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Museum.....	519-537-8411
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Transit Services.....	519-539-1291 x 3102

Event Listings

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



Photo by Andrew Norris

Southside Pool Repair

Southside Pool will close temporarily starting Thursday, Oct. 31 at 2 p.m. so that essential repairs can be made to the pool basin.

Over the past couple of years, sections of plaster in the pool basin have been breaking away, creating rough and jagged spots on the sides and bottom of the pool. Repairing the basin now is necessary to keep swimmers safe and to avoid more expensive repairs in the future.

The project involves removing the existing plaster, replastering the basin and tiling the waterline and lane lines on the new basin. With site preparation and clean up, the construction itself is expected to take about nine weeks to complete. It will take another couple of weeks to fill the pool and rebalance the chemicals before staff return. Lessons will resume Monday, January 12.

“We know people depend on the pool for programs like our learn to swim, aquafit and lane swims, which is why it’s important to complete this work now,” said Megan Metcalfe, supervisor of aquatics and recreation programs. “Repairing the basin, while the concrete basin below the plaster is still in good condition will prevent longer, more costly repairs down the road.”

That’s why asset management is critical. The City’s asset management plan evaluates our infrastructure against service level expectations and identifies the strategies required to deliver on corporate objectives. It also establishes priorities for investments that helps guide staff and Council decision making. Asset management is about taking care of the things we own – like buildings, vehicles, and equipment – so they meet the community’s needs today and into the future. By being proactive, we can prevent more costly repairs, extend the service life of the asset, and ensure sustainable service delivery for current and future generations.

Another upcoming project at Southside Aquatic Centre is the changeroom expansion. While details are still being finalized, staff expects it could start in Spring 2026 once the ground thaws. Unlike the basin repair, which obviously can’t be completed while the pool remains open, staff is working with the consultants for the changeroom expansion so that programming can continue during the project. Once the plans are confirmed, details around the timing and any impacts to programming will be shared with the public.

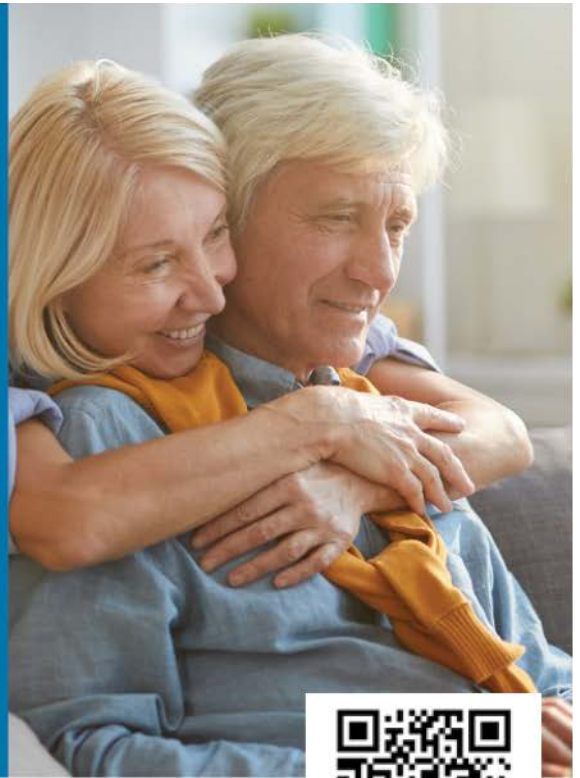
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Little Women
BY KATE HAMILL

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

A: Ingersoll, Norwich, Tavistock, Tillsonburg.



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Engaging and supporting youth in Woodstock

This year the City is working to make Woodstock a more inclusive and welcoming place for youth by creating opportunities for young people to get active, make friends and have their voices heard.

One way we're engaging with youth ages 13 to 21 is through the new Youth Advisory Committee (YAC). This volunteer group meets with members of Council and staff to share their perspectives on City policies, programs and services and help develop youth-focused activities and events.

The meetings are also a chance for youth to get out into the community and connect with their peers, while enjoying fun activities at a different location each month.

New Youth Programs

In addition to the committee, the City is piloting two programs for teens ages 13 to 17.

The programs are supported by the Mayor's Community and Social Well-Being Task Force and based on research from Community Building Youth Futures Oxford, which identified a lack of neutral, affordable and inclusive recreation and social opportunities for young people.

"We saw an opportunity to help bridge the gap and build on the fantastic camps and programs offered at our recreation and culture facilities," said Danielle Ciccarelli, Manager of Cowan Park Sportsplex.

The first pilot began in the summer with weekly trips and activities including soccer, swimming, skating, arts and crafts, baking, visits to nearby theme parks and attractions, and a Toronto Blue Jays game. The trips were offered at a low cost with transportation provided from Cowan Park Sportsplex.

The second pilot will start this fall and will offer youth a social space every Friday night, with rotating themes and activities. Staff plan to evaluate the success of both programs and

consider adding them to the City's ongoing recreation offerings in the future.

"Whether they attend a Youth Advisory Committee meeting or sign up for a recreation program, we want young people to feel supported, included and empowered to get involved in their community," said Ciccarelli.

YAC Upcoming Meetings: Join us!

- **Wednesday, Oct. 1:** Woodstock Museum & Escape Room, 5:30 – 8 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Nov. 5:** Woodstock Art Gallery, 6:30 – 8 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Dec. 3:** Real Treats, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Fall Youth Programs

- **Halloween Haunt at Canada's Wonderland**
Sunday, Oct. 19, 2025
\$40 includes transportation and admission
To register please visit our webpage at www.recreationwoodstock.ca
- **Friday Night Fun Nights**
Free drop-ins at Cowan Park Sportsplex
Fridays, 6 – 8:30 p.m.
Registration is strongly encouraged.

Visit www.recreationwoodstock.ca for a full overview of offerings, theme nights and activities throughout the fall.



