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January/February 2026

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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



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Discover recreation and leisure opportunities in Woodstock

The Recreation and Leisure Fair is the perfect opportunity to discover clubs, sports and leisure activities in Woodstock. The fair is returning to Oxford Auditorium on Saturday, March 28, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Organized by the Recreation Advisory Committee, admission to the event is free. All ages are invited to connect with vendors from sports teams and associations, arts and culture groups, volunteer organizations and the City's Parks and Recreation department.

"If you're new to the community or have lived here for decades, it's a wonderful way to get out and discover a new recreational hobby or activity," said Ryan Napman, chair of the Recreation Advisory Committee. "Our goal is to encourage people to get active in recreation and take advantage of some of the amazing opportunities our community has to offer."

If you're looking for a new activity, hobby or sport, come to the Rec and Leisure Fair and find something new to get passionate about. In the past we've had weavers and spinners, model airplanes, dancing groups, Tai Chi and much more!

Why should you go?

- Explore a new hobby or interest
- Discover ways to get active and enjoy the outdoors
- Become a volunteer and make a difference in your community
- Meet like-minded people
- Win door prizes and see group demonstrations
- Attend as a vendor! Apply online at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/recfair



HURRY HARD, WOODSTOCK!

With the Winter Olympics around the corner, there's no better time to try curling.

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Woodstock's Accessibility Advisory Committee (WAAC): WHO ARE WE?

The City of Woodstock is committed to creating a welcoming, inclusive, and accessible community for all residents and visitors. At the heart of this commitment is the Woodstock Accessibility Advisory Committee (WAAC), a dedicated group that advises City Council on how to make Woodstock a barrier-free community.

WAAC is made up of community volunteers who bring valuable insight and lived experience with accessibility challenges, alongside one City staff representative and one City Councillor. Together, they form a bridge between the community and municipal decision-makers, ensuring accessibility remains a central priority in all aspects of city planning, programs, and services. The primary role of WAAC is to make recommendations to City Council on matters related to accessibility. By providing thoughtful and informed advice, the committee ensures that accessibility considerations are woven into Woodstock's broader goals for growth and community well-being.

WAAC also reviews and advises on the status of accessibility programs and how well they meet the needs of residents. The committee identifies areas where the City can improve accessibility in both public spaces and services. It also provides feedback on capital projects, ensuring that accessibility standards are considered from the earliest planning stages to completion, whether in the design of City buildings, recreational areas, roads, or public transit systems.

WAAC works to increase public awareness and understanding of accessibility challenges by engaging residents, community organizations, and local businesses. Through City of Woodstock events, the Donna Burleigh Accessibility Achievement Award, and other initiatives, the committee encourages everyone to consider accessibility as a shared responsibility. Education and awareness help build empathy and drive positive change, ensuring that Woodstock continues to move toward a more inclusive future. All of this can be found through the City of

Woodstock's website at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/accessibility.

WAAC also assists with the preparation of Woodstock's multi-year accessibility plan and the annual status reports for each year of the plan. The accessibility plan outlines the City's progress, goals, and priorities for improving accessibility across all municipal operations. The work of the Woodstock Accessibility Advisory Committee represents a powerful partnership between citizens, City staff, and Council. Together, they share a common vision: to make Woodstock a community where everyone regardless of ability can participate fully in all aspects of life. By embedding accessibility into policies, projects, and public awareness, WAAC is helping Woodstock take meaningful steps toward a more equitable and inclusive future. The committee's dedication ensures that accessibility is not just a goal, but a guiding principle that shapes the City's identity and strengthens the community.



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- **Monthly Goddess Circles** – connect, meditate, and celebrate feminine energy
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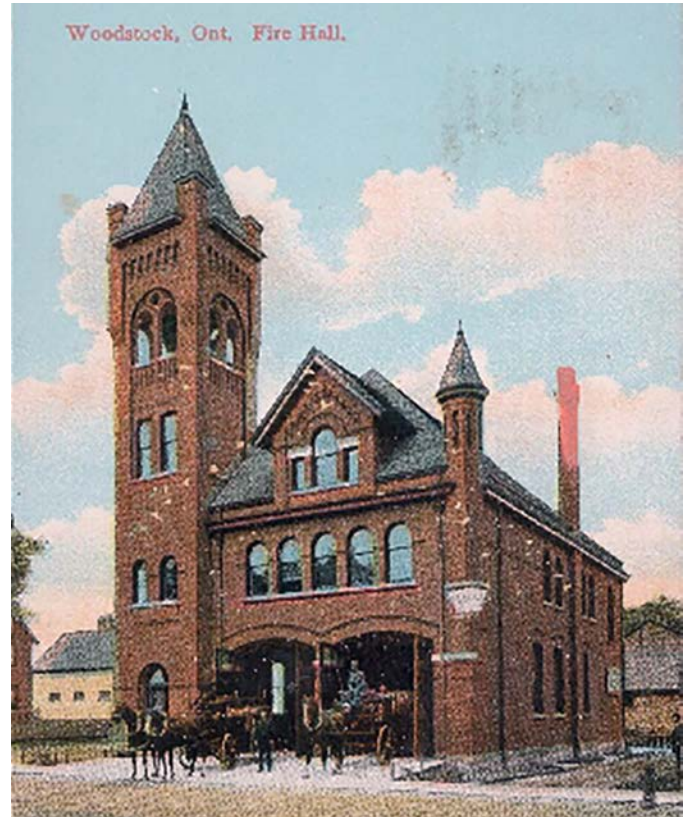


Celebrating 125 Years as a City: Woodstock's Big Anniversary Begins

On July 1, 1901, Woodstock officially became a City. Although Woodstock had already been a town for half a century, with 2,112 people calling it home in 1851, City status was traditionally reserved for places with at least 15,000 residents. But Woodstock forged its own path. With a population of fewer than 9,000, our community successfully petitioned the province and earned the City designation.

In 2026, Woodstock will mark 125 years since that milestone, and plans are already well underway. Anniversaries are an opportunity to reflect on our past, celebrate what makes our community strong, and imagine what the future could hold.

Celebrating a community's anniversary is an opportunity to create connections as well. Throughout the year, events will be planned that create connections between people and our local business community, that help encourage residents to feel a sense of connection with the city and all the wonderful places and spaces it has to offer.



Looking west down Dundas Street from Market Square, July 1, 1901. (Photos courtesy of Woodstock Museum).

A Canada Day Celebration to Remember

Because July 1 is Woodstock's official anniversary date, the official anniversary commemoration will take place as part of the City's Canada Day event. With Council's recent approval of the anniversary budget, staff are busy planning an enhanced experience featuring an exciting Canadian headliner and expanded activities for all ages.

Both the Woodstock Art Gallery and Woodstock Museum will host special exhibitions and programming throughout the anniversary year, and staff are exploring opportunities for legacy projects that will mark the milestone for decades to come.

Get Involved

A city is shaped by its people, so community participation will be a cornerstone of the 125th anniversary. Here are some of the ways you can take part:

Design a Commemorative Coin

The Woodstock Coin Club is inviting residents to create a coin design that reflects what Woodstock means to them.

- Open to all ages, with **adult (18+)** and **youth** categories
- Winners receive a set of medals featuring their design and initials, plus a numismatic prize
- Multiple entries are welcome
- Download a template at www.woodstock125.ca and submit designs to WCC2026contest@gmail.com
- Deadline to submit designs is Jan. 31, 2026

Join the Big, Fun, Friendly Faceoff!

Gather your co-workers, teammates, friends or neighbours and compete in a lighthearted, community-building challenge. From January to July 2026, teams will earn points by participating in fun activities—and extra points for performance and team spirit. It's a great way to connect, stay active and support a good cause. Learn more and register at www.woodstock125.ca

Host a Neighbourhood Block Party

To help residents strengthen connections in their local neighbourhood, the City is preparing a block-party planning resource, offering tips and tools to bring neighbours together.

Keep an eye on www.woodstock125.ca for updates, announcements and opportunities to take part in this once-in-a-generation celebration.

Here's to 125 years of community spirit—and to all the connections still to come.



GET ON THE VOTERS LIST

Do your part to shape our community.

