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Event Listings

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



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Back to School – A Safe Start for Students and Crossing Guards

Fall always brings a familiar rhythm back to Woodstock — cooler mornings, packed backpacks, and students filling sidewalks on their way to class. As everyone settles into the new school year, it's a good time to pause and think about how we can help keep those daily trips safe.

Every school day, our crossing guards are out in all kinds of weather making sure students get across busy streets safely. They're often the first friendly face kids see in the morning, and the last one before they head home. Their job is simple but incredibly important — create a safe space for students to cross and model good habits that kids can carry with them as they grow.

Drivers can help by slowing down in school zones, staying alert, and following a crossing guard's instructions. When the stop sign goes up, all vehicles must wait until every person is fully across. A little patience goes a long way.

Parents and caregivers can support safety too. Take a moment to remind kids to use marked crossings, wait for the guard's signal, put away distractions, and make eye contact with drivers before stepping off the curb. These small habits make a big difference.

And if you've ever thought about becoming a crossing guard yourself, we're always looking for caring, community-minded people to join the team. It's a rewarding role with flexible hours and a chance to make a real impact.

To learn more visit www.cityofwoodstock.ca



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

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Sept. 30 is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation commemorates the survivors and lost children of the residential school system and raises awareness of the ongoing inter-generational impacts of our country's tragic and painful history.

Here are some of the ways you can get involved, raise awareness and take action towards reconciliation in our community:

Flag Raisings and Reception

The Every Child Matters flag will be raised in Woodstock on Friday, Sept. 25 at the Oxford County Administration Building and in Museum Square. Following the flag raisings, the Woodstock Art Gallery will be hosting a reception including a teaching on Truth and Reconciliation at 10 a.m.



Truth and Reconciliation March

The 2nd Annual Truth and Reconciliation March will be taking place on Sunday, Sept. 27 from 12–5 p.m. in Museum Square. This event is organized by Two Row Culture & Community Centre, an Indigenous-led community hub that brings people together to support reconciliation, share culture and offer local educational programming. In addition to a solidarity march, the afternoon will include Indigenous performers, speakers, vendors and organizations.



Photo courtesy of Two Row Creations

Orange Shirt Day

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation also coincides with Orange Shirt Day, a grassroots movement inspired by the story of residential school survivor Phyllis Webstad. Orange shirts designed by Cree artist Rebecca Neepin will be for sale in the Woodstock Museum NHS gift shop in September. Shirts can also be purchased at the Two Row Culture and Community Centre at 1033 Pattullo Ave., Unit 5. Funds raised from the shirts directly support local programming, education and events including the 2nd Annual Truth and Reconciliation March.



Learning at Woodstock Public Library

The Woodstock Public Library offers monthly programs highlighting Indigenous knowledge, voices and perspectives, including the Two Row Learning program for children ages 6 to 12 and an Indigenous Drumming and Sharing Circle for adults. The library is also hosting an event on Thursday, Sept. 24 from 6:30–8 p.m., exploring the book, *Always a Part of the Land: The Federal Commemorative of Indigenous Histories*, with author Dr. Cody Groat. You can learn more about the library's upcoming programs on pg. 25.



Dr. Cody Groat



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Final Preparations for Fall Election

The Municipal and School Board Elections are being held in October.

The City of Woodstock is committed to providing accessible and convenient voting for everyone. Eligible voters can vote online, in-person at Goff Hall during 1 of 5 Advanced Polling Days, or at one of 4 Polling Locations across the City on Voting Day (October 26, 2026).

To vote online, be sure to watch for your unique Voter Notification Letter & PIN arriving in the mail. You must be on the Voters' List by September 15 to receive a Voter Notification Letter, so be sure to register or update your information by visiting the City's website.

For more information on how register and where and when to vote visit, www.cityofwoodstock.ca/election.



2026 Information Session

Are you interested in making a difference in your community?

Join us to learn about the City of Woodstock's Boards and Committees. City staff will explain the recruitment process, outline the roles and responsibilities of various opportunities, and answer any questions.

Time: 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 9

Location: Meeting Room, Woodstock Public Library, 445 Hunter St, Woodstock

Can't attend? The session will be recorded and posted on the City's YouTube channel @cityofwoodstockON

Learn. Ask Questions. Get Involved.