The power of belonging: Schools & Public Health working together for youth well-being

By Southwestern Public Health

Belonging is more than a feeling; it's a foundation for mental health, academic success, and resilience in youth and is a social determinant of health. In the latest installment of its annual Vital Perspectives storytelling series, Southwestern Public Health explores how strong partnerships between schools and public health help create environments where students feel safe, supported, and valued. "When students feel like they belong, they are more likely to do better academically, socially, and emotionally," says Cat McLean, Public Health Nurse. "Belonging can even buffer against the effects of trauma and stress."

According to the Canadian Community Health Survey in 2019 and 2020, seven out of ten youth over the age of 12 reported a very strong or somewhat strong sense of belonging to their local community.

This chapter in the series features the voices of school administrators, including School Chaplain Natasha L. Contestabile, who shares, "Belonging feels like they've been seen, we've seen who they are, and they don't have to put on an appearance."

Together with educators and families, public health teams are helping schools foster positive relationships, early mental health support, and inclusive classroom cultures.



Ava Meadows, Grade 12 student

Through programs like the Recess Project, Food for Thought, Wellness Clubs, and many others, public health and schools are working together to create supportive environments that strengthen mental well-being, build connection, and promote a sense of belonging for all students.

"I think it's great when kids are able to be a part of some clubs and activities when maybe they don't have something else more traditional," says Barb Ledgley, Public Health Nurse, "You see these kids develop over the course of a couple years of programs and their life just shines."

Youth who experience belonging have the opportunity to develop confidence and their self-identity. "It's very important for me as a student because everybody treats me like I'm part of their family and I am part of their spirit. I wouldn't be here without the [community] here," says Ava Meadows, Grade 12 student.

Learn more at: www.swpublichealth.ca/vitalperspectives

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Waste Management Update

Green Bins will start being delivered to homes in Woodstock this fall in preparation for changes to the waste collection program. Curbside organics collection will start in Woodstock and South-West Oxford the week of Jan. 5, 2026 and each household will receive a starter kit containing:

- **45 L Green Bin** – Use to store organic waste and set out at the curb on your collection day.
- **7 L Kitchen Container** – For collecting organic waste in your kitchen.
- **Sorting guide** – keep this handy for tips on how to use your green bin.
- **Certified compostable bag sample** – Only certified bags can be used in green bins.

You'll be surprised by how much of your current garbage can go in the green bin, meaning you'll save money on bag tags while helping to keep organics out of the landfill.

Starting January 2026, some of the other upcoming changes include:

- Responsibility for recycling will be shifted to the producers of recyclable materials. Residents will continue to receive curbside collection, but the service provider will change. Under the provincial changes, producers are only required to collect recycling from residential properties. Oxford County is implementing a new recycling collection program for eligible non-residential properties. Businesses, commercial facilities and institutions must register with Oxford County for the recycling pick-up program. Visit www.oxfordcounty.ca/business-recycling to learn more.

- Garbage collection, and the new curbside organics collection will shift to a six-day collection cycle. This means your collection day moves one day forward from week to week, skipping weekends and holidays.
- Price increase for bag tags takes effect, increasing from \$2 to \$3. This is the first time bag tags have increased in 10 years.

We know garbage and recycling are important services for the community and this change will take some getting used to. The City of Woodstock and Oxford County are committed to providing residents with tools and resources to answer questions and support you through the implementation of these changes. Download the Wasteline app now to help you keep track of your garbage day and set reminders for your collection days. We'll also be providing printed calendars that will be mailed to all homes across the County.

Stay up to date on the project at www.oxfordcounty.ca/new-waste-collection. You're also welcome to send any comments or questions any time to info@wasteline.ca



Watch our sorting video:
www.oxfordcounty.ca/green-bin-video



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A: The Saturday Reading Club Literary Award.

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Saturday, October 4, 2025
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

- Baird Machines
- The Mill
- Museum Square
- Woodstock Masonic Lodge
- Woodstock Museum NHS
- Church of Epiphany
- Old St. Paul's
- Woodstock Art Gallery
- Fire Station No. 1
- Woodstock Public Library



www.cityofwoodstock.ca/specialevents

Fall Fest 12-5 p.m. in Museum Square



City of Woodstock



WOODSTOCK FALLFEST



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SATURDAY, OCT. 4, 2025
12 - 5 P.M.
MUSEUM SQUARE

FALL INTO FUN AT FALL FEST!

Join us for a vibrant day of family-friendly autumn and Halloween-themed activities, entertainment, treats and more.

www.cityofwoodstock.ca/fallfest



Waste Reduction Week in Canada is October 20–26, 2025



October is Circular Economy Month. Each week of October has a different Circular Economy focus, and week three is Waste Reduction Week. Waste Reduction Week is a time for Canadians to take action and adopt more environmentally conscious choices.

Waste Reduction Week

Waste Reduction Week in Canada has seven themes, each focused on a different topic in waste management. The week aims to promote discussion, celebrate achievements, and raise awareness about the Circular Economy.

The first day is dedicated to **International Repair Day**, encouraging everyone to learn how to repair different products to extend their lifespans.

The rest of the week covers issues like textiles, e-waste, plastics, and food waste. On the weekend, Canadians are encouraged to share and swap products. To learn more and see what you, your family, or your school can do to celebrate, visit www.circulareconomymonth.ca/themes/waste-reduction-week/

Value retention processes (VRPs), like repair, prevent 1.6 million tonnes of CO₂e from being emitted and avoids the extraction of 470,000 tonnes of raw materials. Of the \$56 billion CAD that VRPs are estimated to generate annually, repair

makes up \$37 billion CAD of this total. Repairing something instead of replacing it prevents the need for a new product to be made, preventing the creation of 80–95% of greenhouse gas emissions.

