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WOODSTOCK

July/August 2026

Your Go-To Community Magazine



WOODSTOCK 125

Find our commemorative Woodstock 125 pull-out inside!

SPLASH, PADDLE, SPIN

Woodstock's outdoor recreation spaces are growing, so get active!

YOUTH SUMMER FUN

Youth 13 to 17 can participate in an exciting summer of adventures.

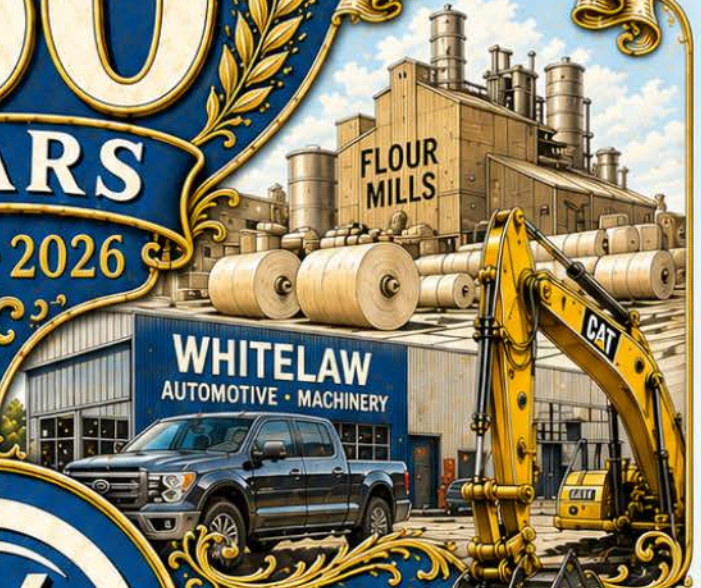
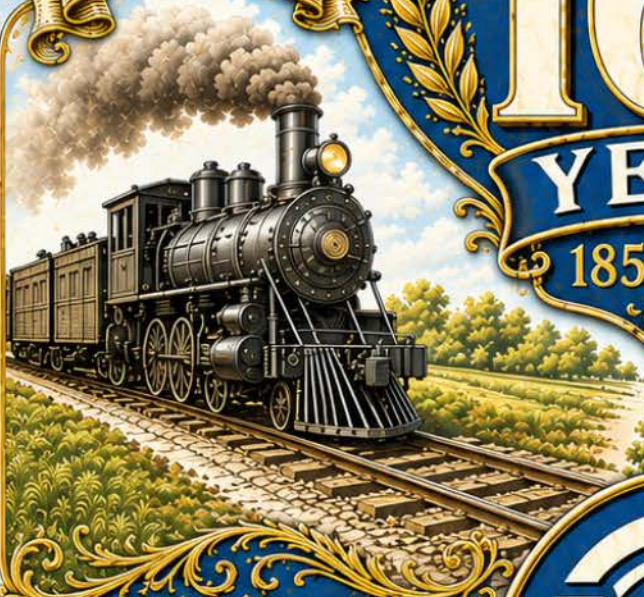
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Goff Hall Rental.....	519-421-3484 x 4301
Library.....	519-539-4801
Market Centre Rental.....	519-537-8411
Museum.....	519-537-8411
Para-Transit Services.....	519-539-1291 x 2510
Parks & Recreation.....	519-539-1291 x 4101
Public Works.....	519-539-1291 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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Splash, paddle and spin this summer in Woodstock!

Woodstock's outdoor recreation spaces are growing, with more opportunities for residents of all ages to get out, get active and be healthy this summer.

Cowan Park Sportsplex Splash Pad

Cool off at the new splash pad at Cowan Park Sportsplex! Kids will have a blast with sports-themed spray features including a soccer dump bucket, hockey stick and red net, a basketball and blue hoop, and a baseball.

Splash pads are open for the season daily from 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. You can find a list of locations at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/splashpads.

Cowan Fields Pickleball Courts

Grab your paddles! Construction is wrapping up on the pickleball courts at Cowan Fields. Whether you're a beginner looking to practice your skills or an experienced player ready for a challenge, you can enjoy free outdoor play on eight new dedicated hard surface courts.

Watch for an official opening date to be announced on social media and at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/sportsfields.

Pittock Conservation Area Disc Golf Course

Great news, disc golf fans! The course in Pittock Conservation Area has been upgraded just in time for the summer. The redesigned 18-hole course features forested fairways, natural obstacles, artificial turf tee pads and new championship level targets.

Stay tuned for details on the grand opening event in July!