Register to vote in this year's municipal and school board elections.

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HIGH FIVE® for the City of Woodstock!

The City of Woodstock's Recreation, Aquatics and Culture departments are preparing for another busy year in 2026.

The winter and spring schedule features a variety of returning favourites and exciting new opportunities for residents including drop-in activities, sports and fitness, swimming, science and technology, art, history and leadership programs. Registration for summer camp also starts on Tuesday, Feb. 3 at 10 a.m.

"Each season we're committed to offering high-quality recreation experiences that support healthy development, build lifelong skills and create lasting memories for children ages four to 12," said Danielle Ciccarelli, Manager of Cowan Park Sportsplex.

This commitment was recently recognized on a national level. In November, the City achieved HIGH FIVE® Accreditation — the highest recognized level of quality assurance in children's recreation and sport programming in Canada.

Designed by Parks and Recreation Ontario, HIGH FIVE® is based on five principles of healthy child development essential for quality programs:

- A caring leader
- The opportunity to make friends
- The opportunity to play
- The opportunity to master skills
- The opportunity to participate

HIGH FIVE® offers training and certifications for people working in the sport and recreation industry. All City summer camp and seasonal recreation staff complete the Principles of Healthy Child Development certification, a one-day course that covers best practices for delivering programs to children.

Accreditation is a three-year process, and organizations must meet rigorous standards across programming, policies and risk management.

"We are incredibly proud of the work our team has done to achieve this goal through our hiring policies, training, program development, safe environments, evaluations and more," said Ciccarelli.

For more information on upcoming programs and camps, flip to the Recreation Guide on pg. 11 or visit www.recreationwoodstock.ca



Recreation staff took park in a HIGH FIVE® Accreditation Celebration on Nov. 28, 2025, at Cowan Park Sportsplex.

Aquatics

Recreational Swimming

Swimming is a great way to stay active and have fun throughout the year! Southside Aquatic Centre offers drop-in recreational swimming programs for all ages. Before you grab your bathing suit, make sure to check the admission standards at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/aquatics.

Public Swimming

All sections of the pool are available for everyone to enjoy a swim! Admission standards apply.

Days	Times
Saturday and Sunday	2–4 p.m.

Adult and Child Swims

A portion of the shallow area is available for adults and children to enjoy a quiet swim. Pool is shared with other programs. Children must be accompanied by an adult regardless of age.

Days	Times
Monday to Friday	10:15–11:15 a.m.

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

Aquatic Fitness

Add our drop-in aquatic fitness programs to your weekly exercise routine for a fantastic whole-body workout.

Shallow Water Aquafit

A shallow water fitness workout helps improve stamina, endurance and muscle strength while reducing stress on joints. All classes include options to workout at your own level. Participants should be comfortable in chest deep water.

Days	Times
Monday to Friday	8:40–9:20 a.m. 9:30–10:10 a.m.
Tuesday and Thursday	8:10–8:50 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday	12:15–12:55 p.m.



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Gentle Aquafit

A low impact fitness class that focuses on using the water for resistance with very little jumping or high impact movements.

Days	Times
Monday, Wednesday and Friday	11:20–11:50 a.m.

Deep Water Aquafit

A challenging non-impact program conducted in deep water. Participants should be comfortable in deep water, buoyancy belts are required and provided.

Days	Times
Tuesday and Thursday	8:10–8:50 p.m.

Cost

Fee	Single Admission	10 Admission Pack	1-Month Membership	3-Month Membership	12-Month Membership
Shallow and Deep Water Drop-In	\$7	\$63			
Gentle Aquafit Drop-In	\$5.50	\$49.50			
Aquatic Fitness Membership			\$65	\$135	\$435

Note: Aquatic Fitness Memberships include access to all drop-in Recreational Swimming and Aquatic Fitness programs.

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
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

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 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.



Drop-In Programs



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

Turf Time

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

Open Gym

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

Walking Track

Our indoor walking track is open daily at Cowan Park Sportsplex 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.



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Pickleball

Practice and play pickleball in a learning environment or book a court and organize your own game!

Introductory, Recreation and Advanced Pickleball

Drop-in time slots are offered at Cowan Park Sportsplex and are designed for players based on their level of experience.

Book a Court

Grab up to four players and book a court at Cowan Park Sportsplex or Goff Gymnasium in Reeves Community Complex.

The cost to book a court for 1.5 hours is \$15 (HST included). One member of your group will be responsible for booking the court. Registration opens three days in advance. All participants must be at least 13 years old except for Saturdays, which are open to all ages.



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Pick-up Sports

You can also check PickupHub for drop-in teen and adult sports including hockey, basketball and soccer.

For up-to-date schedules, rates and details on any of the above programs visit www.recreationwoodstock.ca

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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.

Winter Programs:

- O.U.R. 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 4-week instructor-led courses in February and April:

- **Grow Your Game:**
Advanced Beginner
- **Learn 2 Play**
- **Drives, Drops & Dinks:**
Early Intermediates
- **Kitchen Confidence:**
Advanced Beginner



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Recreation and Leadership Programs

Babysitting Course

Ages 11-14

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:** Jan. 30, April 24, May 29



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Home Alone Safety Course

Ages 9-12

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:** Jan. 30, April 24, May 29

Kids Spa Nights

Ages 6-12

Get ready to relax and unwind! Participants will enjoy soothing face masks, painting their nails, making colourful friendship bracelets, and crafting their own bath bombs and lip scrubs to take home.

- **Upcoming Dates:** Feb. 27, March 13, April 10

DIY Art Lab

Ages 6-12

Unleash your creativity! This 6-week program invites kids to dive into hands-on crafting and exploration inspired by our popular DIY Camp.

- **Upcoming Dates:** Mondays, March 2-April 13

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Stemotics/Robotics

Ages 4-12

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.

- **Upcoming Dates:** Tuesdays, March 24-May 12

Nerf Warriors – Laser Tag

Ages 4-12

Charge into the ultimate battle zone! Kids will enjoy 45 minutes of high-energy excitement featuring Nerf blasters and laser tag challenges. Dodge, dash, and strategize through thrilling missions and epic battles.

- **Upcoming Dates:** Feb. 20, March 20, April 17



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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



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**Recreation
Woodstock**

PA Day & March Break Camps

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



**Register now for our PA Day &
March Break camps for kids aged 4-12**



To register visit www.recreationwoodstock.ca

Summer Camp

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 starts Feb. 3 at 10 a.m.