Repair Café

Celebrate day one of Waste Reduction Week by sorting items to take to a repair café. There are over 58 officially registered repair cafés throughout Canada. Visit www.repaircafe.org/en/ The closest one is located at 685860 Oxford 2, Woodstock, and meets on the first Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Repairing clothing, household textiles, home and garden items. Tell your friends, family and neighbours of this valuable service!

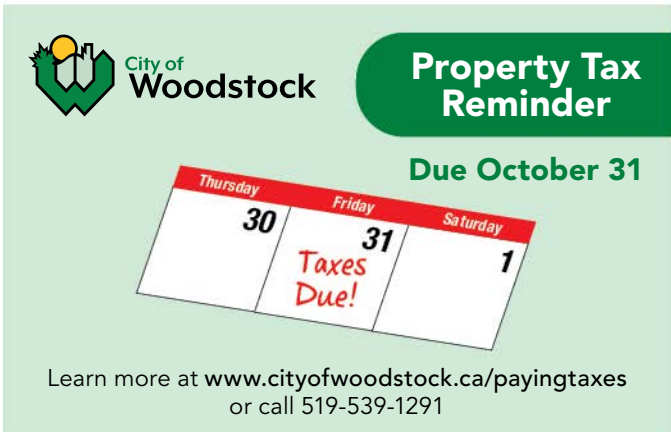
We challenge you to try to reduce your waste every day as best you can.



The advertisement features the City of Woodstock logo and a photo of a historic building. It displays the 'oneCARD' logo in large green letters, a barcode, and the number 0000000000000000. Below the image, the text reads 'Woodstock Transit oneCARD'.

- oneCARDS are a convenient and secure way to ride Woodstock Transit. Cards can be reloaded in person or online. To ride, simply tap your card against the validator on board the bus.
- Don't forget to register your card to protect your account balance in case your card is lost.

Visit www.woodstocktransit.ca to register and add fares to your oneCARD



The advertisement features the City of Woodstock logo and a calendar graphic. The calendar shows Thursday 30, Friday 31, and Saturday 1. The text 'Taxes Due!' is written in red across Friday and Saturday. Below the calendar, it says 'Due October 31'. At the bottom, it provides the website www.cityofwoodstock.ca/payingtaxes and the phone number 519-539-1291.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Everyone Welcome

BUS TRIPS

Titanic: The Artifact Exhibit
November 7

Fallsview Casino*
November 14

Starbright Christmas (musical in Petrolia)
December 5

Fallsview Casino & Christmas on Ice*
December 11

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- Snacks & Baking

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HOLIDAY GREENERY AND POINTSETTIAS
~ WOODSHOP TREASURES ~

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is for 19+

Preparing for the 2026 Municipal Election



Register to Vote

We are now one year away from the next municipal election and staff is already deep into the planning. Election day is **Monday, Oct. 26, 2026** and with only 12 months to go, we wanted to share some information that will help you be ready to vote next fall.

Woodstock is part of a two-tier local government and local services are provided by both Oxford County and the City of Woodstock. Electors in Woodstock vote for candidates to represent them at both the City and County level. Eligible voters will cast their ballots for their school board trustees as well as the following positions:

- Mayor
- Deputy Mayor-City County Councillor (new for the 2026 election)
- City-County Councillor
- Four City Councillors

Candidates run for one of the above position and voters choose their preferred candidate for each position. In Woodstock, because our councillors are elected “at large”, meaning all councillors represent the entire municipality, voters choose four City Councillors. The candidates with the most votes are elected.

Council’s role includes:

- setting the strategic vision and priorities for the municipality
- representing the interests of the public when making decisions about city programs and services,
- establishing policies that guide the administration, and
- ensuring the municipality’s financial health by approving the long-term financial plan and annual budget.

New for 2026

There are a couple of things that will be new starting in the 2026 election.

New Deputy Mayor position: Previously, Woodstock voters elected a Mayor, two City-County Councillors and four City Councillors. 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 specific Deputy Mayor-City County Councillor.

Online voting: 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 inviting them to register to vote online if that is their preferred voting method. Traditional in-person voting will also remain available for those who prefer to go to a polling station.

Voters list: Starting in 2026, municipal elections will use the Elections Ontario voter list. In previous elections, the list was provided by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation. You can visit www.registertovoteon.ca to confirm or add your information to the voters list.

Get ready to vote

Here is how you can prepare for the next municipal election:

- Learn more about the services provided by the different levels of government
- Watch City or County Council meetings – in person or online www.cityofwoodstock.ca/agendasandminutes or www.oxfordcounty.ca/council
- Familiarize yourself with the City’s strategic priorities www.cityofwoodstock.ca/strategicpriorities
- Learn more about the City’s and County’s budgets www.cityofwoodstock.ca/budget or www.oxfordcounty.ca/budget
- Make sure you’re on the voters list

For information about the next municipal election as it becomes available visit www.cityofwoodstock.ca/election

Who Does What?

Services Offered by Each Level of Government

Municipal Government

WOODSTOCK



Arts & Culture
(including the Woodstock Art Gallery and Museum)



Death Registration, Burial Permits & Marriage Licences



Police & By-law Enforcement



Fire Protection & Prevention



Library



Local Roads & Sidewalks



Municipal Elections



Parks & Recreation



Property Taxes



Snow Removal



Transit



Waste Collection
(in Woodstock on behalf of Oxford County)

Regional Administration

OXFORD COUNTY



Community Planning & Development



Garbage & Recycling



Human Services
(Housing & Children's Services)



Library



Long-Term Care



Paramedic Services



Provincial Offences Administration



Regional Roads



Tourism



Water & Wastewater

Provincial Government

ONTARIO



Agriculture



Drivers' licenses



Environment & Natural Resources



Education



Landlord & Tenant Support



Hospitals & Healthcare



Housing



Provincial Highways



Road Regulations



Sales Tax

Federal Government

CANADA



Banking & Currency



Citizenship & Immigration



Criminal Law



Employment Insurance



International Relations



Income Tax



Indigenous Affairs



National Defense



Postal Services



Transportation

C.O.W. TALES

CoW Tales is a regular feature in *What's on Woodstock* designed to celebrate the City of Woodstock's rich history. Thanks to the contributions of the Woodstock Museum NHS and the Heritage Advisory Committee, CoW Tales shares stories that help us understand and connect with our past as our community continues to grow and evolve. This issue features a special contribution from Woodstock Public Library in honour of Canadian Library Month and Women's History Month in October.



