NIGHT

SEPT. 25 | 3 - 5 PM

Woodstock Art Gallery  
449 Dundas St.

Enter to  
win a **FREE**  
field trip for  
your class!

Free to attend! Register in advance online  
[woodstockartgallery.ca](http://woodstockartgallery.ca) | [woodstockmuseum.ca](http://woodstockmuseum.ca)



## what's on **WOODSTOCK**

What's on Woodstock is your go-to source for information on our city and community.

### NEXT EDITIONS

- **October 2025** – RESERVE BY SEPTEMBER 3
- **Nov./Dec. 2025** – RESERVE BY OCTOBER 1

Advertise today: [www.cityofwoodstock.ca/wow](http://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/wow)

### ADVERTISING RATES

Size	Non-Profit	Regular
Eighth page	\$95	\$115
Quarter page	\$155	\$215
Half page (tall or wide)	\$260	\$365
Full page	\$490	\$630
Covers (inside, back)	\$850	\$850



## On-Call Crossing Guards Wanted

Help kids get to school safely! We're looking to add to our roster of on-call crossing guards to help fill in when needed.

If you love kids and are looking for occasional work, learn more about the position at [www.cityofwoodstock.ca/applynow](http://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/applynow)





## CONVENTIONAL & PARA-TRANSIT HOURS OF OPERATION

- **Monday–Saturday: 6 a.m.–10 p.m.**

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
<b>Han-D-Ride Pass</b> (discounted)	\$27.50 (12 rides)	\$27.50 (12 rides)	Free bus service
<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.

## PARA-TRANSIT

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

## DISPATCH OFFICE HOURS

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

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

# Rent Market Centre Theatre

22 Reeve St., Downtown Woodstock



Theatrical Performances • Concerts  
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## Facility Includes:

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- Lounge for 50 people
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- Technical equipment, support and box office provided by Theatre Woodstock
- Displays for promotional materials
- Kitchen with fridge
- Tables, chairs and coat racks

**Available to rent through August 2026. Book now!**



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

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## September

- 2 **Living with Loss: 6-week Grief Support Group**, St. David's Church, 190 Springbank Ave, 6:30–7:30 p.m. Call/email/text for more details or to register. 519-536-3370. [www.caringheartssupportnetwork.com](http://www.caringheartssupportnetwork.com)
- 7 **Walk for Parkinson's**, Roth Park, 1 p.m. Walk for Parkinson's is an opportunity for the community to come together to support those impacted by Parkinson's Disease in Southwestern Ontario. For details, visit [walkforpd.ca](http://walkforpd.ca), email [events@pssso.ca](mailto:events@pssso.ca) or phone 519-652-9437.
- 8 **Ingersoll Choral Society Start Up**, Ingersoll Christian Reformed Church, 429 King St. W., Ingersoll, 7 p.m. Like to sing? Consider trying out the Ingersoll Choral Society. Come to 3 rehearsals before commitment required. Find us on Facebook. Price: \$150/year. Visit [ingersollchoralsociety.ca](http://ingersollchoralsociety.ca).
- 12–13 **13 Ghosts Escape Room**, Woodstock Museum, 466 Dundas St, 4–9 p.m. \$20 per person. Book your 1 hour time slot for teams of 4 to 6 people online at [woodstockmuseum.ca](http://woodstockmuseum.ca). Continues Fridays and Saturdays through Oct. 25.
- 17 **Colouring Through Grief**, St. David's Church, 190 Springbank Ave, 6–7:30 p.m. Every third Wednesday monthly. Register by Sept. 12. Text/phone/email [info@caringheartssupportnetwork.com](mailto:info@caringheartssupportnetwork.com), 519-536-3370, [www.caringheartssupportnetwork.com](http://www.caringheartssupportnetwork.com).