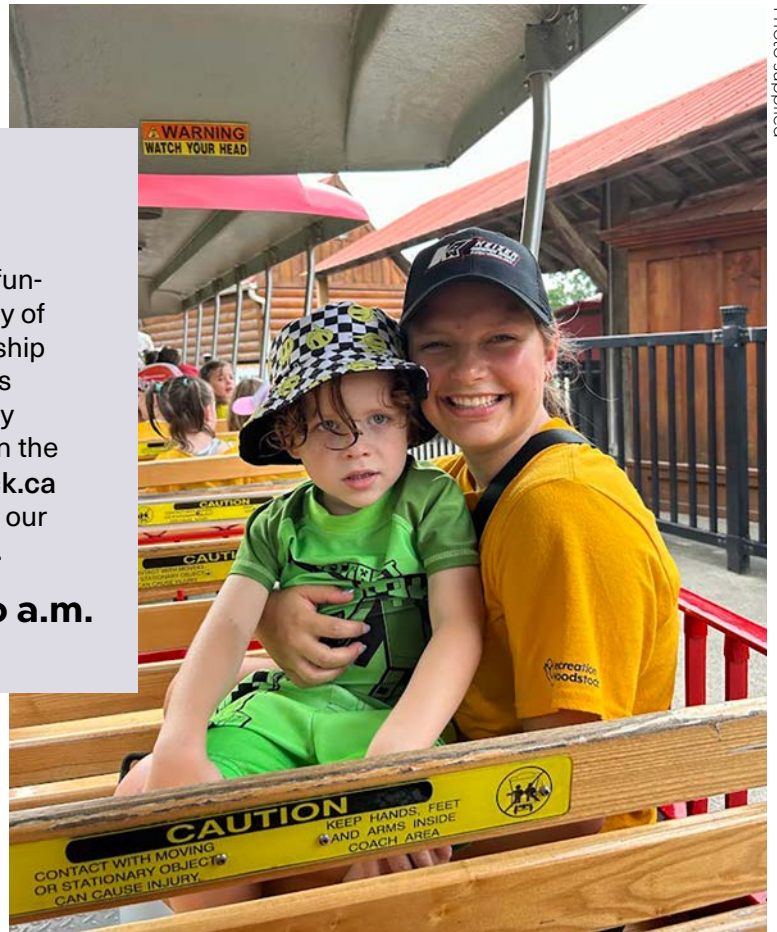


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Recreation Camps



	Age	Featured Activity*	June 29–July 3	July 6–10	July 13–17	July 20–24	July 27–31	Aug 3–7	Aug 10–14	Aug 17–21	Aug 24–28	Aug 31–Sept 4	Fee
Cowan Park Sportsplex 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.													
Cowan Kinder Camp	4 to 5		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$220
Cowan Tykes	6 to 7		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$212
Cowan Juniors	8 to 9		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$212
Cowan Seniors	10 to 12		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$212
SPECIALTY/ THEMED CAMPS													
Ultimate Sports Camp – Juniors	6 to 8		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$212
Ultimate Sports Camp – Seniors	9 to 12		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$212
Pack & Go	8 to 12			✓		✓		✓		✓			\$405
Little Picasso Art & Swim Camp	6 to 9				✓		✓				✓		\$212
Stemotics/Robotics – Minecraft Coding	6 to 9				✓					✓			\$405
Stemotics/Robotics – Lego WeDo	6 to 9			✓					✓				\$405
DIY Camp	6 to 9			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		\$212
Summer Sport & Cycling Camp – Pro	8 to 12					✓			✓			✓	\$212
Southside Park – Outdoors 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.													
SPECIALTY/ THEMED CAMPS													
Trail Tots – Nature & Hiking Camp – NEW!	4 to 7				✓		✓						\$220
Explore the Outdoors – Nature & Hiking Camp	8 to 12			✓						✓			\$212
Summer Sport & Bronze Star Camp	9 to 12			✓						✓			\$405
Summer Sport & Learn to Swim Camp	6 to 9				✓		✓						\$353
Reeves Complex 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.													
Reeves Kinder Camp	4 to 5		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$220
Reeves Tykes	6 to 7		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$212
Reeves Juniors	8 to 9		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$212
Reeves Seniors	10 to 12		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$212
SPECIALTY/ THEMED CAMPS													
Leader in Training Camp	13 to 15					✓			✓				\$254. ²⁵
DIY Camp – NEW!	6 to 9			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		\$212
Summer Sport & Cycling Camp – Beginner – NEW!	7 to 9				✓			✓			✓		\$212
Pack & Go	8 to 12			✓		✓		✓		✓			\$405
Pre-Season Conditioning Hockey Camp JR	7 to 9										✓	✓	\$405
Pre-Season Conditioning Hockey Camp SR	10 to 12										✓	✓	\$405
Summer Sport & Skating Camp JR	4 to 7									✓	✓	✓	\$405
Summer Sport & Skating Camp SR	8 to 12									✓	✓	✓	\$405
Cowan Fields 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.													
Fields Kinder Camp	4 to 5		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$220
Fields Tykes	6 to 7		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$212
SPECIALTY/ THEMED CAMPS													
Ultimate Sports Camp – Juniors	8 to 9		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$212
Ultimate Sports Camp – Seniors	10 to 12		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$212
Racquets & Paddles – NEW!	8 to 12					✓			✓				\$353
Summer Sport & Learn to Swim Camp	6 to 9				✓		✓						\$353
Activate – Bounce & Climb Camp	8 to 12			✓						✓			\$353
Pack & Go	8 to 12			✓		✓		✓		✓		✓	\$405

* 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.

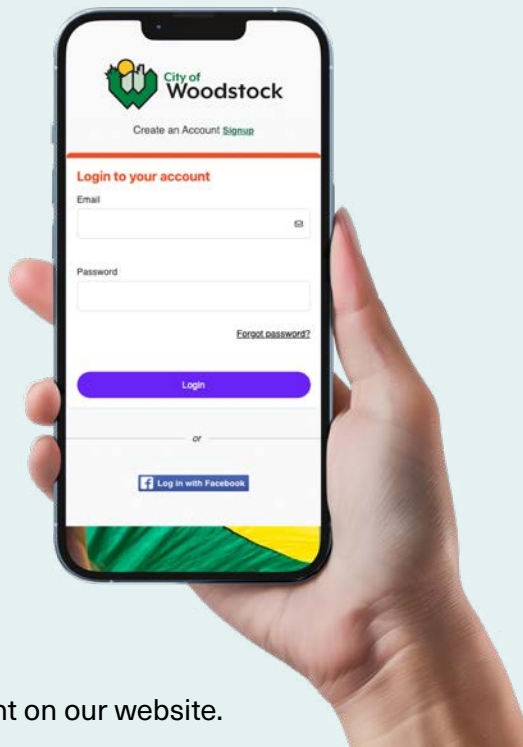
Once you're logged into your account you can:

- 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

New Registration Policy for Non-Residents

As of December 2025, the City has introduced a new policy that gives Woodstock residents seven days to sign up for camps, recreation and aquatics programs before registration opens for non-residents. The policy ensures residents who pay taxes towards recreation amenities have the opportunity to access these programs first.

Fee Assistance

The Fee Assistance in Recreation (FAIR) program helps individuals and families living in low-income access City recreation and leisure programs and buy Woodstock Transit passes at reduced rates.

Learn more at: www.cityofwoodstock.ca/fair

Climate Change: Understanding the basics and what we can do locally

Climate change is the long-term shift in Earth's climate. Impacts include rising global temperatures, changing precipitation patterns, more intense storms, and shifting seasons. The result: our climate is behaving in ways that threaten communities, ecosystems and the livelihoods of people around the world. This includes impacts to quality of life, from health risks to tax costs to maintain and improve infrastructure right here in Woodstock.

What are greenhouse gases?

Greenhouse gases are substances in Earth's atmosphere that trap heat. They act like a blanket: they allow sunlight to enter but slow the escape of heat that Earth radiates back into space. The more greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, the thicker the "blanket" and the warmer the planet becomes¹.

The greenhouse effect is essential to life on Earth, but human-made emissions in the atmosphere are trapping and slowing heat loss to space. While the Sun has played a role in past climate changes, the evidence shows the current warming cannot be explained by the Sun. Scientists overwhelmingly agree it is driven by human activities, especially the burning of fossil fuels and other practices that emit greenhouse gases². The most prevalent greenhouse gases are:

- **Carbon dioxide (CO₂)** is emitted when we burn fossil fuels like coal and petroleum, and through deforestation.
- **Methane (CH₄)** is released during the production and transport of fossil fuels, from agriculture (especially livestock) and landfills.
- **Nitrous oxide (N₂O)** is emitted from agriculture (fertilizers), combustion, and industrial processes.

Climate change is already reshaping our world. Recently, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) declared that 2025 is set to be the third warmest year on record, with a global mean

near-surface temperature 1.42°C above the pre-industrial average. The past 10 years, from 2015–2024, are the 10 warmest years on record. At the same time, local air quality events have been declared due to not-so-local forest fires.

While the challenge is global, solutions can begin at home. In Woodstock, residents, communities and their elected representatives can help by:

- Using cleaner, low-carbon transportation like walking, cycling, car-pooling or using the public transit system.
- Boosting energy efficiency at home by using LED lighting, installing a heat pump, improving insulation, and sealing drafts to lower energy use.
- Supporting clean energy and green electricity by adopting renewable energy options or encouraging community energy initiatives.
- Reducing waste, composting organic waste, recycling, and choosing reusable items helps cut emissions tied to producing and disposing of materials.
- Planting trees and protecting green spaces, trees reduce CO₂, cool neighbourhoods, improve air quality, and help manage stormwater.
- Staying informed and prepared as extreme heat, storms, and changing seasons become more common, being ready matters for health, safety and community resilience.