Check out the COW Tales 'Way Back When' contest on page 15 and enter today!

A: John Mearns.

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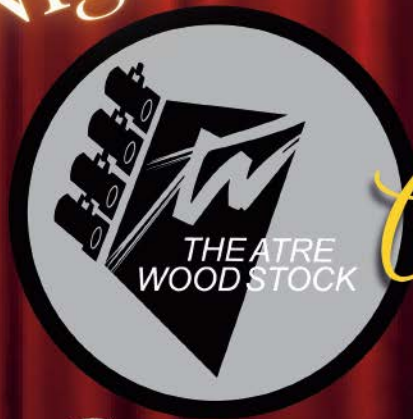
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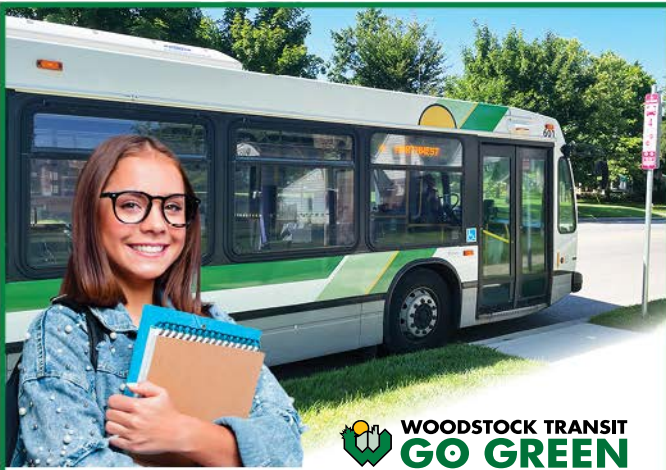


Saturday, September 26th

SOUTH GATE CENTRE
6:00 pm Cocktails | 7:00 pm Buffet Dinner
Cash Bar | Live Entertainment

EARLY BIRD TICKETS - \$70
(Early bird ticket sales end July 31st)
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COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

Apply now for a community grant to help fund programs, events and initiatives that benefit the community. Grants are available for volunteer, charitable and non-profit groups.

Find the application and eligibility requirements online at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/communitygrants

The deadline to apply is **Tuesday, Sept. 1 at 4:30 p.m.**



What's your vision?
Oxford County is growing: be a part of the plan.

Over the next 20–30 years, Oxford County will grow to a population of more than 200,000 residents. What do thriving communities look like to you? How do we protect nature, farmland and heritage?

Your voice matters. You can have a say by taking the online survey at www.oxfordcounty.ca/official-plan-engage. Your feedback will help develop the community vision that guides Oxford's new Official Plan.



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Summer Drop-In Schedule

Stay active and have fun with drop-in recreational swimming and aquatic fitness programs at Southside Aquatic Centre! Visit www.cityofwoodstock.ca/aquatics for drop-in prices and membership fees.

Public Swimming

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

Days	Times
Monday, Wednesday, Friday	2:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday	2:30 – 3:45 p.m. 7:10 – 8 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday	2 – 4 p.m.

Lane Swimming

Lanes are open for swimming lengths and are set up by pace. Circle swimming will be enforced.

Days	Times
Monday to Thursday	6:30 – 8:20 a.m. *8:20 – 9:50 a.m. 12:10 – 1:20 p.m. *8:10 – 9:30 p.m.
Friday	6:30 – 8:20 a.m. *8:20 – 9:50 a.m. 12:10 – 1:20 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday	6:30 – 8:30 a.m. *12:10 – 1:50 p.m.
*Shared lane	

Shallow Water Aquafit

A shallow water fitness workout helps improve stamina, endurance and muscle strength while reducing stress on joints. Participants should be comfortable in chest deep water.

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

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, Friday	11:30 a.m. – 12 p.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 Wednesday	8:10 – 8:50 p.m.



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AGES	6YRS-16YRS
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LOCATION	Thurs: St. Mary's Catholic H. S. Weekends: Woodstock Masjid
SUBJECTS	1. Arabic Language 2. Quran Memorization 3. Islamic Studies

Website

Registration

Contact Leila @ (519) 608-9243

Woodstock Dodgeball League

Adult Fall 2026 Season

Time: Tuesdays, 6–10 p.m. (12 Games; 1 hr. game per week)

Where: Huron Park Secondary School

Fall Season: September 22–December 8, 2026
(December 15 Rain Date)

Team up to 8 players: \$500
(plus \$85 for each add'l player)

OR Single Players: \$85
(Call up players: \$7 per game)

Registration Deadline:
August 25 at 11 p.m.
(Team Spots are first come first served)

Contact: woodstockdodgeball@gmail.com
or 519-532-9593

2026 MUNICIPAL & SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION



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Your Voice, Your Vote – Preparing for the Election

The 2026 Municipal and School Board elections are almost here! Voting Day is on October 26, 2026, but there are even more accessible and convenient voting options for everyone. Woodstock voters will also be able to vote in advance polls on October 10 & October 13 to 16, as well as online through a personal Internet-connected device anywhere and anytime from October 10–25.