- 20 **Hike for Hospice**, Roth Park, 9 a.m. The 2025 Hike for Hospice is the 23rd Annual Hike for Hospice in Oxford County! Help us raise money for VON Sakura House Hospice! Visit [vonsakurahouse.com](http://vonsakurahouse.com) or email [oxfordgiving@von.ca](mailto:oxfordgiving@von.ca) or call 519-709-8332.
- 25 **Teacher Appreciation Night**, Woodstock Art Gallery, 449 Dundas St, 3–5 p.m., Free to attend. Enter to win a free field trip for your class! Register in advance online at [woodstockartgallery.ca](http://woodstockartgallery.ca) or [woodstockmuseum.ca](http://woodstockmuseum.ca).
- 25 **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.
- 26 **Record Works presents Pretzel Logic (a Tribute to Steely Dan)**, Market Centre Theatre, 22 Reeve St, 7:30 p.m. All seats \$39.50. Join us for an evening of Steely Dan music at its finest. Tickets available online: <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=292604>

## October

- 4 **Doors Open Woodstock**, various locations, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Visit [www.doorsopenontario.on.ca/woodstock](http://www.doorsopenontario.on.ca/woodstock).
- 4 **Woodstock Fall Fest**, Museum Square, 472 Dundas St, 12–5 p.m. Free activities, entertainment and treats inspired by the season. Visit [www.cityofwoodstock.ca/fallfest](http://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/fallfest)

## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

September 30



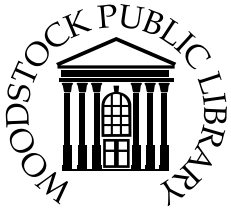
**WOODSTOCK  
FALL FEST**

**SATURDAY, OCT. 4, 2025**

**12:00–5:00 p.m.**  
**Museum Square**

**[www.cityofwoodstock.ca/fallfest](http://www.cityofwoodstock.ca/fallfest)**

 City of Woodstock



# PUBLIC LIBRARY

Monday to Thursday 10 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Sunday Closed  
Closed September 1  
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
<b>Tales &amp; Tunes</b> (Family)	An interactive storytime that will cultivate a love of books with stories, songs, rhymes, and other activities.	Wednesdays Sept 10–Oct 29, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
<b>Toddler Tales</b> (12–36 months)	An active program with stories, rhymes, songs, and other activities.	Thursdays Sept 11–Oct 30, 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 Sept 11–Oct 30, 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 Sept 12–Oct 31, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
<b>Strollers and Stories</b> (Birth–18 months)	Join us for a 30-minute walk followed by a 15-minute storytime at Victoria Park. Indoors if inclement weather. Please meet at the corner of Hunter and Graham Street by noon.	Fridays Sept 12–Oct 31, 12–1:00 p.m.

**Indigenous Storytime and Language Teachings** (Family) Saturday, September 13 – 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Join us in learning about Indigenous languages this month with the Indigenous Solidarity & Awareness Network – Oxford and special guest Melissa Deleary. **No registration required, just drop by!**

## Programs for Children

**Two Row Learning** (6–12 years)  
Monday, September 15 – 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Explore and immerse yourself in Indigenous culture, knowledge and teachings. Participate in discussions, hands-on activities and crafts. Complimentary pizza and snacks. **No registration required.**

**Homeschool Meetup** (Family)  
Monday, September 15 – 1–3 p.m.

Meet other Homeschooling families for an afternoon of fun! Bring your own board games, or play one of ours. Test a robot or two. **No registration required.**

**Retro Video Gaming Night!** (All Ages)  
Tuesday, September 16 – 6–8 p.m.

Feeling nostalgic about the games from your youth? Want to play the original Mario Party your parents won't stop talking about? Play a sampling of retro games on various consoles. **No registration required.**

**Afterschool Hang Out** (6–12 years)  
Thursday, September 25 – 3:30–5 p.m.

Drop in to the library after school to create and try out some fun games, robots, and crafts! Snacks will be provided. **No registration required.**

# Programs for Children

**PA Day Movie: *Lilo & Stitch*** (Family)  
Tuesday, September 2 – 2:30–4:30 p.m.

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

**Paper Circuits with Codelets** (5+ years)  
Saturday, September 20 – 2:30–4 p.m.

Join Woodstock's newest STEM adventure, Codelets, as they help us discover circuits using simple materials like paper and LED lights to create amazing DIY projects! Please be advised that button batteries will be used to build projects. **Registration opens September 6.**

**Saturday Breakout** (6+ years)  
Saturday, September 27 – 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Try to break open the box before time runs out! Breakout games are similar to escape rooms and are full of puzzles that are fun for the whole family. **Registration opens September 13.**