Each action, though small on its own, adds up when many people get involved. By choosing climate-smart habits and supporting community and policy efforts, Woodstock residents can contribute to the rapid and sustained decrease in greenhouse gases needed to slow down global warming.

- <https://science.nasa.gov/climate-change/faq/what-is-the-greenhouse-effect/>
- https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/syr/downloads/report/IPCC_AR6_SYR_SPM.pdf

C.O.W. TALES

CoW Tales is a regular feature in *What's on Woodstock* designed to celebrate the City of Woodstock's rich history. Thanks to the contributions of the Woodstock Museum NHS, the Heritage Advisory Committee and Oxford County Archives, CoW Tales shares stories that help us understand and connect with our past as our community continues to grow and evolve. In celebration of the City's upcoming 125th anniversary, this issue explores Woodstock's early beginnings as a town.



A Suitable Town Plot

In 1792, Sir John Graves Simcoe became Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada and began to lay plans for the development of the interior of Upper Canada. After touring this region in 1793, he envisioned a series of town sites linked by a military road, which would become Dundas Street. London, Chatham, Dorchester and Oxford were designated town sites. Simcoe also passed through the area now known as Woodstock and noted it a suitable "Town Plot." Photo: Portrait of Simcoe by George Theodore Berthon, Archives Ontario.



First Settlers

The first wave of settlers arrived from America in 1800. Zacharias Burtch was granted Lot 18, Concession 1 on Dundas Street. Zacharias and his sons cleared 30 acres and built a log cabin, the first permanent structure in the area. They were joined by other Americans who purchased land to the north and south of Dundas. Archibald Burtch, Zacharias's eldest son would go on to become a militia officer, businessman, town clerk, Reform politician and Baptist deacon. Photo: Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Burtch, 1863.



Half-Pay Officers

In the 1830s, a different group of immigrants was encouraged to settle the area. British naval and army officers placed on half-pay at the conclusion of their military service were able to purchase land from the Crown through a system of credits, based on their rank and length of service. Retired colonel Alexander Walley Light arrived in 1831, followed by retired captain Phillip Graham and Captain Andrew Drew, acting on behalf of Rear Admiral Henry Vansittart, in 1832. Photo: Portrait of Vansittart by Maxim Gauci, Toronto Reference Library.



Two Villages, One Town

Although settlement had already begun, a survey of the land in 1830 designated a superior site for the town. Separated by a swamp, the new village of Blandford and the original village, called Town Plot, were a mile apart. In 1834, a third wave of British immigrants settled in Town Plot. This growing community acquired the name Brighton, and the new residents quickly set up businesses along Dundas Street. On Jan. 1, 1850, Blandford and Town Plot officially joined to become the Town of Woodstock. Photo: North Side of Dundas Street, between Vansittart and Light, 1865.

C.O.W. TALES

Way Back When Contest

THE WINNER of the November/December 'Way Back When' Contest question is Lloyd Preston. Lloyd correctly answered that the Woodstock Fairgrounds military training centre closed in March of 1946. Lloyd wins a \$50 gift card from Boston Pizza Woodstock.

CONGRATULATIONS to Lesley Berry, grand prize winner of the 2025 'Way Back When' Contest! Lesley wins a \$100 gift card from Boston Pizza Woodstock. Now, for 2026, you can enter for eight chances to win a \$50 gift card from Boston Pizza Woodstock. Enter today!

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSOR!



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THINK YOU KNOW YOUR WOODSTOCK HISTORY?

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

Q. Which historic church was built at the direction of Andrew Drew in 1834? (See pg. 30)

Q. Who drafted the petition proposing Blandford and Town Plot join to become a single town? (See pg.4)

Q. Where did Woodstock's first town council meeting take place? (See pg. 29)

Q. Who was the first Reeve for the Town of Woodstock?

Send your answer along with your name and phone number to wow@cityofwoodstock.ca by Friday, February 6, 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!**



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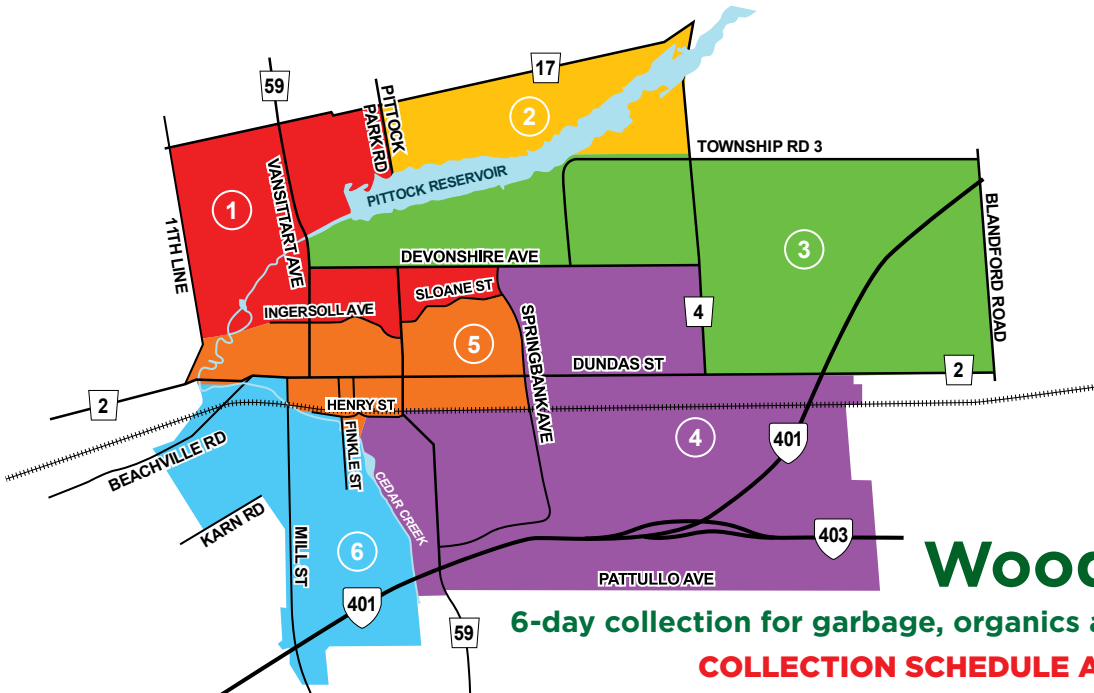
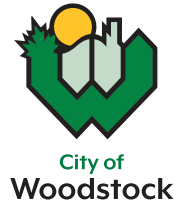
Keep **anything that can burn** at least **3 feet** from any heat sources like **fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators** or **space heaters**.



Install and test **carbon monoxide** and **smoke alarms**.



www.cityofwoodstock.ca/wfd | fire@cityofwoodstock.ca | 519-537-3412



* January 2: waste collection only (no organics)

New Year, New Collection Program

As we turn the page to a new year, Woodstock and Oxford County are also turning the page on how we collect waste. A few important changes are coming that will make it easier to divert more materials from the landfill and keep our community cleaner.

“Household recycling is changing across Ontario, and here in Woodstock we’re making a few extra improvements,” said Jeff Molenhuis, Director of Public Works. “Some of these changes may feel big at first, but they come with many benefits for residents and the environment.”

Green Bins are Here!

Many residents have been asking for curbside organics and we’re excited that it’s finally here! The new green bin program lets you place kitchen scraps, coffee grounds and filters, paper towels and tissues, plant material, pet fur and other compostable items at the curb instead of putting them in the garbage.

This helps extend the life of the landfill by reducing the waste in your garbage bags—which means fewer bag tags!

More Frequent Recycling Pickup

Recycling is moving from every other week to the new six-day rotating schedule. That means 15–17 more recycling pickups each year, as you’ll be able to put out your recycling every time you put out your garbage and green bin.

This change is part of Ontario’s new Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) recycling system, which shifts the responsibility and cost for recycling to the companies that produces those materials.