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Aquatics

Fall Drop-in Swimming

Stay active and have fun with drop-in recreational swimming and aquatic fitness programs at Southside Aquatic Centre! The fall schedule begins Tuesday, Sept. 8. 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
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 and Friday	6:30–8:30 a.m. *8:40–11:50 a.m. 12–2 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday	*6:30–7:30 a.m. 7:30–8:30 a.m. *8:40–11:50 a.m. 12–2 p.m. *8:10–9:30 p.m.
Wednesday	6:30–8:30 a.m. *8:40–11:50 a.m. 12–2 p.m. *8:10–9:30 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday	6:30–8:30 a.m. *12:10–1:50 p.m.

* Shared lane

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, Wednesday and Friday	10:15–11:15 a.m.



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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	8:40–9:20 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.

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
Monday and Tuesday	8:10–8:50 p.m.

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	Prerequisites
Bronze Star (optional)	Ages 8+
Bronze Medallion and Basic First Aid	Ages 13+ or Bronze Star
Bronze Cross and Intermediate First Aid	Ages 13+, Bronze Medallion and Basic First Aid or Intermediate First Aid
National Lifeguard and Airway Management	Ages 15+ and Bronze Cross
Assistant Swim Instructor and HIGH FIVE (optional) Once complete you can apply to be an assistant instructor.	Ages 14+ and Bronze Cross
Swim Instructors* *Once both are complete you can apply to be a swim instructor.	Ages 15+ and Bronze Cross
Lifesaving Instructors* *Once both are complete you can apply to be a swim instructor.	Ages 15+ and Bronze Cross

Find a full list of leadership programs at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/leadership. You can also call Southside Aquatic Centre at 519-539-2382 ext. 2701 or visit www.lifesavingsociety.com for more information.

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*.



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Learn to Swim

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



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 13–18 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 subject to an administration fee or full 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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Drop-in recreation programs are a flexible and affordable way to get out, get active and be healthy! There are a variety of sports and activities for all different ages, interests and abilities.

Gym Time

Cowan Park Sportsplex offers drop-in gym time for children, youth and adults on the Reeves Courts. The gym will be set up for basketball and volleyball.

Pickleball

Practice and play pickleball in a learning environment or book a court and organize your own game! Visit www.cityofwoodstock.ca/pickleball for current schedules and to register.

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. Registration opens three days in advance.

Pick-up Sports

You can also check Pick-Up Hub 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 recreationwoodstock.ca.



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Cowan Park Sportsplex Maintenance and Construction

Cowan Park Sportsplex will be undergoing maintenance and facility upgrades in September, including replacement of the indoor turf. The walking track and turf will be closed until the work is complete, but the gym and multi-purpose room will remain open for programming. Construction on the parking lot is also planned this fall. More details about access to the facility during construction will be shared at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/news and on social media.

Sports and Fitness Programs

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Floor Hockey

Ages 4 to 13

The floor hockey program includes three levels of progression, beginning with developing fundamental movement skills and physical literacy. Children will learn through instruction, drills and game play in a fun and welcoming environment.

Fall sessions run on Friday evenings from Sept. 18–Oct. 23 and Nov. 6–Dec. 18 at Reeves Community Complex.

O.U.R. Basketball

Ages 6 to 17

O.U.R. Basketball programs help kids and teens build confidence and skills to enhance their game on and off the court, with an emphasis on mental and physical health.

Fall sessions run on Saturday afternoons from Sept. 20–Oct. 18 and Nov. 8–Dec. 13 at Cowan Park Sportsplex.



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Multi-Sport

Ages 7 to 12

This program combines a variety of sports and activities to get kids moving, develop physical literacy skills and have fun. Sports and activities could include soccer, football, basketball, tag, laser tag and much more!

Fall sessions run on Sunday afternoons from Sept. 27–Nov. 8 and Nov. 15–Dec. 20 at Cowan Park Sportsplex.

Adult Pickleball

Ages 18+

Learn how to play pickleball and build your skills on the court with programs led by experienced instructors. We offer multi-week beginner and intermediate courses to help you learn the basic fundamentals and improve your technique through lessons, drills and game play.

Watch for upcoming dates at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/pickleball.



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Recreation and Leadership Programs

DIY Art Lab

Ages 5 to 12

Unleash your creativity! This six-week program invites kids to dive into hands-on crafting and exploration with a new project each week using paint, paper, recycled material and more. Perfect for curious minds who love to build, decorate and express themselves!