For the 2026 election, voters will have the option to vote online. Eligible electors will receive information in the mail in advance of the election. Traditional in-person voting will also remain available for those who prefer to go to a polling station.

Previously, Woodstock voters elected a Mayor, two City-County Councillors and four City Councillors, along with their respective school board trustee(s). Each year, Council would appoint an acting mayor to fill in for the mayor when they were unavailable. Starting with the 2026–2030 term of Council, electors will vote for a dedicated Deputy Mayor-County Councillor who will fill that role for the term of council.

Municipal elections will use the Elections Ontario Voters' List, starting in 2026. You can visit www.registertovoteon.ca to confirm or add your information to the voters list. You can update your school support designation through MPAC's Online School Support Tool at school-support.mpac.ca.

Get ready to vote! For more information visit www.cityofwoodstock.ca/election



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Thank you to Guest Columnist Elizabeth Spedalieri, Tri-County Master Gardeners, Huron, Oxford & Perth, with photo credit to Sheila Love

HOW NATIVE PLANTS SUPPORT BIODIVERSITY

Native plants play an important role in supporting biodiversity. They provide essential habitat and food for insects, birds and mammals. Native plants are an important component in creating a balanced and biodiverse ecosystem. If these plants disappear, then so do the birds and pollinators that rely on them for food.



Non-native plants and lawns do not support native insects and pollinators to the same extent. Our Ontario insects have no history with imported plants and they are unable to overcome the toxins non-native plants produce to deter predation. In fact, 90% of our local insects need a specific native plant or plant family to complete their life cycle. These are commonly referred to as host plants. The Monarch butterfly is a familiar example of a butterfly that cannot survive without our native milkweed plants.

Studies show that non-native plants make up 80% of urban gardens in North America. Without native plants we are creating food deserts for our native birds and pollinators. Chickadees need 6,000 to 9,000 caterpillars to raise their young to the point of fledging. When they encounter a landscape with few native plants, they cannot find sufficient caterpillars to raise the chicks. Caterpillars make up the majority of the diet of young birds. They are soft, nutritious and contain chitins, which are needed to grow feathers.

Not only do birds need native plants; 25% of our native bee species need pollen from a select group of native plants in order to survive as well. The plants that support the most native bee species are native goldenrod, asters, sunflowers, and rudbeckia.

Native plants are adapted to local climate and soil conditions and their deep root systems prevent soil erosion and require less water. These root systems enhance the soil's ability to retain water and nutrients, a benefit to all plants in the garden and help foster sustainable landscaping practices.

Make a difference in your yard; support birds and pollinators by including native plants in your garden design. Protected natural areas are few and far between, so even a small native plant garden will support nearby birds and pollinators. Each time we make the choice to plant a native plant garden, we give nearby biodiversity a much-needed boost. For more information and articles visit our website: tricountymastergardeners.ca

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Dates	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
July 6–10	Pizza & Pickleball FREE	Super Splash \$	Sky Zone \$	Disc Golf FREE
July 13–17	Cake Decorating \$	Canada's Wonderland \$	Youth Swim FREE	Masonville Mall & Movie \$
July 20–24	Do Good Art Workshop \$	Treetop Trekking \$	Medieval Times \$	Soccer Game FREE
July 27–31	Niagara Falls Clifton Hill \$	Floor Hockey FREE	Painting Lesson \$	Freezies & Manhunt FREE
August 4–7	Bingemans Big Splash \$	King Pin \$	Gym Game Classics FREE	Basketball Game FREE
August 10–14	DIY Totebags & Keychains \$	Junction Climbing \$	Blue Jays Game \$	Donuts & Dodgeball FREE
August 17–21	Toronto Rock Lacrosse \$	Emerald Lake \$	Pottery Painting \$	Soccer Baseball Game FREE
August 24–28	Cheese Cow Grilled Cheese & Board Games \$	Ripley's Aquarium \$	Spikeball Tournament FREE	Conestoga Mall & Movie \$
August 31–September 4	Activate \$	Capture the Flag FREE	The Factory \$	Beach Volleyball & Freezies FREE



Check out the COW Tales 'Way Back When' contest on page 15 and enter today!