The First Library

The Woodstock Reading Society, later the Woodstock Subscription Library, began in 1835 with a membership fee of \$2 for residents and \$4 for non-residents. Members could borrow one book at a time and were charged sixpence per day for overdue books. The library initially didn't allow novels or any books of "moral controversy." This changed in 1837 when novels by Scottish writer Walter Scott were added to the collection and the library started to introduce more works of fiction. Photo: Portrait of Sir Walter Scott by Thomas Lawrence, c. 1826.



Reading Rooms

The Woodstock Subscription Library's reading room was housed at private residences and businesses, including the second floor of S.H. Knox & Co. Branches were also established in Princeton and Embro by 1840. In the 1850s, the library merged with the Woodstock Mechanics Institute and moved to a dedicated location on the corner of Adelaide and Wellington Street in 1858. Unfortunately, the building was foreclosed just ten years later and the reading room once again moved between various upper floors on Dundas Street. Photo: S.H. Knox & Co., 1908C.



Carnegie Libraries

In 1905, the City was awarded a \$24k grant from the Carnegie Foundation to build a new public library on the corner of Hunter and Graham Street. Between 1883 and 1929, Scottish American businessman and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie funded the construction of more than 2,500 libraries around the world, including 125 in Canada. Built in the classical revival style, the Woodstock Public Library opened its doors in 1909. Major renovations and an addition were also completed in 1996. Photo: Woodstock Public Library, 1905C.



Saturday Reading Club

In 1896, seven progressive ladies gathered at the home of Mrs. Jeannie Bell at 165 Light St. to form the Saturday Reading Club. Nearly 130 years ago, a women's reading club was almost unthinkable! Victorian women often had societal restrictions to their public activities. The club was so successful it led to demand for a second Tuesday Reading Club, composed mostly of daughters of SRC members. The SRC continued for more than a century and was regarded as Canada's oldest women's reading club when it ended in 1997. Photo: Saturday Reading Club, 1910C.

C.O.W. TALES

Way Back When Contest

THE WINNER of the September 'Way Back When' Contest question is **Dona Birtwistle**. She correctly answered that Kay Rex was the trailblazing reporter born in Woodstock on Sept. 21, 1918. Dona wins a \$50 gift card from Boston Pizza Woodstock, and she will qualify for a \$100 Boston Pizza Woodstock gift card to be drawn from all the monthly winners in December.

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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.** What award has been presented annually to a graduating Woodstock high school student enrolled in English Literature? (See pg. 8)
- Q.** What Toronto company built the Woodstock Public Library? (See pg. 21)
- Q.** Which nearby communities in Oxford County also received grants from the Carnegie Foundation? (See pg. 5)
- Q.** When was the library's Children's Department established?

Send your answer along with your name and phone number to wow@cityofwoodstock.ca by Friday, October 17, 2025. You can also drop your answer in the contest box at City Hall.

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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

Date	Sponsor	Location
Oct 1	Woodstock Silverstick Tournament Committee	Reeves Green
Oct 4	Steve Hart Excavating	Civic Centre
Oct 5	City of Woodstock – Parks & Recreation	Reeves Red
Oct 7	CUPE 1146	Civic Centre
Oct 8	Old Buoys Hockey Team	Reeves Green
Oct 9	Lind Equipment	Civic Centre
Oct 11	Al McCulloch's Lock Service	Civic Centre
Oct 12	Dr. Lail & Associates Family Dentistry	Reeves Red
Oct 14	Taplay Fire Protection	Civic Centre
Oct 15	Oxford Plumbing	Reeves Green
Oct 16	City of Woodstock – Parks & Recreation	Civic Centre
Oct 18	David Hilderley, Century 21	Civic Centre
Oct 19	Woodstock Silverstick Tournament Committee	Reeves Red
Oct 21	Bucholtz Home Comfort	Civic Centre
Oct 22	Woodstock Professional Firefighters Association	Reeves Green
Oct 23	City of Woodstock – Parks & Recreation	Civic Centre
Oct 25	City of Woodstock – Parks & Recreation	Civic Centre
Oct 26	Aduro Athletics	Reeves Red
Oct 28	City of Woodstock – Parks & Recreation	Civic Centre
Oct 29	City of Woodstock – Parks & Recreation	Reeves Green
Oct 30	Riley Sports	Civic Centre

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: Oct 31

Parent and Tot Shinny

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

Civic Centre – Starting Oct 14 & 16
Tuesdays, 1–1:50 p.m.
Thursdays, 1–1:50 p.m.

Adult Skating

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

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

NO SKATING: Oct 10, 13

PA Day Skating

Reeves Community Complex – Red Rink
Oct 10, 1:15–2:05 p.m.

Sponsored by Woodstock Orthodontics

MORE INFO:

www.cityofwoodstock.ca/skatingschedule



PUBLIC LIBRARY

Monday to Thursday 10 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday 1–5 p.m. (starting October 19)
Closed October 13
445 Hunter St., Woodstock ON
www.mywpl.ca

Storytimes!

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

Program	Description	Dates/Times
Tales & Tunes (Family)	An interactive storytime that will cultivate a love of books with stories, songs, rhymes, and other activities.	Wednesdays Oct 1–29, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Toddler Tales (12–36 months)	An active program with stories, rhymes, songs, and other activities.	Thursdays Oct 2–30, 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 Oct 2–30, 12–1 p.m.
Story Explorers (3–5 years)	Build on stories through songs, rhymes, and hands on STEAM activities for preschoolers.	Fridays Oct 3–31, 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 Oct 3–31, 12–1:00 p.m.