Fall sessions run on Thursday evenings from Sept. 17–Oct. 22 and Nov. 5–Dec. 12 at Cowan Park Sportsplex.

Friday Night Fun Nights

Ages 13 to 17

Friday Night Fun Nights are back! This free drop-in program for teens offers a welcoming space to make new friends, learn new skills and discover new hobbies with a different theme or activity each week.

Fall sessions run on Fridays from 6:30–8:30 p.m. starting Sept. 18 at Cowan Park Sportsplex. Find the full schedule at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/youth.

- Sept. 18: Dodgeball Showdown & Freezies
- Sept. 25: Bubble Soccer & Ice Cream

Babysitting Course

Ages 11 to 14

Participants will learn how to supervise younger siblings or other children in a safe and responsible manner. Aspiring babysitters also learn basic first aid skills.

The fall session will run on Monday, Oct. 26 from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. at Reeves Community Complex.

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Home Alone Safety

Ages 9 to 12

The Home Alone Safety for Kids program helps children ages 9 to 12 and their families get ready for their child's first steps towards independence, with a focus on safety and accident prevention.

The fall session will run on Monday, Oct. 26 from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. at Cowan Park Sportsplex.

Stemotics/Robotics

Ages 4 to 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.

Watch for upcoming dates at www.recreationwoodstock.ca.



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BIRTHDAY PARTY PACKAGES

Celebrate your child's birthday with a party at Cowan Park Sportsplex!

Packages include 2 hours in the multi-purpose room and on the turf with a program instructor.

Choose from available party activities and equipment including soccer, camp games, parachute, laser tag, Nerf guns, imagination playground and more!

We'll also help you set up and take care of the clean-up.

Days: Saturday and Sunday

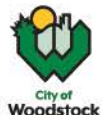
Times: 10 a.m.–12 p.m., 1–3 p.m., 4–6 p.m.

Cost: \$236.25 for up to 15 children
\$315 for 16–30 children

Food and decorations *not* included.



Learn more and book your party at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/birthdays



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.

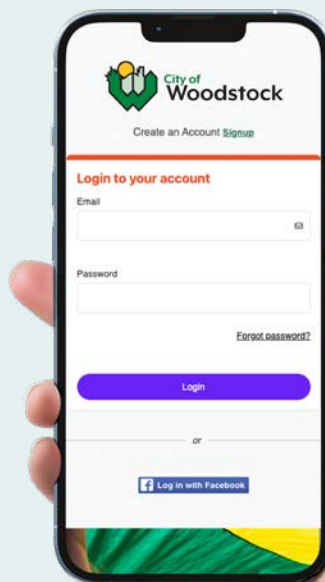
Once you're logged into your account you can:

- 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



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Financial Empowerment Workshop with Social Planning Council Oxford

Social Planning Council Oxford will lead participants through a free, interactive, confidence building financial workshop designed to help people take control of their money with confidence and clarity. Participants will explore how to build a realistic budget that reflects their priorities, how credit works and how to strengthen it over

time, learn approaches for managing and reducing debt and develop a savings plan that supports both short term needs and long-term goals. The workshop is geared toward individuals at any stage of their financial journey and emphasises simple tools, supportive discussion and resources to stretch their dollars.

Understanding Your Finances: A Financial Conversation for Seniors

Sept 10 | 1–2:30 p.m.
at Woodstock Public Library,
445 Hunter St, Woodstock

Financial Empowerment Workshops In-Person

Sept 17 | 6:30–8 p.m.
Oct 6 | 6:30–8 p.m.
Oct 21 | 6:30–8 p.m.
Nov 10 | 6:30–8 p.m.
Nov 24 | 6:30–8 p.m.
at United Way Oxford,
447 Hunter St, Woodstock

Financial Empowerment Workshops In-Person

Oct 14 | 1–2:30 p.m.
Nov 25 | 5:15–6:30 p.m.
at Women's Employment
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424 Dundas St, Woodstock

All workshops are free! Register via email to info@spcoxford.ca

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2026 Oxford Tenant Support

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Know Your Rights: Rental Housing Basics

This training covers the most important things you need to know when renting in Ontario. It's a great starting point for anyone looking to better understand tenant's rights. Using real-world examples, we help participants recognize common challenges tenants face and share practical information on where to find help and support. Topics include rent increases, maintenance issues, guests, privacy, and other important concerns.