A: February 1793.

C.O.W. TALES

Way Back When Contest

THE WINNER of the May/June 'Way Back When' Contest question is Len Henhawke. Len correctly answered that the 'Beaver' lacrosse organization helped found the WAAA. He wins a \$50 gift card from Boston Pizza Woodstock, and he will qualify for a \$100 Boston Pizza Woodstock gift card to be drawn from all the monthly winners in December.

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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*.

- Q.** When was Woodstock first identified as a potential settlement site by Governor John Graves Simcoe?
(See pg. 14)
- Q.** What was Woodstock's motto in 1901?
(See pg. 8)
- Q.** Who was mayor of Woodstock from 1901–1902?
(See pg. 4)
- Q.** A 100th anniversary is called a centennial. What is the word for a 125th anniversary?

Send your answer along with your name and phone number to wow@cityofwoodstock.ca by Friday, August 7, 2026. You can also drop your answer in the contest box at City Hall.

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Retro Rewind – The Kiln Room

Ingersoll Feet Forks and Finds: Explore Ingersoll with its cultural hubs, parks and into downtown's mix of shops offering books, gifts, pet treats, plants and clothing. Grab bakery and cheese shop snacks to go. Enjoy an old-fashioned diner, iconic food truck, mansion restaurant or grab a craft latte, beer or cocktail.



Only in Tillsonburg – Indigo Lounge

Only in Tillsonburg: Only 30 minutes away you will find unique activities, tastes and treasures perfect for families, couples and outings with friends. From pinball, cafes, sweet treats, fresh flowers, fashion, culture and small town shops.

Gravel Travel: Enjoy the simple pleasures at four farm properties. From you-pick berries and picnics to farm market shops and wagon rides. Breathe in natural scents while shopping for skin care, plus behind-the-scenes tours at a farm or cheese factory.



Gravel Travel – Berrylicious Fruit Farm

Rural Ramble: A you-pick farm with a food truck, small town bargain shop, 150 year old cheese company, community museum full of heart, Canada's largest goat tower, and a seasonal farm (Oct-Dec) to entertain with harvest, scares and holiday cheer.



Southern Slowdown: Head south this summer where brisket is king, people line up for fresh baked goods and you can eat breakfast with a side of planes. Learn what a 99 icecream is, nosh on local cheese, get fresh picked produce and feed the goats.

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- Meet farm animals (bees to donkeys)
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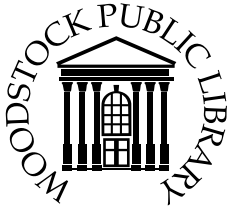
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Explore the Oxford County Cheese Trail with over 30 stops celebrating Oxford County's cheese and dairy past and present.
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Enjoy a grocery getaway: shopping for produce, meats, cheese and more on Oxford's back roads.
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Closed July 1 & August 3
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Programs for Children

Summer Registration Dates:

July Programs – June 22 at 10 a.m.
August Programs – July 27 at 10 a.m.

No registration required unless indicated in the program descriptions below. Register online, in-person, or by calling the library.

Special Guests & Events in July:

Drew Ripley Entertainment Presents

“Creatures of Whimsy” (Family)
Thursday, July 9 – 2:30–3:15 p.m.

Caretaker Drew wrangles magical, mischievous creatures while uncovering the mysterious nighttime noises that have long sparked human curiosity.

A Visit with Reptilia (Family)
Wednesday, July 15 – 2:30–3:30 p.m.

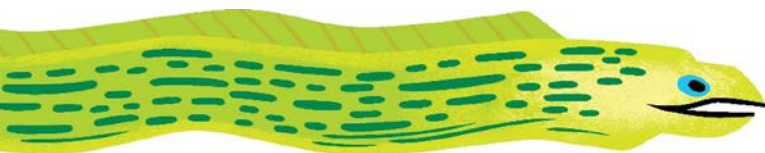
Get up close and personal with some reptiles! Reptilia London will be here for a Meet and Greet with some scaly friends.

Christmas in July with Santa (Family)
Thursday, July 23 – 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Santa may be on vacation, but he’s popping into the library to tell us how he keeps busy over the summer. Come do fun activities and take a picture with Santa.

The Puppet Lady Presents
“Winston’s Dive and Jive” (Family)
Thursday, July 30 – 2:30–3:15 p.m.