I SPY: A Haunted Jamboree (Family) October – All Month

Drop into the library and check out the display case in the Children's Department to test your skills with our monthly I Spy quizzes for great prizes.

Seedy Saturday Storytime (Family) Saturday, October 11 – 11–11:30 a.m.

Join us for a special family storytime to celebrate gardens, seeds and harvests! Part of the Seedy Saturday activities. **No registration required.**

Two Row Learning (6–12 years) Monday, October 27 – 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Immerse yourself in Indigenous culture at the Two Row Learning sessions! Join us for an engaging exploration of Indigenous knowledge and teachings, presented by The 8th Fire, and sponsored by R&B Creative Creations, Line-X Woodstock, and Transitions Equine Assisted Learning. **No registration required.**

Gourd Painting Party (12–18 years) Tuesday, October 21 – 6:30–8 p.m.

A Halloween Party with songs, bounces, stories, and fun Halloween-themed activities. Costumes are encouraged but not required. **No registration required.**

Halloween Story Stroll at Victoria Park (Family)

Saturday, October 25 – 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Join Woodstock Public Library and Oxford EarlyON for this fun Halloween-themed Story Stroll! Ghouls and Goblins will have fun reading the story around Victoria Park anytime from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.! Costume dress-up is encouraged. Treat bags and activities available while quantities last. **No registration required.**



Programs for Children

LEGO Club (5+ years)

Saturday, October 4 – 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Children aged 5+ are welcome to join us for a fun afternoon of LEGO creations! Follow one of the challenge cards, use the LEGO Wall, or make your own creation – with or without help from friends old and new! Children ages 5–9 must be accompanied by an adult. **Drop in, no registration required.**

PA Day Movie: Dog Man (Family)

Friday, October 10 – 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Join us for the movie Dog Man (PG) this PA Day. Popcorn included! **No registration required.**

Seedy Saturday (All Ages)

Saturday, October 11 – 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Drop by the library anytime between 11 a.m.–3 p.m. for seed saving activities, a seed donation station, music, games, prizes, and more! In partnership with Woodstock Environmental Advisory Committee (WEAC).

The day will include:

- Family Storytime at 11 a.m.
- Seed saving activities
- Seed donation station for your seed library
- Music and Games
- Prizes

No registration required.

Code with Scratch (6–12 years)

Thursday, October 9 & 23 – 3:30–4:30 p.m.

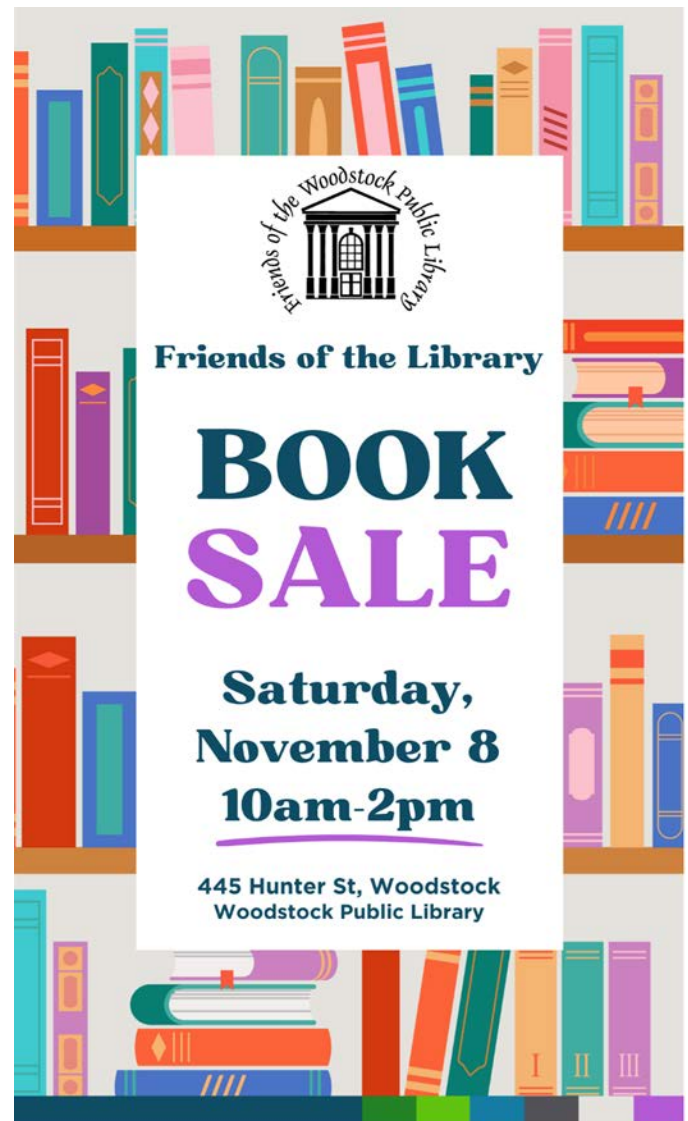
Drop in and have fun coding with Scratch! Beginners are welcome. Laptops and iPads will be provided, however participants are welcome to bring their own device and are encouraged to bring headphones. If using a library device, please bring a USB so the project can be taken home. **Drop in, no registration required.**

Oxford Reads Presents a Drum Making

Workshop (6–12 years)

Tuesday, October 7 – 6:30–8 p.m.

Woodstock Public Library is thrilled to present an Indigenous drum making workshop led by the Two Row Initiative, as a part of Oxford Reads. The workshop, for children ages 6–12 years, will be a hands-on experience where participants learn about Indigenous cultural teachings, particularly the significance of drums, and have the opportunity to make their own drum using natural materials. **Registration required.**



Programs for Teens

WPL Teen Reviewers (14–18 years) **October – All Month (Online Event)**

Help us promote books, movies, video games, and more to other teens by writing reviews! Each review can earn one (1) volunteer hour, with a maximum of 10 hours per school year. A review can be submitted by filling out our online WPL Teen Reviewer form.