Sept 16 | 7–8 p.m. Free – Virtual
Register via email to info@spcoxford.ca

Know Your Rights: Eviction Prevention

Understanding the eviction process in Ontario is a key part of protecting tenants' rights and preserving affordable housing. In this training, we walk through practical examples to show how the eviction process works and what challenges tenants may face. We focus on paperwork, timelines, voiding evictions, illegal lockouts, and where to go for help. This training helps participants build the knowledge and skills needed to respond effectively to eviction.

Oct 7 | 7–8 p.m. Free – Virtual
Register via email to info@spcoxford.ca

Know Your Rights: Human Rights in Housing

Everyone deserves housing that is free from discrimination. Our Human Rights in Housing training helps participants understand protections under the Ontario Human Rights Code and what to do if those rights are not upheld. Through everyday examples, we look at how discrimination can happen, when it often occurs, and how landlords are expected to respond. The session also covers disability accommodations, the right to live safely and comfortably in your home, and where to go for help with human rights concerns in housing.

Oct 28 | 7–8 p.m. Free – Virtual
Register via email to info@spcoxford.ca

Know Your Rights: Repairs and Maintenance

Safe and well-maintained homes are important for comfort and dignity, yet repair and maintenance issues are a common challenge in rental housing. This training helps participants understand how to address common repair and maintenance issues and where to go for help. Using scenario-based examples, we cover rights and responsibilities related to pest infestations, broken appliances, mould, vital services, and more. Participants also learn effective ways to communicate repair needs and what steps can be taken if those needs aren't being addressed.

Nov 18 | 7–8 p.m. Free – Virtual
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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. In celebration of Woodstock's 125th anniversary, this issue features tales from the Museum's anniversary exhibit, which explores some of the city's defining milestones, stories and achievements through the decades.



1900s: Woodstock Hospital for Epileptics

Healthcare infrastructure began to expand in Woodstock in the early 20th century. Land was purchased to build an Ontario Epilepsy Hospital in 1903, with construction beginning in 1906. In its first year, the facility admitted 58 patients. It would continue to grow over the decades, eventually becoming the Oxford Regional Centre. Photo: Woodstock Hospital for Epileptics located on 59 Hwy just north of Woodstock, 1910c



1910s: World War I

The First World War from 1914 – 1918 had a profound impact on the city. Many individuals and local industries played a critical role in the war effort. Bain Wagon Company employed nearly 1000 workers producing artillery shells, specialize wagons and ambulances for the Canadian military. Photo: Ambulance wagons made for WWI in front of the Bain Wagon Company building (645 Dundas St.), 1915c



1920s: Homecoming and Diamond Jubilee

In 1927, the community came together to celebrate the Old Boys' and Girls' Reunion, a large-scale homecoming event, along with the Diamond Jubilee of Canadian Confederation. The festivities took place from June 30 to July 4 and included fairground exhibits, sightseeing tours, performances, sports, games, fireworks and parades. Photo: City Hall decorated for the Old Boys & Girls Reunion (466 Dundas St.), 1927



1930s: Depression and Recovery

The Great Depression hit Woodstock with high levels of unemployment. Although many businesses struggled, several also managed to grow and even endure the global economic crisis. Firestone Cotton Mills of Canada opened on Aug. 23, 1936. It would become an important contributor to the city's economic recovery, manufacturing of tire cord and industrial textile products. Photo: Firestone Cotton Mills (273 Ingersoll Ave.), 1937c

C.O.W. TALES

Way Back When Contest

THE WINNER of the July/August 'Way Back When' Contest question is **Jackie Maloney**. Jackie correctly answered that 'Quasquicentennial' is the word for a 125th anniversary. She 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*.

- Q.** What volunteer women's organization was established on Feb. 3, 1903? (See pg. 7)
- Q.** When did the Perry Street Arena open? (See pg. 22)
- Q.** What hosiery and sock manufacturer opened in Woodstock in 1923? (See pg. 4)
- Q.** Which notable local figure entered into an agreement with the Ontario Ministry of Education in 1935 to produce paintings of domestic animal breeds?

Send your answer along with your name and phone number to wow@cityofwoodstock.ca by Friday, September 18, 2026. You can also drop your answer in the contest box at City Hall.