Winston the Walrus and his friends bring the fun of the ocean and dancing to the library. Lots of fun and laughter for all.



TD Summer Reading Club:

June 20–August 31
During library open hours



Set sail with the TD Summer Reading Club this summer through stories, activities, and more! When you register for the club, you’ll receive a Reading Club Kit that includes a notebook to help track your reading. Great prizes to win all summer long!



Weekly Programs:

Creative Lab (6–12 years)
Tuesdays, July 7 to August 25 – 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Dive right in and make a splash this summer. Stop by the Creative Lab to craft, build, and experiment with something different each week.

Discovery Lab (6–12 years)
Fridays, July 3 to August 28 – 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Take the plunge into STEM adventures. From coding to robotics to creative builds, each week offers a brand new challenge. Drop in anytime.

Friday Flicks (Family)
Fridays, July 3 to August 28 – 2:30–4 p.m.

We will be showing a family friendly move each Friday afternoon. Check our website for details each week!

Programs for Children

Summer Writing Contest for Children and Teens

Calling all writers and storytellers (6–18 years)! Create and submit an original poem or short story. Check our website for the guidelines for your poems or stories. Submit entries by August 14th. The winners will be selected by award-winning author, Vikki VanSickle for a chance to win one of four prizes!

Storytimes:

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

Books & Bounces (Birth–18 months)

Thursdays – July 9 to August 27
12–1 p.m.

Tales & Tunes (Family)

Wednesdays – July 8 to August 26
10:30–11:30 a.m.



Special Guests & Events in August:

Discovering Butterflies (Family)

Saturday, August 1 – 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Butterfly guru Sarah will share her extensive knowledge on the life cycle of Ontario's butterflies.

Fire Safety Fun with the WFD Firefighters and Trucks (Family)

Thursday, August 6 – 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Meet some of your local firefighters and learn about the tools and equipment the WFD use to help keep your community safe. Registration required.

Bubbleology with Miss T the Bubble Queen (Family)

Thursday, August 13 – 2:30–3:15 p.m.

Join us for a whimsical performance filled with mesmerizing bubble tricks, presented by Miss T.

Captain Corbin's Dive In Magic Show (Family)

Thursday, August 20 – 2:30–3:15 p.m.

Join us for a performance full of family friendly magic and pirate hi-jinks.

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Loom Knit a Mini Octopus (8–14 years)
Thursday, July 2 – 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Learn how to loom knit a mini octopus! Experienced and beginner loom knitters are welcome. All supplies will be provided. Registration required.



Fun & Friendly Kids Chess (8–12 Years)
Mondays, July 13 & 27, August 10 & 24 – 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Come learn basic chess piece moves, skills, challenge friends, and have friendly & fun chess games that sharpen problem-solving, patience, and creative thinking.

Craft Club (8–12 years)
Saturday, July 11 – 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Craft your own underwater world, then a bit of cut and paste magic turns simple paper into sparkling sunbeams drifting through the water.

Two Row Learning (6–12 years)
Monday, July 6 & August 17 – 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Join us for an engaging exploration of Indigenous knowledge and teachings.

Introduction to Coding with Scratch (8–14 years)
Wednesdays, July 8, August 12 & 26 – 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Learn the basics of coding using Scratch! This 2-hour workshop is designed to introduce beginners to coding concepts through stories, discussions, and hands-on activities. All supplies will be provided, feel free to bring your own USB or computer. Registration required.

Adventure with Muk (10–14 years)
Saturday, July 25 & August 22 – 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Muk invites young players to join him on a Dungeons and Dragons adventure. Registration required.

Pokémon Party (6–12 years)
Wednesday, July 29 – 2:30–4 p.m.

Whether you have been a fan all your life or if you are just discovering it for the first time, join us for games, trivia, and activities all featuring Pokémon!

Dive In! Breakout (6–12 years)
Saturdays, July 18 & August 15 – 10:30 a.m.–12:30 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 required. Bookings are for 30 minute timeslots.

Origami (8–12 Years)
Wednesday, August 5 – 2:30–4 p.m.

Come join us as we dive into the art of paper folding. Learn to make some basic origami figures like a ball or frog. Paper and instructions will be provided. Registration required.



Programs for Teens

Teen Summer Reading Bingo (12–18 years) **Wednesday, July 1 to Monday, August 31**

Read books to earn chances to win one of three awesome prizes! Join the reading challenge through Beanstack and complete badges in a row to earn the Bingo badge. More badges, more chances of winning!