Lunch Time Breakout (12–18 years) **Thursdays, October 2–30 – 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.**

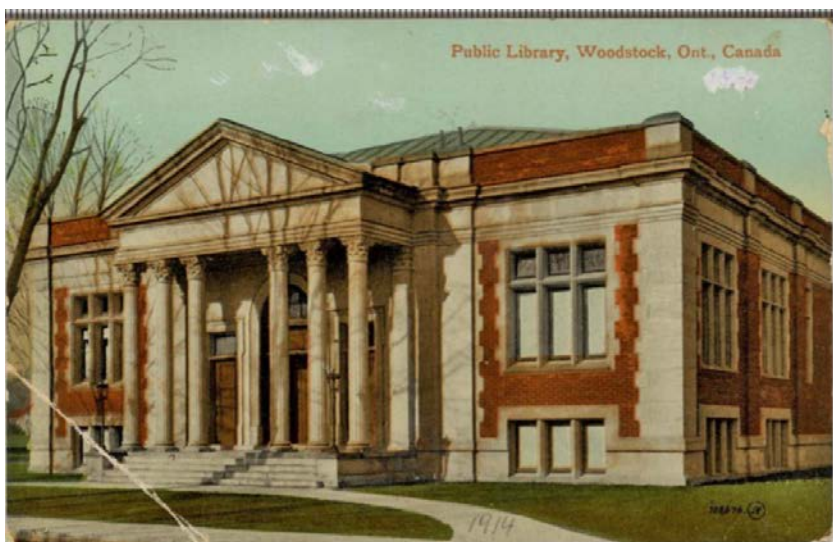
Writers' Group (15+ years) **Wednesdays in October – 6–8 p.m. (no event October 15)**

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

Loom Knitting Circle (12–18 years) **Thursday, October 2, 16 & 30 – 3–4:30 p.m.**

Learn how to loom knit a hat or scarf this fall! Loom knitting is great for beginners, as the loom provides a stable structure, making it less likely to drop stitches and easier to manage the yarn. **No registration required.**

Programs for Adults



Doors Open Woodstock: Community Memory Project – Cummins 1924 Rural Directory Map **Saturday, October 4 – 10 a.m.–4 p.m.**

Celebrate Doors Open Woodstock with the 100th anniversary of the printing of the 1924 Issue of the Cummins Rural Directory Map of Woodstock & Oxford. Visit the lobby to examine and inspect the century old copy of the Cummins Rural Directory Map. **No registration required.**

WPL's Carnegie Library Tour **Saturday, October 4 – 10 a.m.–4 p.m.**

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



Presenting sponsor



Programs for Adults

“Charismatic Chiaroscuro: Poetry and Art” with Meena Chopra

Wednesday, October 8 – 6:30–8:15 p.m.

Join us for an evening with Author Meena Chopra as she discusses her latest multimedia book *Charismatic Chiaroscuro: Poetry and Art*. We will start the evening with an Art Video film showing the artistic and literary immersion of traditional and digital media, followed by a reading from *Charismatic Chiaroscuro*. We will finish the night with a Q&A session. No registration required.

WPL Book Club

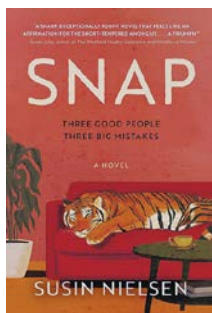
Thursday, October 9 – 7–8 p.m.

Tuesday, October 14 – 2–3 p.m.

Begin each month with a good read! Open to all. No registration required.

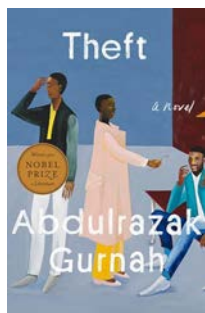
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November Title

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“Me and Flo: How Two Canadian Women Collaborated Artistically Across Centuries” with Emily De Angelis

Wednesday, October 15 – 6–7:30 p.m.

Join us for a special evening with Emily De Angelis, local author of YA novel *The Stones of Burren Bay*. Emily will share the artistic life of Florence Carlyle, a Woodstock painter who lived a century ago, and how it has inspired her own writing. Emily will share learning about Carlyle’s work and being inspired to create *senryu* poems which accompanied an exhibit of Carlyle’s works at the Woodstock Art Gallery. Registration required.

National Histories in a Local Setting: the ‘Sixties Scoop’ in Oxford County with Dr. Cody Groat

Thursday, October 16 – 6:30–8 p.m.

Explore the ways in which the mass removal of Indigenous children following amendments to the Indian Act in 1951, also known as the Sixties Scoop, has had local and regional impacts, touching on the calls for a National Inquiry, and considering the ways that this might impact organizations such as the Children’s Aid Society of Oxford County. Registration required.

Welcoming
Dr. Coady Groat

Thursday, October 16
6:30–8 p.m.

Woodstock Public Library



Programs for Adults

Oxford Reads Book Club:

A Life in Two Worlds

Thursday, October 2 – 7–8 p.m.

Join us for an evening of discussion for this year's Oxford Reads title. Come and share your thoughts on the book and hear what others have to say about *A Life in Two Worlds* by Ted Nolan. No registration required.