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- **Monday–Saturday: 6 a.m.–10 p.m.**

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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
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You can purchase reloadable Monthly and Han-D-Ride cards at these convenient vendor locations:

- City Hall, 500 Dundas St.
- Engineering/Public Works, 944 James St.
- Southside Aquatic Centre, 315 Finkle St.
- Woodstock Public Library, 445 Hunter St.
- Cowan Park Sportsplex, 895 Ridgeway Dr.
- Reeves Community Complex, 381 Finkle St.
- CNIB Lottery Kiosk (Walmart), 499 Norwich Ave.

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.



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Recreational Skating Schedule

Public Skating

Rules

1. Children 12 and under must have adult supervision in the facility.
2. Skates must be worn on the ice surface. Shoes are not permitted.
3. We do not rent skates.
4. Strollers, chairs, skating aids are not permitted.
5. We strongly recommend participants wear a helmet and gloves. A bicycle helmet is acceptable.
6. Backwards skating is not permitted.
7. Hockey sticks and pucks are not permitted.

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
Saturdays	7–7:50 p.m.	Civic Centre Arena
Sundays	NEW TIME 12:45–1:35 p.m.	Reeves Complex – Red Rink

Upcoming Dates

Date	Sponsor	Location
Sep 9	Easy Way Cleaning	Reeves Green
Sep 16	Total Quality Skate Sharpening	Reeves Green
Sep 23	Riley Manufacturing	Reeves Green
Sep 27	Al McCulloch's Lock Service	Reeves Red
Sep 30	Watters Graphics	Reeves Green
Oct 3	Oxford Sabres	Civic Centre
Oct 4	Bucholtz Home Comfort	Reeves Red
Oct 6	CIMCO Refrigeration – Geoff Paton	Civic Centre
Oct 7	Dr. Lail and Associates	Reeves Green
Oct 10	City of Woodstock – Parks & Rec Dept.	Civic Centre
Oct 11	Woodstock Silverstick Committee	Reeves Red
Oct 13	Adams Building Supply	Civic Centre
Oct 14	Adams Building Supply	Reeves Green
Oct 17	City of Woodstock – Special Events	Civic Centre
Oct 18	Woodstock Minor Hockey Association	Reeves Red
Oct 20	Taplay Fire Protection	Civic Centre
Oct 21	Oxford Plumbing	Reeves Green
Oct 24	Verbruggen Trucking	Civic Centre
Oct 25	Aduro Athletics	Reeves Red
Oct 27	Verbruggen Trucking	Civic Centre
Oct 28	Woodstock Silverstick Committee	Reeves Green

destinations

travel and cruise centre

**Door
Prizes**

Please join our Celebration!
Sunday, September 20, 2026
Southgate Centre, Woodstock
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Refreshments

Join us for our travel talks!

1:15 PM - Holland America - Alaska

1:40 PM - Avalon/Globus - River Cruising

2:00 PM - Royal Irish - Ireland

2:25 PM - Air Canada Vacations - Italy

2:50 PM - Collette - Morocco



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Migratory Bird Day – October 10th

World Migratory Bird Day is October 10, 2026. The City of Woodstock will officially declare Woodstock's Migratory Bird Day to be October 10. This date matches a peak migration period for birds in our area.

The World Migratory Bird Day theme this year is "Every Bird Counts, Your Observations Matter!" In keeping with the theme, and based on the fact that Woodstock has recently been deemed a Bird Friendly City, the public is encouraged to participate in bird counts and bird walks on October 10. Citizen observations help researchers collect data on bird numbers and they help identify areas of conservation concern requiring further action.

Here are some things you can do to help migrating birds:

1. Download the free eBird app on your cell phone. Learn how to use it by asking a local birder, such as a Woodstock Field Naturalist member, or tune into YouTube for an eBird tutorial.
2. Download the free Merlin app on your cell phone. Use it to confirm your bird sightings in the field, which you can then enter on the eBird app.
3. Go for a birding walk (see details below for opportunities).
4. Go bird watching in your own backyard or neighbourhood.

You can protect migrating birds in your home and yard by providing trees for shelter, particularly evergreens, as well as providing a source of fresh water. Keep cats indoors. There is a bylaw in the City of Woodstock which prohibits cats roaming free. Recent research from the University of Guelph estimates that in Canada cats kill an average of 60 million birds annually. This is the largest source of human-related mortality for birds.