Teen Board Game Night (12–18 years) **Tuesday, July 28 – 6:30–8 p.m.**

Bring your friends and drop-in for a fun evening of games! Try out the library's game selection or find your new favourite. Snacks will be provided.

Introduction to TinkerCAD and 3D Printing (12–18 years)

Wednesdays, July 22 & August 19 – 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Learn how to design and 3D print a keychain during this 2-hour workshop. Design a keychain in TinkerCAD, set up a file for 3D printing, and see a 3D printer in action! Registration required.

Faux Stained Glass Art (12–18 years) **Tuesday, July 14 – 2:30–4 p.m.**

Create your own “stained glass” masterpiece using some basic supplies, including paint, glue, and picture frames. All supplies will be provided. Registration required.

DIY Mugs using the Cricut (12–18 years) **Tuesday, August 11 & 18 – 2:30–4 p.m.**

In this 2-part session, participants will learn how to use Cricut Design Space software to create a custom-designed coffee mug!

Week 1: Learn the ins and outs of Design Space to create an image that will be cut in vinyl and applied to your custom mug (Tuesday, August 11 – 2:30–4 p.m.)

Week 2: Cut your design on the Cricut, and apply it to your mug! (Tuesday, August 18 – 2:30–3:30 p.m.)

Participants must attend BOTH sessions.
Registration required.

Programs for Adults

Beanstack Summer Bingo **July and August**

Welcome to the Woodstock Public Library's Beanstack Summer Bingo challenge! Join us for a summer of great reading and fun as you log your reading online with Beanstack. Watch your bingo sheet fill up as you log your reading time. Use tickets earned from each bingo space to enter several draws for fabulous prizes. Happy reading!

Summer Reading Scavenger Hunt **July and August, during library open hours**

Pick up a scavenger hunt page at the library and complete your fun challenge.

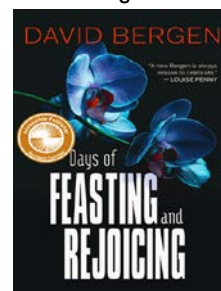
WPL Book Club

Tuesdays, July 14 and August 11 – 2–3 p.m.
Thursdays, July 9 and August 13 – 7–8 p.m.

Begin each month with a good read! Bring your lawn chair and meet on the library lawn for the afternoon sessions, weather permitting. No registration required.

July Title

Days of Feasting and Rejoicing
David Bergen



August Title

Always Remember
Charlie Mackesy



Programs for Adults

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.

“I Wish I Could Hold Your Hand and Help You Stand” with Lisa Ellis

Saturday, August 1 – 2–3:30 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon with author Lisa Ellis as she shares poems from her book *“I Wish I Could Hold Your Hand and Help You Stand.”* The poems in Lisa’s book discuss the topic of Multiple Sclerosis and its impact on her and those closest to her. **Registration required.**

Pub Trivia Night

Wednesday, July 15 – 7–8:30 p.m.

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

Knitting and Crochet Drop-In

Saturdays, July 4, 18 & August 1, 29, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Come out for a cozy hour of knitting and crochet! Bring your current project or check out our collection of crochet and knitting books for patterns.

Outdoor Yoga

Tuesdays, July 7 & August 5 – 1–2 p.m.

Join us for an hour of relaxation as Coach Alysia guides you through yoga! We will meet outside. Bring a yoga mat (or towel), a water bottle, and wear comfortable clothing. **Registration required.**

Wellness Series: The Wisdom of Menopause

Thursday, August 6 – 6–7:30 p.m.

Join us this August for the first event in our new wellness series with Jenni Dean! Jenni Dean is a Registered Orthomolecular Health Practitioner and Nutritionist. **Registration required.**

Crafty Adults

Thursday, July 23 and Monday, August 24 – 7–8 p.m.

Come out for a fun night of crafting! Check our website for craft details each month. All materials provided. **Registration required.**

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Summer Programs

Summer Camps

Last chance to register! Join in all the fun this summer with learning, history, games, excursions, special guests and unique themes.