# Programs for Teens

**Pizza Pop-up with Brightside** (12+ years)  
Monday, September 8 – 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Drop in to enjoy pizza and games with Brightside. Brightside Youth Hub is a Woodstock-based group committed to providing youth access to the services they need at no cost. **No registration required.**

**Lunch Time Breakout** (12–18 years)  
Thursdays starting September 11 – 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.**



**Teen Volunteer Fair** (Grades 9–12)  
Saturday, September 27 – 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Looking for community service hours, a meaningful way to contribute to the Woodstock community, or interested in gaining valuable work experience? Drop by to meet several community organizations that are seeking teen volunteers. Perfect for students in high school. Don't miss your chance to get involved and give back! **No registration required.**



## Programs for Adults

### Mah-Jongg

Tuesdays in September – 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

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

### Chit Chat Circle

Tuesdays in September – 1:30–3 p.m.

Socialize in a safe space hosted by the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA). We will discuss a variety of wellness topics. Refreshments provided. No registration required.

### Pub Trivia

Wednesday, September 17 – 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.

### Doors Open Woodstock:

#### Carnegie Library Tour

Saturday, October 4 – 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Join us in celebrating local heritage with a special staff guided tour of the 116 year-old architectural marvel known as the Woodstock Public Library.



### Board Game Drop-In

Mondays, September 8 – 2–4 p.m.

Join us for board games and fun! Come play your favourite classic board game or challenge yourself to try something new. Drop-in, no registration required.

### WPL Book Club

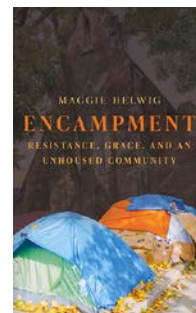
Tuesdays, September 9 & October 7 – 2–3 p.m.

Thursdays, September 11 & October 9 – 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.

#### September Title

*Encampment: Resistance, Grace, and an Unhoused Community*  
Maggie Helwig



#### October Title

*Snap*  
Susin Nielsen



### Knitting and Crochet Drop-In

Saturdays, September 13 and 27 – 2–3 p.m.

Come out for a cozy hour of knitting and crochet! Bring your project or check out our collection of crochet and knitting books for patterns. New to the craft? We will have extra crochet hooks, knitting needles, and yarn for you to get started! No registration required.

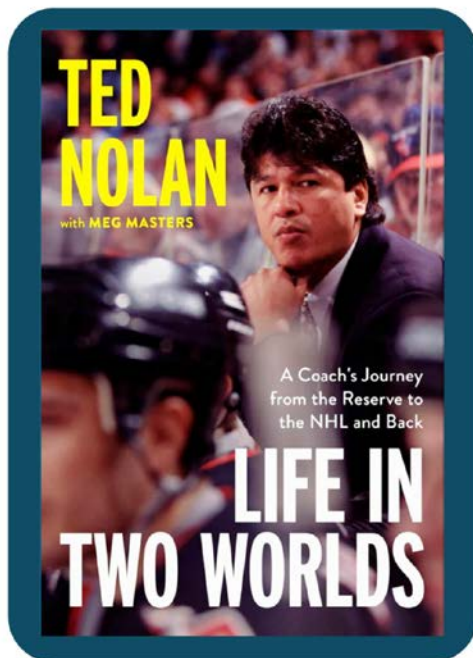
### Dungeons and Dragons: Dragon Heist (18+)

Saturday, September 27 – 11 a.m.–1 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. Game play is 2 hours. Registration opens September 13.

# Programs for Adults

## 2025 Oxford Reads Title



Join our community-wide reading initiative and borrow your copy today from Oxford County Library or Woodstock Public Library.



### Crafty Adults

Thursday, September 18 – 7–8 p.m.

If you're looking for the perfect literature-inspired door decoration, join us at the library to make your very own book-page wreath! All supplies will be provided by the library. No experience necessary. Registration opens September 4.

### Writers' Group (15+ years)

Wednesday, September 24 – 6–8 p.m.

Active and aspiring writers of all kinds are welcome to join us once a month for a time of fellowship, support, and quiet writing. Snacks provided. Mutual support appreciated! No registration required.

### Cyber Assist

Tuesdays – 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Wednesdays – 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.