Another deadly issue for migrating birds are window collisions. Birds see reflections of trees and sky and don't realize there is a pane of glass blocking their flight path. Buildings, particularly

those that are brightly lit at night, kill thousands of migrating birds. Birds migrating at night are disoriented by the bright building lights. Turning off lights during migration periods can save thousands of birds.

At home you can prevent window collisions by using products such as the dots sold by Feather Friendly. These are applied in strips creating a 5cm x 10cm grid on the window. The dots are inconspicuous when looking through the window from inside, but they are easily visible to birds outside. Bird feeders should be kept at a safe distance from windows.

Woodstock Field Naturalists will be leading bird walks on October 10, 9 a.m. at Roth Park, Standard Tube Lions Club Trail, and Standard Tube Burgess Park Rotary Club Trail. Please come and join us. Arrive at one of the three parking lots at 9 a.m. Bring binoculars if you have them. We will have a few loaner pairs available. This is a wonderful opportunity to get a guided tour of migrating and resident birds which can be found in Woodstock. We hope you can join us.



American Goldfinch. This species is common throughout the year in Oxford County. This is a breeding plumage male which will change into a more subdued greenish plumage in the autumn. Photo Richard Skevington.

Article written by Sharron Skevington and Elizabeth Spedaliere



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

A: Jan. 6, 1914.



SATURDAY, OCT. 3, 2026 | 12-4 P.M. | MUSEUM SQUARE

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www.cityofwoodstock.ca/fallfest

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**Saturday, Oct. 17, 2026
10 a.m.–4 p.m.**

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

September

- 5 **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
- 9 **Boards and Committees Information Session**, Woodstock Public Library, 445 Hunter St, 6:30 p.m. Free. Join us to learn about the City of Woodstock's Boards and Committees. City staff will explain the recruitment process, outline the roles and responsibilities of various opportunities, and answer any questions.
- 17 **South Gate Centre Charity Golf Classic**, Ingersoll Golf Club, Registration 12 noon. Shotgun start 1 p.m. \$145 per person. Scramble, cart included, snacks, lunch, dinner, prizes and auction, full bar. Register today at www.southgatectr.com
- 18 **Canadian Food Grains Annual BBQ**, Knox Presbyterian Church, 59 Riddell St, 5–6:30 p.m. Tickets for adults: \$25; children up to 12 yrs: \$10. Dine in or take out meals are available. Tickets can be purchased at the church office. Phone 519-537-2962.
- 19 **Taste of Art**, Woodstock Art Gallery, 7–10 p.m. Step into the spotlight and get ready for a vibrant evening of art, local flavours and community celebration. Ages 19+. Tickets \$75. Visit www.woodstockartgallery.ca/tasteofart.
- 26 **Theatre Woodstock 80th Anniversary – A Night in the Spotlight**, South Gate Centre, 6 p.m. Cocktails, 7 p.m. Buffet Dinner. Tickets \$80. Cash bar and live entertainment. Visit theatrewoodstock.com for tickets and details.
- 27 **Grease Tribute**, Market Centre Theatre, 2 p.m. Tickets \$57.50. Get ready to step back in time with A Tribute to Grease and the Music of the 50s & 60s! This high-energy, interactive show is a must see. It is a lot of fun! Box office: <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=343360>.
- 28 **See You @ The Movies: H Is for Hawk**, Market Centre Theatre, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Following the sudden death of her father, a respected academic turns to the ancient art of falconry. Tickets \$12 available at the Woodstock Art Gallery, at www.woodstockartgallery.ca/movies or cash only at the door. Paid concessions generously provided by Reel Treats Popcorn and Sweets.
- 28 **Oxford Reads presents Terry Parker Wildlife Photography**, Woodstock Public Library, 7 p.m. Discover Canadian wildlife through the lens of Terry Parker. Registration opens Sept. 14 at 10 a.m. at www.mywpl.ca
- 30 **Oxford Historical Society Fall Speaker Series**, Chartwell Oxford Gardens (Main Entrance), 433 Devonshire Ave, Free, no registration required. Donations welcome! Join Thomas Ryerson, local author, as he tells us the story of the Altadore – the only house fine enough to entertain the Prince of Wales in 1860 and its former occupants. Visit <https://www.oxfordhistoricalsociety.ca> or phone 226-242-4774.



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Parking is now more convenient across the city.