- July 6-10** | Unicorn Camp (Ages 4-7)
- July 13-17** | Dino Camp (Ages 4-7)
- July 20-24** | Culture Camp: Museum (Ages 6-12)
- July 27-31** | Spectacular Science Jr. (Ages 5-8)
- Aug. 4-7** | Make & Bake Youth Camp (Ages 10-14)
- Aug. 10-14** | Swifty Summer (Ages 7-12)
- Aug. 17-21** | Dogs We Love (Ages 4-6)



Magic Show

Friday, July 10 | 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Join us for a Kid's Comedy-Magic Show with Rumble & Friends! Rumble brings magic, comedy and loads of audience interaction—you won't want to miss out! Register online. Adults must register themselves in addition to children they are bringing to the Woodstock Museum. **Ages: 4+ \$10 (Members \$5)**

Dino Show

Friday, July 17 | 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Kick-off StreetFest with a fun look at dinosaur history by Club Rex! Learn about fossils and explore the hands-on collection of museum skulls, teeth, claws, and fossils. Register online. Adults must register themselves in addition to children they are bringing to the Woodstock Museum. **Ages: 5+, \$10 (Members \$5)**



Fall Programs

Basketry Workshop

Saturday, Nov. 14 | 10 a.m.-4 p.m.



Make a beautiful melon basket, learning techniques from a Southwestern Ontario Basketry Guild instructor! You will learn to secure the handle and the rim using four-point lashing, weave and fill-in using 1/4" flat reed. All supplies provided but a few tools will need to be brought from home to create your basket. **Ages: 16+, \$105 (Members \$95)**


Coming Soon: Lunch & Learn Fall Series

Sept. 22, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15 | 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+ \$25 (Members \$20)**



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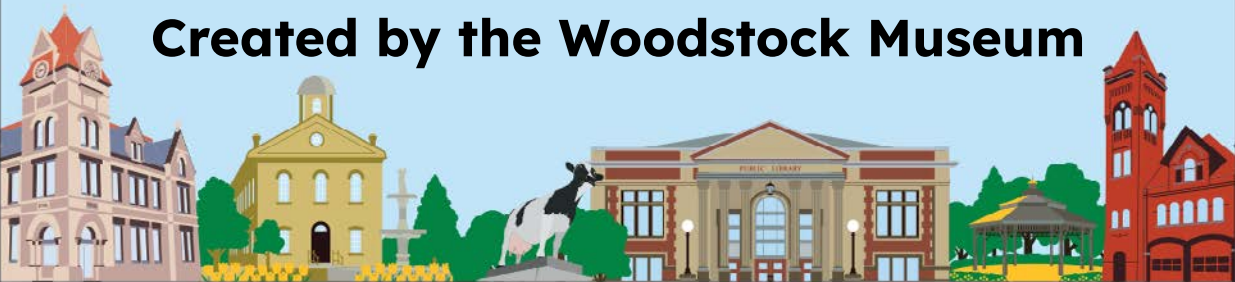


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Summer Programs

Mini Makers

July 13 – 17 & Aug. 17 – 21
9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Discover your inner Mini Maker! Professional art educators will introduce young artists to a variety of artistic fundamentals, techniques, tools, and materials through mindful artistic practices and collaborative art projects during these half-day art classes. Learn about colour theory, the elements of art, observational skills, art appreciation, and other foundational art concepts through age-appropriate, hands-on, formal art lessons and guided gallery tours. Young artists will also enjoy plenty of self-guided play, outdoor exploration, and social interaction with their peers.

Ages: 4 – 6

Cost: \$225 (Members \$200)

Culture Camp: WAG

July 20 – 24
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Discover the rich culture of our community! This camp offers a dynamic week of immersive experiences for young artists, combining engaging art lessons with exciting field trips. Find inspiration from local artists during guided gallery tours, explore a variety of artistic techniques and mediums, and foster teamwork while creating collaborative projects. Field trips to the Woodstock Museum NHS and local parks, trails, and businesses allow participants to develop cultural awareness and an appreciation for our local history and identity.

Ages: 6 – 12

Cost: \$250 (Members \$200)

Upcoming Events

Summer Open House

Saturday, July 18 | 1 – 3 p.m.

Join us for the opening of our Summer Exhibitions, featuring the *Visual Elements 68* juror and talk, and the announcement of the Friends of The Woodstock Art Gallery Scholarship winner!



Taste of Art

Saturday, Sept. 19 | 7 – 10 p.m.

Get ready for a vibrant evening of art, local flavours, and community celebration! Join us as all three floors of the Gallery come alive with tasting stations from local restaurants, businesses, and craft beverage producers, plus live music, performances, immersive art experiences, and art and silent auctions. This unforgettable night supports Woodstock Art Gallery's exhibitions, education, and public programming while celebrating the Gallery's role as a cultural hub in our community!