What You Need to Know

- You can keep using your **existing blue or black boxes**.
- You no longer need to separate paper products from containers.
- If you currently use **large carts or non-standard bins**, contact Emterra Environmental to request standard blue bins (two per household):
 - 1-888-597-1541
 - customerareont@emterra.ca

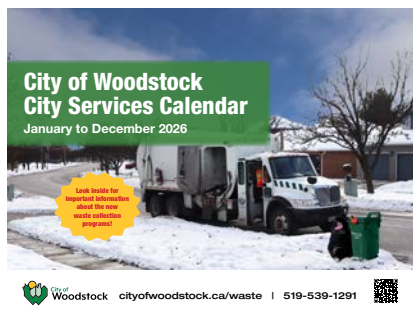
For Businesses

Because the provincial program only covers household recycling, Oxford County will now offer recycling collection for local businesses, commercial operations and institutions (BCI). To keep receiving service in 2026, businesses must register using the Business, Commercial, and Institutional Curbside Recycling Application Form which can be found at www.oxfordcounty.ca/new-waste-collection

Other Key Changes

Six-Day Rotating Schedule – Starts Jan. 2

All homes will receive a letter with their new zone and collection schedule. On this new schedule, your collection day will move ahead by one business day each week. This avoids double collection days around statutory holidays—collection simply skips the stat day and resumes the next business day.



Look for the new 2026 City Services Calendar to arrive in your mailboxes early in the new year.

Bag Tag Price Change

The price of bag tags is increasing to \$3 each starting Jan. 1, 2026. This is the first increase Oxford County has introduced in more than a decade.

Bag tags help fund curbside collection, so:

- People who throw out less waste **pay less**
- The cost is shared more fairly
- Using your **green bin** can significantly reduce the number of bags you set out

EnviroDepot Updates

Because of the new province-wide recycling program, materials that are now collected at the curb—including Styrofoam—can no longer be dropped off at the EnviroDepot.

Staff will be reviewing services in the coming months to determine how the depot can best serve the community and continue to support waste diversion moving forward.

We're Here to Help

“We know this is a big change, and it will take some time to adjust,” added Molenhuis. “We’re here to help you through the transition and ask for your patience as everyone learns the new system.”

Find schedules, zone maps, and helpful guides at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/new-waste-collection

Questions or Issues?

If you have questions or feedback about the new program, please contact the appropriate organization listed below. We also ask for your patience and kindness with front-line collection staff, who are working hard to serve our community and do not set program policies.

Recycling

Starting Dec. 31, recycling collection will be provided by Emterra, the local contractor for Circular Materials Ontario. For recycling questions or collection issues, please contact Emterra Environmental at **1-888-597-1541**. For service alerts and reminders, you can download the Circular Materials Recycle Coach app.

Residential Garbage and Organics

For questions related to residential garbage or organics collection, please contact City of Woodstock Public Works at **519-539-2382 x3104** or **x3102**. For service alerts and reminders, you can download Oxford County’s Wasteline app.

For all other waste program related questions (six-day schedule, bag tags etc.) please contact Oxford County at **519-539-9800**.

Business, Commercial and Industrial (BCI)

For questions related to BCI collection, please contact Oxford County at **519-539-9800 x3159** or **bcirecycling@oxfordcounty.ca**.



Recreational Skating Schedule

Public Skating

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

Civic Centre – 895 Nellis St (Fairgrounds)

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

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

Upcoming Dates – January 2026

Date	Sponsor	Location
Jan 3	City of Woodstock – Parks & Rec	Civic Centre
Jan 4	B&B Real Estate Team, The Realty Firm	Reeves Red
Jan 6	Vaughan Electric	Civic Centre
Jan 7	Arpan Khanna, MP Oxford	Reeves Green
Jan 8	Roes–Zehr Electrical Ltd.	Civic Centre
Jan 13	City of Woodstock – Parks & Rec	Civic Centre
Jan 14	Dr. Lail & Associates Family Dentistry	Reeves Green
Jan 15	City of Woodstock – Parks & Rec	Civic Centre
Jan 17	City of Woodstock – Parks & Rec	Civic Centre
Jan 18	Teighan Morris, Realtor® – The Realty Firm	Reeves Red
Jan 20	City of Woodstock – Parks & Rec	Civic Centre
Jan 21	Bucholtz Home Comfort	Reeves Green
Jan 22	CUPE 1146	Civic Centre
Jan 24	City of Woodstock – Parks & Rec	Civic Centre
Jan 25	Mackey Moving	Reeves Red
Jan 27	City of Woodstock – Parks & Rec	Civic Centre
Jan 28	Old Buoys Hockey Team	Reeves Green
Jan 29	Dr. Lail & Associates Family Dentistry	Civic Centre
Jan 31	City of Woodstock – Parks & Rec	Civic Centre

NO SKATING: Jan 1, 10, 11

Public Skating

Upcoming Dates – February 2026

Date	Sponsor	Location
Feb 1	Verbruggan Trucking	Reeves Red
Feb 3	City of Woodstock – Parks & Rec	Civic Centre
Feb 4	Taplay Fire Protection	Reeves Green
Feb 5	Oxford Plumbing	Civic Centre
Feb 7	City of Woodstock – Parks & Rec	Civic Centre
Feb 8	Vance Construction	Reeves Red
Feb 10	Adams Building Centre	Civic Centre
Feb 11	Adams Building Centre	Reeves Green
Feb 12	Adams Building Centre	Civic Centre
Feb 14	Dr. Lail & Associates Family Dentistry	Civic Centre
Feb 15	Canadian Tire Woodstock	Reeves Red
Feb 17	City of Woodstock – Parks & Rec	Civic Centre
Feb 18	Woodstock Police Association	Reeves Green
Feb 19	Lind Equipment	Civic Centre
Feb 21	City of Woodstock – Parks & Rec	Civic Centre
Feb 22	Aduro Athletics	Reeves Red
Feb 24	Lind Equipment	Civic Centre
Feb 25	CUPE 1146	Reeves Green
Feb 26	City of Woodstock – Parks & Rec	Civic Centre
Feb 28	City of Woodstock – Parks & Rec	Civic Centre

PA Day Skating

Reeves Community Complex – Red Rink
Jan 30, 1:15–2:05 p.m.

Sponsored by Woodstock Orthodontics

We are very pleased to offer free skating for the 2025–2026 season. It wouldn't have been possible without the support of our Community Sponsors. Please show them 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 9

Parent and Tot Shinny

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

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

NO SKATING: Jan 1

Family Day Skating

Reeves Community Complex – Red Rink
Feb 16, 3:45–5:05 p.m.

Sponsored by Woodstock Navy Vets
Jr. “C” Hockey Team

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.
Thursdays, 10–10:50 a.m.
Fridays, 1:15–2:05 p.m.

NO SKATING: Jan 1, 2, 9, 22, 30, Feb 16

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

January

- 1 **Design a Commemorative Coin for our 125th Anniversary as the City of Woodstock**, open to all ages with adult (18+) and youth categories. Download a template and submit your design by the deadline of Jan. 31. Visit www.woodstock125.ca for details.
- 6 **Taoist Tai Chi® Open House**, St. David's United Church, Kirk Hall, 190 Springbank Ave, 10:30 a.m. Price \$125 (65+) or \$150 Adult. Discover the benefits of a Taoist Tai Chi® arts program. For details, visit taoist.org/Woodstock, call 888-824-2441 or email woodstock@taoist.org.
- 7 **Caregiver Corner**, Zoom Meeting, 1:30–2:30 p.m. First Wednesday of each month, Jan.–Mar. A safe space to share your caregiving journey. Hosted by Nicole Bruder of the Caring Hearts Support Network. To register, call or text 519-536-3370 or email info@caringheartssupportnetwork.com
- 7 **Taoist Tai Chi® Open House**, Church of the Epiphany, Basement Hall, 560 Dundas St, 7–8:30 p.m. Price \$125 (65+) or \$150 Adult for 4 months. Discover the benefits of a Taoist Tai Chi® arts program. For details, visit taoist.org/Woodstock, call 888-824-2441 or email woodstock@taoist.org.
- 18 **Learn 2 Curl, 6 week program for absolute beginners**, Woodstock Curling Club, 114 Beale St, Sundays, 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Cost \$99.75 plus tax. Develop balance, proper delivery, sweeping, rules, curling etiquette and having fun! Register at www.woodstockcurling.com

- 22 **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 or call 519-537-5721.