Oxford Reads: Memoir Writing with Elaine Cougler

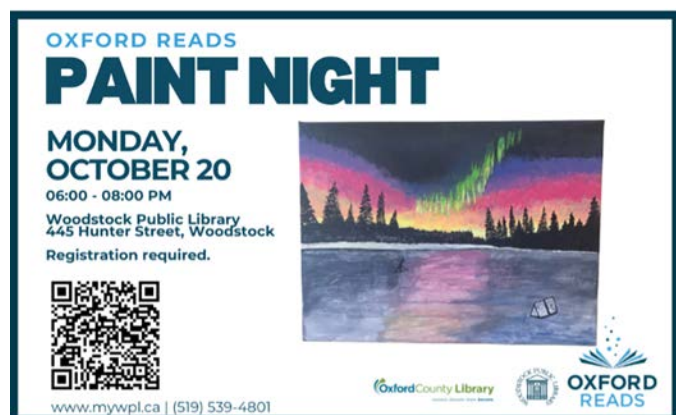
Saturday, October 18 – 2–4 p.m.

Join us at the Woodstock Public Library for a memoir writing workshop with local author Elaine Cougler. The workshop will be hands-on as Elaine draws on questions, skills and ideas from participants interested in writing their personal memoirs. Using her own memoir, *My Story, My Song*, as a guide, she will also introduce other sources as inspiration. Registration required.

Oxford Reads: Paint Night

Monday, October 20 – 6–8 p.m.

Join Oxford County Library artist, Dianne, at one of the Painting Programs inspired by this year's Oxford Reads selection, *Life in Two Worlds: A Coach's Journey from the Reserve to the NHL and Back* by Ted Nolan. Be prepared to amaze yourself as you create your own masterpiece. All supplies will be provided. Registration required.



OXFORD READS
PAINT NIGHT
MONDAY,
OCTOBER 20
06:00 - 08:00 PM
Woodstock Public Library
445 Hunter Street, Woodstock
Registration required.

www.mywpl.ca | (519) 539-4801

Oxford County Library OXFORD READS

The poster features a QR code and an illustration of a snowy landscape with a lake and trees under a colorful sky.

Oxford Reads: Gala with Ted Nolan

Friday, November 7 – 7–8 p.m.

The 2025 Oxford Reads title is *A Life in Two Worlds: A Coach's Journey from the Reserve to the NHL and Back* by Ted Nolan. Join Oxford County Library and Woodstock Public Library for our special in-person Gala at the Market Centre, featuring Ted Nolan. Copies of his book will be sold at the event. Ted will be available following the program for a book signing. For more details and to reserve your free tickets, please visit www.oxfordreads.ca.



Retro Video Gaming Night! (all ages)

Thursday, October 23 – 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 to the Woodstock Public Library for an evening of retro gaming! Play a sampling of retro games on various consoles. In partnership with Operandi Gaming Community. No registration required.

Haunted Jail Tour

Monday, October 27 – 6–7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 28 – 6–7:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 30 – 6–7:30 p.m.

Join us for a guided Halloween tour around the old Woodstock Jail. We'll begin in front of the Library then proceed North on Graham Street, then circle the Southwestern Public Health building. Registration required for the 30-minute ghostly tour.

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 librarian. Sessions are 30 minutes in length. Book online or call 519-539-4801, extension 3006.



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

A: Chadwick and Beckett.



Fall Programs

Lunch & Learn: Fall Series

Select Tuesdays | 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

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

Oct. 21: Secrets of Woodstock Cemeteries

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

Nov. 18: Our Cenotaph Soldiers

Join us to explore the names on the Woodstock Cenotaph with WPL's Chris Harrington. He'll guide us in a detailed look into a few local soldiers' lives and share the resources he's created to help researchers learn about our past.

\$25 (Members \$20)



Super Structures PA Day

Friday, Oct. 10 | 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

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

\$55 (Members \$49.50)

Electricity and Magnets PA Day

Friday, Nov. 14 | 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

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

\$55 (Members \$49.50)

Welcome Back Teachers!

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

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

Special Program: Physics Matters Grades 3–5

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

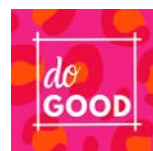
Bookable through December 2025.



Combination Programs

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

Book early to secure your spot!



13 GHOSTS ESCAPE ROOM

Fridays and Saturdays
Sept. 12 – Oct. 25

1 hour time slots 4 – 9 p.m.

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

Book online at
WOODSTOCKMUSEUM.CA

PHYSICS MATTERS

An Interactive Science Exhibit
Grade 3 to 5 Curriculum

**HELD OVER
January 2026**

Created by the Woodstock Museum NHS

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

CHILDREN

START WITH ART

Wednesdays, Oct. 1, Nov. 12, Dec. 10
11 – 11:45 a.m.

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

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

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

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

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

Age: 6 – 12
Cost: \$8/day

CREATIVE PA DAYS

Friday, Oct. 10 & Nov. 14
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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

Age: 5 – 12
Cost: \$75 (Members \$60). Before and after care available \$10

TEENS & ADULTS

JUST FOR TEENS – DRAWING THE UNSEEN

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

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

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



BIRTHDAY PARTIES AND TEAM BUILDING

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

Dates available for November 2025 to March 2026.

Visit woodstockartgallery.ca for more details!

FALL EVENTS

SATURDAY, OCT. 25

Reception with Artist Jaquie Poole 1 – 3 p.m.

Join us for a special afternoon in celebration of Present in the Moment, a retrospective exhibition of work by local artist Jaquie Poole.



SATURDAY, NOV. 1

Open Studio Drop-In 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Enjoy free art-making projects in the studio! Everyone is welcome. Children 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Fall Open House 1 – 3 p.m.

Discover our new and current exhibitions with an afternoon of artist talks and presentations.

Featured Exhibitions:

- *Together Apart / Under One Roof:*
Aganetha Dyck, Reva Stone,
Diana Thorneycroft
- *Jaquie Poole: Present in the Moment*
- *Lyn Carter: The Pinks*
- *Shelley Niro: Borders*
- *Oxford County Archives:*
Celebration, 175+ Years
- *Aidan Urquhart: Taking a Walk*



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OCT. 4
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A month of apple inspired creations from Downtown's finest.

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Cowan Park Sportsplex has an indoor, three-lane walking track that overlooks the soccer turf.