### Culture Days Fair (All Ages)

Saturday, September 20 – 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Join us at the Woodstock Public Library to celebrate local artisans, businesses, and cultural groups at this year's Culture Days. We will be hosting a number of booths around the library, so come out to celebrate the Woodstock community!



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

**A:** 1974.



## Fall Programs

### Wood Carving Workshop

Tuesday, Sept. 9 & 16 | 6:30–9 p.m.

Try the satisfying art of hand carving and whittling with award winning instructors from the Tri-County Carvers. Back by popular demand! All bird kit materials, tools if needed, and annual membership in the club included in this two-session workshop! No experience needed.

**Ages: 16+**

**\$70 (Members \$63)**

### Lunch & Learn: Fall Series

Select Tuesdays | 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Join us for a unique topic at the Woodstock Museum followed by a light lunch. Register in advance to reserve your spot. **Ages: 16+**

#### Sept. 16: Songs of Our Hometown

Enjoy the sounds and stories of singer-songwriter James Gordon. Hear about his tours, writing for symphony orchestras, musical theatre, films, and as songwriter-in-residence for radio when he wrote two songs about Woodstock's past!

#### Oct. 21: Secrets of Woodstock Cemeteries

Unravel some of the mysteries about a few of the people named in our Woodstock cemeteries with historian Scott Gillies. What was their life story? What other secrets lie hidden with them?

#### Nov. 18: Our Cenotaph Soldiers

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.

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

### Super Structures PA Day

Friday, Oct. 10 | 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Do you love building skyscrapers and bridges? Learn about the forces needed as well as engineering feats built to span amazing lengths. **Ages: 5–12**

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

### 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)**

## Welcome Back Teachers!

Explore Woodstock's past with hands-on programs for all grade levels. Book online at [woodstockmuseum.ca](http://woodstockmuseum.ca) or contact the Education Officer at 519-537-8424.

**Length: 90 minutes. Cost: \$6/student (min. \$100)**

### Special Program: Physics Matters Grades 3–5

Discover the science that shapes our everyday lives with an interactive exhibit, hands-on activities and fun experiments! Topics include matter, force, motion, light, sound, structures and simple machines.

**Bookable through December 2025.**



### Combination Programs

Book a full day of fun and education activities for two classes! Each class will spend half the day at the Museum and half the day with one of our partner sites. Limited dates available.

**Book early to secure your spot!**



Don't miss our FREE **Teacher Appreciation Night** in partnership with the Woodstock Art Gallery!  
**Thursday, Sept. 25 from 3–5 p.m.**

Register in advance online.

# 13 GHOSTS ESCAPE ROOM

Fridays and Saturdays  
Sept. 12 – Oct. 25

1 hour time slots 4 – 9 p.m.

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## PHYSICS MATTERS

An Interactive Science Exhibit  
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**HELD OVER  
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# FALL PROGRAMS

## CHILDREN

### START WITH ART

Wednesdays, Oct. 1, Nov. 12, Dec. 10  
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

### 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

### CREATIVE PA DAYS

Friday, Oct. 10 & Nov. 14  
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). Before and after care available \$10

## TEENS & ADULTS

### WATERCOLOUR PAINTING: BOLD + FREE

Wednesdays, Sept. 24 – Nov. 12  
6:30 – 8 p.m.

Explore the possibilities of imagination and imagery discovered through watercolour painting. Students new to watercolour will come to understand its fluid qualities and vivid sensations. An individual approach to subjects will be encouraged and augmented by techniques, including viewing examples from WAG’s permanent collection. Open to beginners and novice students.

Age: 13+  
Cost: \$360 (Members \$320)

### JUST FOR TEENS – DRAWING THE UNSEEN

Saturdays, Oct. 11 – 25  
10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Dissect a drawing layer by layer, exploring how various objects and materials fold, drape and convey mass with artist Mercedes Schuster. Use charcoal alongside a unique blend of graphite and carbon pencils to create striking contrasts and deep shadows, breathing life into your drawing.

Age: 13 – 19  
Cost: \$95 (Members \$80)

### BIRTHDAY PARTIES AND TEAM BUILDING

Back by popular demand and newly reimagined! 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 hand-on art projects.