February

- 3 **Summer Camp Registration Opens**, 10 a.m. online at www.recreationwoodstock.ca. Find Recreation Woodstock, Woodstock Museum and Woodstock Art Gallery summer camp information in this magazine.
- 10 **Black History Month Reception**, 10 a.m. Flag raisings at the Oxford County Administration Building at 21 Reeve St, followed by flag raising at Woodstock Museum. Reception to follow at Woodstock Museum.
- 14 **Valentine's Day Storytime**, 11 a.m.–12 p.m. at Woodstock Public Library. Find details on pg. 31 or visit mywpl.ca
- 16 **Family Day in Woodstock**, enjoy free events at Cowan Park Sportsplex, Woodstock Museum, Woodstock Art Gallery, Southside Aquatic Centre and Reeves Community Complex. Visit www.cityofwoodstock.ca/familyday
- 27 **Downtown Woodstock Shopping Night**, Dundas St, Adelaide St, Light St, 5–8 p.m. A monthly shopping event, Woodstock Shopping Night, typically occurs every 4th Thursday. 20+ participating stores stay open late 'til 8 p.m. Visit downtownwoodstock.ca/events or call 519-537-5721.

Family Day in Woodstock

From swimming and skating to games and crafts, there's something for everyone to enjoy this Family Day in Woodstock. Visit the City's recreation and culture facilities on Monday, Feb. 16 for activities and fun for the whole family!

Here's a sneak peek at all the participating locations. Woodstock Transit will also be offering a free shuttle bus between the locations throughout the day.

Visit www.cityofwoodstock.ca/familyday for the complete schedule and shuttle bus route.

Cowan Park Sportsplex

895 Ridgewood Dr.



Start the day off with open turf time at Cowan Park Sportsplex. Enjoy parent and tot activities, Nerf tag, laser tag, soccer and dodgeball from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. You can also hit the courts for family volleyball from 9:30–10:30 a.m. and family basketball from 11 a.m.–12 p.m. The fun will continue in the afternoon with a family movie screening from 1–3 p.m.

The walking track will also be open from 9 a.m.–3 p.m. (regular drop-in rates and admission standards apply).

Woodstock Museum

466 Dundas St.

Discover local history at the Woodstock Museum with hands-on artifacts, family-friendly activities and crafts, and a children's scavenger hunt from 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

You can also explore a brand-new exhibit on the life of Bernadette Smith, Woodstock's first female mayor and the first elected female mayor of a city in Canada. *Eve of Change: Breaking the Old Boys Club* will be on display from Feb. 16–June 20, 2026.



Woodstock Art Gallery

449 Dundas St.

Enjoy free art activities for all ages and storytime with the Woodstock Public Library during the Woodstock Art Gallery's Open Studio Drop-In from 10 a.m.–12 p.m.! Children 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult.



The WAG's new winter exhibitions will also be open for visitors to view from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. *Great Small Things: 60 Years of Collecting* celebrates the Gallery's 60th anniversary with artwork from the Permanent Collection. It will be accompanied by *Florence's Woodstock*, featuring work by noted

local artist Florence Carlyle (1864–1923). A special exhibition in the lobby will highlight the recently-installed public art project, *BIRD SET FREE*, along with a new public art walking tour brochure.

Southside Aquatic Centre

315 Finkle St.

Make a splash at Southside Aquatic Centre, with a lane swim from 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. followed by a public swim at 1:15 p.m. You can drop in or book in advance for the lane swim. Visit www.cityofwoodstock.ca/recreationalswimming for drop-in rates and admission standards.



Reeves Community Complex

381 Finkle St.

Watch the Woodstock Navy Vets face off against the Paris Titans starting at 1:45 p.m. Tickets will be available at Reeves Community Complex starting at 12:15 p.m. Then from 3:45–5:15 p.m., you can hit the ice yourself with a free public skate sponsored by the Navy Vets.



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

A: The Royal Pavilion Hotel.



CONVENTIONAL & SPECIALIZED 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

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.

SPECIALIZED TRANSIT

Woodstock Transit offers door to door bus service for residents that qualify and are registered with the City of Woodstock. Applications for this service are available online at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/para-transit. 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.

Apply now for a Community Grant!

Calling all local volunteer, non-profit, and charitable organizations! Applications for the spring 2026 intake of the Community Grants program open starting Jan. 2.

Community Grants are available to help fund programs, events and initiatives that improve the quality of life and well-being of residents.

Last year, 22 organizations were awarded a total of \$125,600 for a variety of charitable, recreational and cultural projects.



Photo by Theatre Woodstock

Who can apply?

To be eligible for a Community Grant, organizations must be established for at least one year, operate within Woodstock or have a majority of participants from the city, and offer programs and services that are open to the public.

Organizations must also demonstrate fiscal responsibility and sustainability, a diverse revenue base and other sources of financial support.

The review process

The Community Grants Advisory Committee reviews the applications twice a year in the spring and fall to recommend applicants to City Council for approval.

The decision to award funding is based on factors including:

- Demonstrated need for the project, program or service in the community
- Financial sustainability
- The purpose for which the funding will be used
- The amount required to run the program, service or event
- The benefit to the community

How to apply

If you're interested in applying, visit www.cityofwoodstock.ca/communitygrants to read the Community Grants policy and review the eligibility requirements, criteria and funding conditions.

You can submit an application online or pick up a paper copy from the Clerk's Office at City Hall.

- The Spring intake period opens Jan. 2, 2026 and closes on March 2, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.
- The Fall intake period opens July 2, 2026 and closes on Sept. 1, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.



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

A: Old St. Paul's Anglican Church.



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

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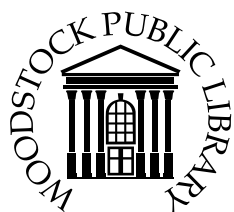
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Storytimes!

Each program includes age-appropriate stories, rhymes, songs, and activities designed by library professionals to help children develop literacy skills and a love of reading. Dedicated time for play and to meet other families is provided at the end of the program. Children should be accompanied by a caregiver. **No registration required.**

Program	Description	Dates/Times
Tales & Tunes (Family)	An interactive storytime that will cultivate a love of books with stories, songs, rhymes, and other activities.	Wednesdays Jan 14 – Mar 4, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Toddler Tales (12–36 months)	An active program with stories, rhymes, songs, and other activities.	Thursdays Jan 15 – Mar 5, 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 15 – Mar 5, 12–1 p.m.
Story Explorers (3–5 years)	Build on stories through songs, rhymes, and hands on STEAM activities for preschoolers.	Fridays Jan 16 – Mar 6, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Strollers and Stories (Birth–18 months)	Join us for a half-hour neighbourhood walk ending with a 15-minute story-time at Victoria Park. Meet at the corner of Hunter St. and Graham St. by noon to join us!	Fridays Jan 16 – Mar 6, 12–1 p.m.

Winnie the Pooh Storytime (Family)
Saturday, January 17 – 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Come and celebrate all things Winnie the Pooh at the library with a storytime and activities! Part of the Winnie the Pooh Party activities. **No registration required.**

Valentine's Day Storytime (Family)
Saturday, February 14 – 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Drop in and join us for a special Valentine's Day storytime with songs, stories, and a Valentine's card creation station! Children should be accompanied by a caregiver. **No registration required.**

Make mealtime family learning time.



Follow recipes, make shopping lists, and share stories at the dinner table. Preparing for mealtime is a fun (and tasty) way for families to learn together!

Find fun family activities at: FamilyLiteracyDay.ca



#FamilyLiteracyDay



Children & Families

Family Movie: *Frozen*

Friday, January 2 – 2:30–4:30 p.m.

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

Family Literacy Day

Saturday, January 24 – 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Celebrate Family Literacy Day with the Woodstock Public Library! Learn about Jamaican cuisine with author Sadé Smith from 11 a.m.–12 p.m. and register to join us for a fun family writing challenge from 2:30–4:30 pm. We will also be giving away free children’s books to families, generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Come out and get a free book while supplies last!