Enjoy walking on a safe indoor path without worrying about the weather.

Memberships and drop-in rates are available.

Learn more at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/walkingtrack



Curbside Brush Collection

Oct. 6 - 10, 2025



Brush Must be:

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

Visit www.cityofwoodstock.ca/waste for details.

Spot the Cows CONTEST

How to Play:

1. Explore downtown and look for the cows.
2. Some cows have a surprise underneath.
3. Follow the instructions to claim a \$25 gift card!

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COMMUNITY EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE CITY OF WOODSTOCK

October

- 1 **Youth Advisory Committee Meeting**, Woodstock Museum & Escape Room, 5:30–8 p.m. Youth, ages 13–21 are welcome to join and have their voices heard. See article on page 6.
- 3–4 **13 Ghosts Escape Room**, Woodstock Museum, 466 Dundas St, 4–9 p.m. \$20 per person. Book your 1 hour time slot for teams of 4 to 6 people online at woodstockmuseum.ca. Continues Fridays and Saturdays through Oct. 25.
- 4 **Doors Open Woodstock**, various locations, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Visit cityofwoodstock.ca/specialevents.
- 4 **Woodstock Fall Fest**, Museum Square, 472 Dundas St, 12–5 p.m. Free activities, entertainment and treats inspired by the season including RONNO Magic Show, Learn the Thriller Dance and more. Visit www.cityofwoodstock.ca/fallfest
- 4–5 **Garlic Lovers Fest**, Woodstock Fairgrounds, 11 a.m.–4 p.m. daily. Cost, \$5 children free. Presentations & demos, live music, kids zone. Visit woodstockfairgrounds.com/events
- 14 **WDDS Career Fair**, 212 Bysham Park Dr, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. We're hiring casual/part-time direct support professionals. Join us for on-the-spot interviews. See details here: allevents.in/woodstock/wdds-career-fair/200028857089456
- 19 **Halloween Haunt at Canada's Wonderland**. For youth 13–17. Cost \$40 includes transportation and admission. To register, please visit our webpage at www.recreationwoodstock.ca. See article on page 6.

- 23 **Unifor Local 636 Retirees Breakfast**, Unifor Local 636 Hall, 126 Beale St, 9 a.m. Price \$5. Please join us for the best breakfast. Guest speaker, Bryan Smith to speak on Bill 5 and the environment. Call 519-537-5942 or visit unifor636.ca
- 23 **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.
- 29 **Oxford Historical Society Meeting**, location to be announced, 6:30 p.m., Free event – donations welcome! Jenny Grevers presents "Condemned: Woodstock's Wicked Past." Visit our website oxfordhistoricalsociety.ca. Email info@oxhs.ca or phone 226-242-4774.

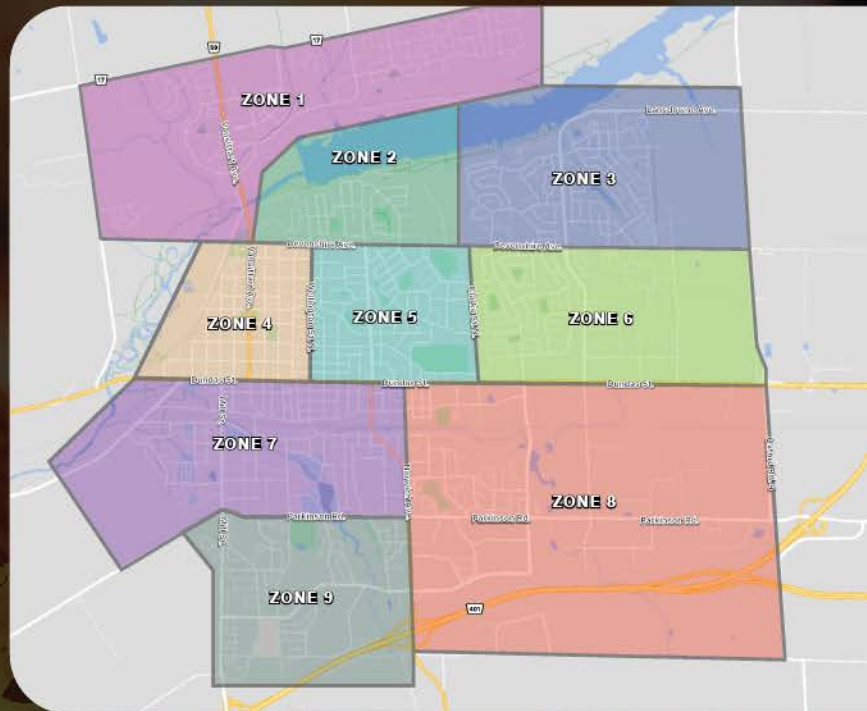
November

- 7–8 **Festival of One Act Plays**, St. David's United Church, Friday, 7:30 p.m., Saturday 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Tickets on sale now. Four new one-act comedies. Three performances only. Visit www.oapcommunitytheatre.com
- 8 **Friends of the Library Book Sale**, Woodstock Public Library, 445 Hunter St, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Visit www.mywpl.ca
- 8 **The Heart of Oxford Experience**, Oxford Auditorium, 10 a.m.–7 p.m. Enjoy live music, delicious food, and shop a wide selection of local brands all under one roof. Get your tickets at theheartofoxford.ca

What to do when the leaves fall

Help your lawn and garden retain moisture and supply rich nutrients to the soil by mulching and composting your leaves on your own property.

- **Drop them at the Yard Waste Depot.** The depot is open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Leaves can be dropped off for free. Bags are not allowed.
- **Rake them to the curb.** The curbside loose leaf collection runs from Oct. 20 to Nov. 28. Check the map to see what zone your property is in and follow the City's social media channels for updates on which zone staff are working on during the collection period.



Learn more at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/leafcollection or call 519-539-2382 ext. 3104 or 3102.

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