Early Bird Tickets: \$65 on sale July 2

Regular Tickets: \$75 on sale Aug. 3



Current Exhibitions



Great Small Things: 60 Years of Collecting

On view until Jan. 10, 2027
Curator: Danielle Hoevenaars

Louise Scott (American/Canadian, 1936-2007), *La Vista II*, c. 1966, oil on fibreboard, Gift of Ontario Centennial Art Exhibition by Province of Ontario, Woodstock Art Gallery Permanent Collection, Photo credit: Robert McNair



Visual Elements 68: Annual Juried Exhibition

July 11 – Sept. 19, 2026
Jurors: Chelsea Brant and Jen Hamilton

Image: *Visual Elements 67: Annual Juried Exhibition*. Photo Credit: Joseph Hartman.



Florence's Woodstock

On view until Aug. 29, 2026
Curator: Danielle Hoevenaars

Florence Carlyle (Canadian, 1964-1923), *The Garden at Englewood*, c. 1907, oil on canvas, Purchased with the support of the Ontario Ministry of Culture and Communications and Art Gallery Trust Fund, Woodstock Art Gallery Permanent Collection, Photo Credit: John Tamblyn



With flowers in your hand

July 11 – Sept. 19, 2026
Curator: Alexandra Hartstone

Chelsea Brant, *Seasons*, 2025, Giclee print of handmade collages (papers and masking tape). Photo courtesy of the artist.

COMMUNITY EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE CITY OF WOODSTOCK

July

- 1 **Canada Day**, Southside Park, 2–10 p.m. Celebrating Woodstock's 125th anniversary – we will have live music, Canadian Kids Zone activities and local vendors. Kim Mitchell on stage at 8 p.m. Website: cityofwoodstock.ca/specialevents
- 1 **Celebrate Canada Day with Jitterbugs Jazz**, South Gate Centre, 2–4 p.m. Free! Live jazz and dancing! More info: www.southgatectr.com
- 2 **Music in the Square**, Museum Square, 12–2 p.m. every Thurs. in July & Aug. Grab some lunch and enjoy live bands & musicians. Visit our website: downtownwoodstock.ca/events
- 4 **Woodstock Farmers' Market**, Woodstock Fairgrounds, 875 Nellis St, 7 a.m.–12 p.m. The Farmers' Market runs year round with fresh local produce, baked goods, handmade items and more. Website: woodstockfairgrounds.com
- 4 **Out of the Fog – The John Fogerty/CCR Experience with Special Guest Miranda Lambert**, Theatre Woodstock, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$38. A not to be missed nostalgic and explosive rock'n roll escape. Box office: 519-537-2582 or visit www.theatrewoodstock.com to book online.
- 17–19 **Summer StreetFest**, Downtown Woodstock. Local vendors, live music, delicious food and fun for the whole family. Visit our website: downtownwoodstock.ca/events
- 17–18 **Oxford Historical Society at StreetFest!** Museum Square, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Join OxHS as Summer StreetFest as we celebrate Woodstock's 125th and OxHS's 129th. Here's to our past, present and future! Website: oxfordhistoricalsociety.ca

- 18 **WAG Summer Open House**, Woodstock Art Gallery, 1–3 p.m. Free. Join us for the opening of our Summer Exhibitions and more. Visit our website: www.woodstockartgallery.ca/events
- 19 **Annual StreetFest Cruise**, Downtown Woodstock on Dundas St, 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Classic cars and music. Spectators free. Car registration \$10. Visit southgatecarcruise.com
- 30 **Movies in the Park**, Southside Park, starting at dusk. Presented by FirstOntario. Help choose our movie! Cast your vote by visiting cityofwoodstock.ca/specialevents

August

- 4 **STAGES Summer Camp: DreamWorks Madagascar Kids**, Theatre Woodstock, 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Runs for three weeks. Cost \$750 per child. To register call 519-537-2582 or visit www.theatrewoodstock.com for details.
- 14–15 **Cowapoloosa**, Southside Park, Fri., 5:30–10 p.m., Sat. 2–10 p.m. Kick up your boots for Cowapoloosa County on Friday. Enjoy free live music on the main stage. Saturday, join us for action packed free family friendly activities at Cowapoloosa Kids and music on the main stage with Finger Eleven on at 8:30 p.m. Visit cityofwoodstock.ca/specialevents for details.
- 21–23 **Woodstock Fair & Ribfest**, Opens 12 p.m. on Aug. 21st, open 10 a.m. on Aug. 22 & 23. Free. Enjoy midway rides, livestock shows, live entertainment, local food & family fun for all ages. Website: woodstockfair.ca
- 27 **Movie in the Square**, Museum Square, starting at dusk. Presented by Downtown Woodstock BIA. Find details by visiting cityofwoodstock.ca/specialevents closer to the event.

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How to Get Started



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