About Family Literacy Day

Organized by ABC Life Literacy Canada, Family Literacy Day takes place every January 27th to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. This year’s theme is **make mealttime family learning time!**

PA Day Movie – *The Bad Guys 2* (Family)

Friday, January 30 – 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Join us for the Disney family friendly movie *The Bad Guys 2* (PG) this PA Day. Popcorn included! No registration required.

LEGO Club (5+ years)

Saturday, February 7 – 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Join other LEGO enthusiasts in building wonderful creations using Woodstock Public Library’s LEGO pieces and LEGO Wall! Drop-in, no registration required.

Adventure with Muk (10–14 years)

Saturdays, Jan. 10 & 31 & Feb. 21 – 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

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



Code with Scratch (6–12 years)

Saturdays, Jan. 17 & Feb. 14 – 2:30–3:30 p.m.

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

Homeschool Meet-Up (Family)

Mondays, Jan. 5 & Feb. 2 – 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.

Youth & Young Adults

DIY Vision Boards (12–18 years) Tuesday, January 6 – 6:30–8 p.m.

In the spirit of the New Year, join us to create your own vision board for 2026! Create a collage of words and images to motivate and inspire you throughout the year. All supplies will be provided. This is a drop-in program, no registration is required.

Lunch Time Breakout (12–18 years) Thursdays, Jan. 8–Feb. 19 – 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.

TAG (14–18 years) Tuesdays, Jan. 27 and Feb. 24 – 7–8 p.m.

This dynamic group is for teens ages 14 to 18 who want the opportunity to share their ideas. This is a great way to earn community service hours towards your high school diploma. Email volunteer@mywpl.ca if you would like to be added to the waitlist.

Queer Conversations (16+ years) Tuesdays, Jan. 20 and Feb. 17 – 6:30–8 p.m.

Join the Oxford County Community Health Centre and the Woodstock Public Library for a gathering of 2SLGBTQIA+ community and conversation. Questions? Please call Sarah at 519-539-1111 extension 262. No registration required.

Wearable Technologies: Custom Light-Up Sneakers (Grades 9–12) Tuesday, February 3 – 6:30–8 p.m.

This exciting workshop is facilitated by the University of Waterloo Stratford School of Interaction Design and Business. Participants will learn the basics of wearable computing and electronics by creating an interactive project. This workshop will provide a fun introduction to electronics, programming, and design through creative DIY projects. All materials are provided. Registration is required.

Adults & Families

Writers' Group (15+ years) Wednesdays, Jan. 28 & Feb. 25 – 6–8 p.m.

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

Mama and Baby Wellness Series Wednesdays starting January 14 – 12–1 p.m.

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

Chit Chat Circle Tuesdays from Jan. 6–Feb. 24 – 1:30–3 p.m.

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

Mah-Jongg Tuesdays, Jan. 4–Feb. 24 – 10:15 a.m.–12 p.m.

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



Adults & Families

Retro Video Gaming Night! (All Ages)

Thursday, January 22 – 6–8 p.m.

Thursday, February 19 – 6–8 p.m.

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

Tax Seminar for Entrepreneurs with the CRA

Monday, February 2 – 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

During this workshop, you will learn general bookkeeping concepts and best practices, understand business deductions and avoid common tax errors, and receive answers to tax-related questions and practical guidance. Registration required.

WPL Book Club

Thursday, January 8 – 7–8 p.m.

Tuesday, January 13 – 2–3 p.m.

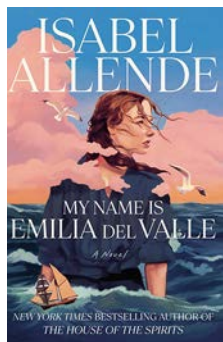
Tuesday, February 10 – 2–3 p.m.

Thursday, February 12 – 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.

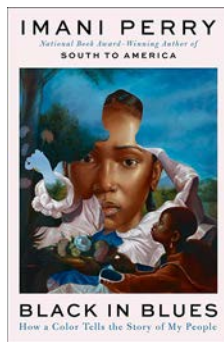
January Title

My Name is Emilia del Valle
Isabel Allende



February Title

Black in Blues
Imani Perry



Wellness Workshop with Jenni Dean

Thursday, January 15 – 6–7:30 p.m.

Join us this January for a wellness workshop with Jenni Dean to learn more about your metabolism, nutrition, and how it affects your moods. Jenni Dean is a Registered Orthomolecular Health Practitioner and Nutritionist. Registration for this event is required.

Pub Trivia Night

Wednesday, January 21 –

7–8:30 p.m.

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



Crafty Adults

Thursday, January 29 – 7–8 p.m.

Thursday, February 26 – 7–8 p.m.

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



Adults & Families

Cyber Assist

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

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

Genealogy Assist

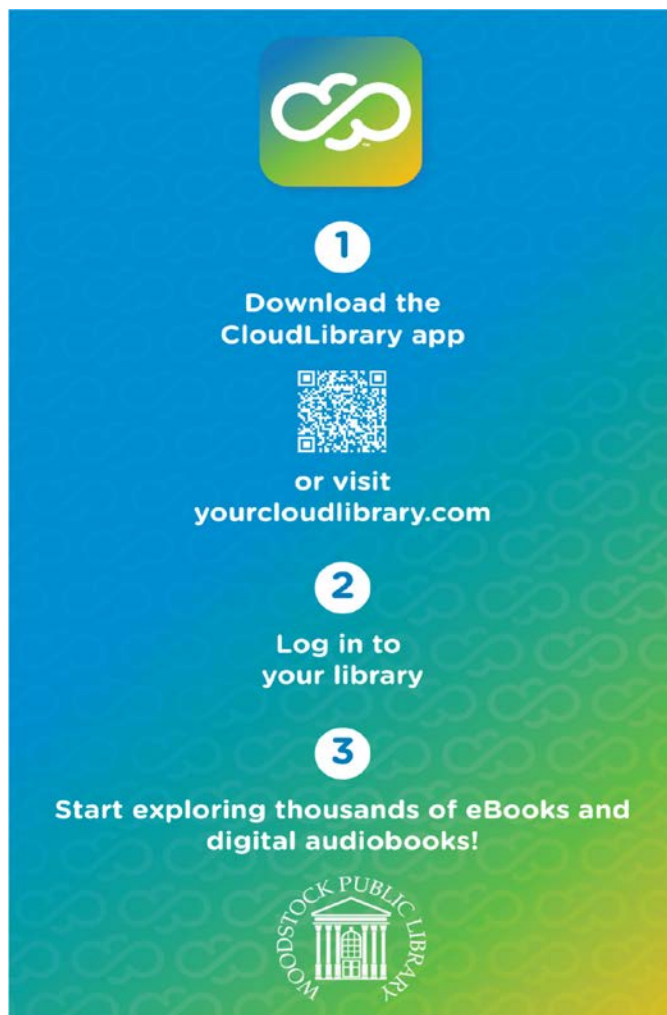
Book a one-on-one session with a genealogy specialist librarian. Learn how to use the library's digital microfilm readers and e-Resources including Ancestry Library Edition and Paper of Record. Each session is 50 minutes in length. Registration required. Check our website or call 519-539-4801, extension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

Dungeons and Dragons:


Dragon Heist (18+ years)

Saturdays, Jan. 10 and 31, Feb. 21 – 2:30–4:30 p.m.

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




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January 1, 2026 - April 30, 2026

Join one of Canada's largest book clubs for kids (4-16 years)- where YOU get to pick the winner! Nominated titles are on display now in the children's department.

Read the books, do fun activities, and vote for your favourite book during the month of April!





Upcoming Programs

Cozy Crafts PA Day

Friday, Jan. 16 | 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

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

\$55 (Members \$49.50)



Winter Games PA Day

Friday, Jan. 30 | 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

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

\$55 (Members \$49.50)



Family Day

Monday, Feb. 16 | 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Join us as we explore the history of Woodstock in a fun hands-on way for all ages! Check out artifacts, family friendly activities, crafts and a children's scavenger hunt.

FREE

March Break: Awesome Animals!

March 16 – 20 | 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

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

\$200 (Members \$180)



Museum Book Club

Tuesday, March 24 | 6:30–8 p.m.