Visit [woodstockartgallery.ca](http://woodstockartgallery.ca) for more details.

## SUMMER EXHIBITIONS

CELEBRATING OVER

# 175 YEARS

OF OXFORD COUNTY





July 12 –  
Jan. 24, 2026


*Court House Square photograph,  
1865, Oxford County Archives*

# ANNUAL JURIED EXHIBITION

# visual elements 67

July 12 – Oct. 11, 2025 • Juror Walk & Talk: Sept. 6, 1 – 3 p.m.

**JURORS: MICHEL DAIGNEAULT  
MATTHEW RYAN SMITH  
NICHOLAS CROMBACH**



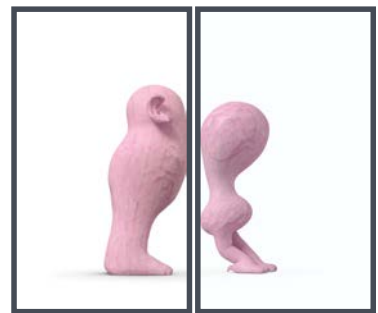
## Jaquie Poole

Present in the Moment

July 26, 2025 –  
Jan. 24, 2026

Reception  
with the Artist:  
Oct. 25, 2025

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



## Lyn Carter

### *The Pinks*

July 26, 2025 –  
Jan. 24, 2026

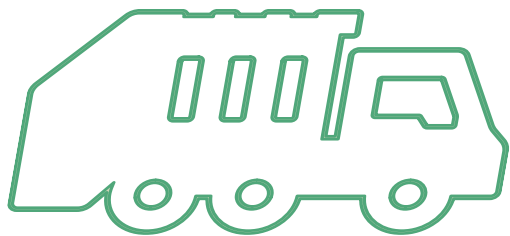

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*Pink 3 and Pink 2*, 2025, animation, presented on a 146 x 84 cm display screen

# Big Changes Coming to Waste Collection in Woodstock



## What you need to know about the new green bin program and six-day cycle

Starting in January 2026, Woodstock residents will see some exciting changes in how we handle waste. These updates will introduce a convenient new way for people to get rid of their food scraps and other organics and help divert more waste from the landfill.

### Green Bin Organics Collection

One of the biggest changes is the launch of curbside **organics collection**—or “green bin” program. Every Woodstock home will receive two containers this fall:

- A small **7-litre kitchen container** to collect food scraps indoors.
- A larger **45-litre green bin** to set out at the curb on collection day.

This means things like fruit and vegetable peels, coffee grounds, and other acceptable biodegradable waste will now be collected separately from regular garbage. By keeping organics out of landfill, Woodstock will reduce greenhouse gases, extend the life of disposal sites, and create useful renewable natural gas.

### Moving to a Six-Day Cycle

Also beginning in January 2026, garbage and green bin collection in Woodstock will follow a **six-day rotating cycle**. Instead of having the same collection day each week, your pick-up day will move forward by one day the following week (for example, Monday moves to Tuesday, Tuesday to Wednesday, and so on). Weekends and holidays are skipped.

While this will take some time to get used to, the six-day cycle avoids double collection days and is significantly less costly than a five-day cycle. The new City Services calendar will be updated with the new schedule information and mailed to residents at the end of November. Residents are also encouraged to use the Wasteline App to help keep track of their collection day. Download the app now on the App or Play Store and set reminders so you'll always know when to put your bins out.



### Residential Recycling Updates

Recycling services are also shifting in 2026. Under new provincial rules, the companies that produce packaging and products are responsible for recycling them. For residents, this means recycling collection will still happen, but the schedule may differ from garbage and green bin days. The program is being managed by Circular Materials Ontario, and they are in the process of finalizing details for the program's roll-out across Oxford County.

For more details and updates, visit [www.oxfordcounty.ca/new-waste-collection](http://www.oxfordcounty.ca/new-waste-collection)



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# TASTE OF

10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
A Decade of Taste,  
A Lifetime of Art

# ART

## Saturday September 20

7 p.m. – 10 p.m.

- Local food and craft beverages
- Culinary demonstrations
- Music by Ingersoll Pipe Band, Jack Redman and the Wright Stuff
- Silent auction, photobooth and art activities

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