Our book selection, *Enough* by Kimia Eslah, is inspired by the Museum's upcoming exhibit *Eve of Change: Breaking into the Old Boys Club!* Set at an Ontario City Hall, this fictional workplace drama looks at cultural barriers people face municipally and women being seen as equals. Register online now, pick up your book at the Museum front desk in January and in March we'll look at the exhibit and discuss our thoughts. **Ages: 16+**



FREE

Black History Month Reception

Tuesday, Feb. 10

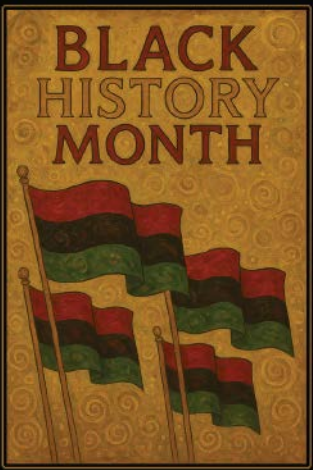
February is Black History Month! Among many events in the area, Woodstock will raise the Pan-African flag on Feb. 10, followed by a reception at the Woodstock Museum.



Join us for light refreshments and a Black history display highlighting Woodstock's rich Black heritage.

Flag raisings will take place at 10 a.m. at the Oxford County Administration Building at 21 Reeve St., then at the City of Woodstock flag poles in Museum Square.

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February 16th to June 20th

Bernadette Smith: Eve of Change Breaking the Old Boys Club

An exhibit on life of the first elected female mayor of a city in Canada



2026 Summer Camps

Registration starts Tuesday, 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.

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

Unicorn Camp

July 6–10 | 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Our unicorn utopia has everything you need to fulfill your magical fantasies. Get glittered, make unicorn crafts and play fun, magical games this week! **Ages: 4–7**

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

Dino Camp

July 13–17 | 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

If you dig dinosaurs, this week of fun at the Museum is for you. Bones and fossils can tell you what types of dinosaurs lived long ago, what they ate and how they got around. Get pre-historic with fun games and Dino crafts! **Ages: 4–7**

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

Culture Camp: Museum

July 20–24 | 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

This specialty camp explores our local culture with fun, hands-on activities, a deep dive into Museum-land with amazing field trips to the Woodstock Art Gallery, parks, artists, dancers, heritage activities and so much more. Pick up and drop off at Woodstock Museum. **Ages: 6–12**

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

Spectacular Science Jr.

July 27–31 | 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Crank up the chemistry, blare the biology and fill up with physics! Try super fun experiments, play outdoor games, make science themed crafts and learn coding from our friends at Codelets. Great for curious minds. **Ages: 5–8**

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

Make & Bake Youth Camp

Aug. 4–7 | 1–4:30 p.m.

For the foodie, we have a fun afternoon program that explores baking and cool historic “icebox” treats. We’ll use local food and ingredients to craft our own bread, make frozen or chilled sides to cool us down and learn about food traditions.

Ages: 10–14

Specialty Camp: \$180 (Members \$160)

Swiftly Summer

Aug. 10–14 | 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Don’t have a “Cruel Summer”, “Shake it Off” with us as we embark on a whirlwind adventure filled with Taylor-themed crafts, activities, and tons of music and dance. Make a friendship bracelet and see why Taylor is such a huge star! **Ages: 7–12**

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

Dogs We Love

Aug. 17–21 | 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

If your favourite dog is Bluey or you are a Scooby fan, this fictional “dogs we love” week is for you! Play pooch games, make adorable fluffy crafts and find bones hidden around in this howling good camp. **Ages: 4–6**

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

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Wednesdays, Jan. 7 – March 11 &
March 25 – May 13
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, Jan. 30, April 24, May 29
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)

START WITH ART

Wednesdays, March 4, April 1, May 6
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

MARCH BREAK ART CAMP

March 16 – 20
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

March Break Art Camp is designed to provide a full week of fun and inspiring hands-on art projects, field trips, collaborative activities, and special guests! Find inspiration while touring the gallery exhibits and exploring our local parks and trails. Discover numerous artistic techniques, media, tools, and equipment through mindful creative practices with art education professionals. Learn painting and printmaking fundamentals with guest instructor and Master printmaker, Ron Milton. By the end of the week, young artists will develop an exhibition of their work to be professionally displayed in the Community Gallery this spring March 31- June 19, 2026! All materials are included in the cost of registration.

Age: 6 – 12
Cost: \$350 (Members \$300)

YOUTH & ADULTS

PEYOTE STITCH KEYCHAINS

Saturday, Feb. 7
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Join artist and founder of Baldwin Beads, Brittney Baldwin in this fun beading workshop. Using seed beads, Brittney will demonstrate the peyote stitch and registrants will create their very own spiral patterned beaded keychain. Explore art making as a healing tool. Be inspired to continue beading and learn about other Indigenous businesses in Ontario that carry beading supplies. No experience required. All tools and materials provided.

Age: 13+
Cost: \$95 (Members \$80)

BEADED GEMSTONE NECKLACES

Saturday, March 7

10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Join artist and founder of Baldwin Beads, Brittney Baldwin in this full-day beading workshop. Using seed beads, stone cabochons and leather, Brittney will guide registrants through beadwork foundations and examine proper use and handling of beading tools. Learn and practice methods of flat stitch beading embroidery, tubular peyote stitch, and how to finish off completed flat stitch beadwork with a basic edging stitch. Be inspired to continue beading and learn about other Indigenous businesses in Ontario that carry beading supplies. No experience required, but all levels welcome. All tools and materials provided.

Age: 13+

Cost: \$120 (Members \$105)

UP TO SCRATCH: DRYPOINT PRINTMAKING

Wednesdays, March 25 – April 22, 2026

6 – 8 p.m.

This five-week course with instructor Bob Phillips will explore the direct method of intaglio printmaking, known as drypoint. An image in line is produced by scratching into a Plexiglas plate, applying ink, and printing with an etching press. Participants who enjoy drawing will find this method versatile and expressive. Drypoint examples by various artists will offer insights into techniques and visual ideas. Participants are encouraged to pursue their own subject matter and personal approach to imagery.

Age: 13+

Cost: \$300 (Members \$250)

JUST FOR TEENS: MUSIC AS ART (DRAWING CLASS)

Saturdays, April 11 – May 2, 2026

10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Explore the connections of music and art by blending lyrics with images. Tour the gallery exhibitions and explore a list of songs as inspiration for your own unique final drawing. Examine artwork you are drawn to as you listen. Join local arts professional Mercedes Schuster to learn about thumbnail, gesture and contour drawings. Utilize charcoal alongside pencil crayons to create a drawing with layers or musical meaning.

Age: 13 – 19

Cost: \$100 (Members \$85)

SUMMER SAVE THE DATES

Registration starts Feb. 3 at 10 a.m.!

SUMMER ART CAMP

- July 6–10, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Age: 6–12, Cost: \$350 (Members \$300)
- August 4–7, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Age: 6–12, Cost: \$285 (Members \$250)
- August 10–14, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Age: 6–12, Cost: \$350 (Members \$300)

MINI MAKERS

- July 13–17, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Age: 4–6, Cost: \$225 (Members \$200)
- August 17–21, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Age: 4–6, Cost: \$225 (Members \$200)

CULTURE CAMP – WAG

- July 20–24, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Age: 6–12, Cost: \$250 (Members \$200)

BIRTHDAY PARTIES & TEAM BUILDING!

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



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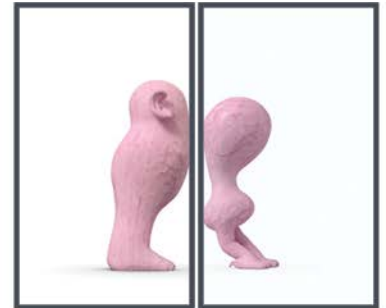
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The Pinks

July 26, 2025 –
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Pink 3 and Pink 2, 2025, animation,
presented on a 146 x 84 cm display
screen



Jaquie Poole
Present in the Moment

July 26, 2025 –
Jan. 24, 2026

Jaquie Poole, *Flat Rock*, 2009, Acrylic on board, 91.5 cm x 122.3 cm, Gift of Jaquie Poole.
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