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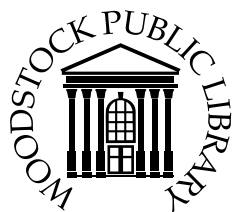
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Closed September 7
445 Hunter St., Woodstock ON
www.mywpl.ca

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 Sept 9–Oct 28, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Toddler Tales (12–36 months)	An active program with stories, rhymes, songs, and other activities.	Thursdays Sept 10–Oct 29, 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 Sept 10–Oct 29, 12–1 p.m.
Story Explorers (Family)	Build on stories through songs, rhymes, and hands on STEAM activities for preschoolers.	Fridays Sept 11–Oct 30, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Baby Sign Storytime (Birth–18 months)	Infants and their caregivers are invited to learn ASL vocabulary signs through stories and rhymes.	Fridays Sept 11–Oct 30, 12–1 p.m.

Multilingual Storytime: Mandarin/English (Family) Saturday, September 19 – 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Celebrate the diversity of our community at the Woodstock Public Library!

Every month we will learn about a new culture through language, art, song and story. This month we will be joined by Jing Zhang (Ginny) to learn about the Mid-Autumn Festival and learn some Mandarin! **No registration required.** This program is supported by the United Way Oxford.



United Way
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Programs for Children

Amazing Adaptations:

Forest Animals with the UTRCA (Family) Saturday, September 12 – 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Discover how different animals adapt to life in the forest through puzzles and hands on activities. This program takes place at Pittock Conservation Day Use area. **See our website for all the details. Registration opens August 29.**



Two Row Learning (6–12 years) Monday, September 14 – 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Explore and immerse yourself in Indigenous culture, knowledge and teachings. Free pizza and snacks.
No registration required.

Retro Video Gaming Night (All Ages) Thursday, September 17 – 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? Visit the library for an evening of retro gaming! In partnership with Operandi Gaming Community.
No registration required.

Programs for Children

Adventure with Muk (10–14 years)

Saturday, September 19 – 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Muk invites you to join him on a Dungeons and Dragons adventure for young players. Develop your character to adventure with Muk and friends through Dankwood. Registration opens September 5.



Homeschool Meetup (Family)

Monday, September 28 – 1–3 p.m.

Stop by the library and meet other Homeschooling families for an afternoon of fun! Play games or test out a robot or two. We will also provide the snacks! **No registration required.**

Halloween Costume Exchange (Family)

Tuesday, September 29 – 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Have a closet full of old Halloween costumes, but your child is looking for a new one this year? Bring your gently used costumes to swap! Please only bring costumes that would fit a child 0-12 years. Bring items without stains or rips, and please wash any clothing item before the event. **No registration required.**

Programs for Teens

Teen Pizza Pop-up (12+ years)

Monday, September 14 – 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Drop in to enjoy pizza and games! Learn about library resources and upcoming programs for teens. **No registration required.**

Lunch Time Breakout (12–18 years)

Thursdays starting September 17 – 11–11:45 a.m.

Can you and your friends solve all the puzzles to break open the box? A new Breakout EDU game will be featured each week! **No registration required.**

Teen Brain Break (12–18 years)

Thursday September 17 and 24 – 3–4 p.m.

Need a break from homework, stress or scrolling? Drop in anytime during the hour to hang out and recharge. Play board games, craft, colour or grab a snack. Come solo or bring friends- everyone is welcome! **No registration required.**

Teen Volunteer Fair (13–18 years)

Saturday, September 26 – 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Looking for community service hours, a meaningful way to contribute to the Woodstock community, or interested in gaining valuable work experience? Drop by to meet several community organizations that are seeking teen volunteers. Perfect for students in Grades 9 through 12. Don't miss your chance to get involved and give back! **No registration required.**

Teen Volunteers Wanted!



Youth Leadership Council Volunteers Wanted! (Grades 9–12)

Earn community service hours, develop leadership skills, and help shape library programs and services for teens. Join the Woodstock Public Library's Youth Leadership Council and make your voice heard! Contact programs@mywpl.ca for more details

Contact us (519) 539-4801 Website mywpl.ca

Programs for Adults

Wellness Series

Join us for a wellness series with Jenni Dean, a Registered Orthomolecular Health Practitioner and Nutritionist. Registration required for each date. Registration opens two weeks before program date.

Visceral Fat and Metabolic Risk

Thursday, September 3 – 6–7:30 p.m.

Cortisol and Stress and Metabolic Burnout

Thursday, October 1 – 6–7:30 p.m.

WPL Book Club

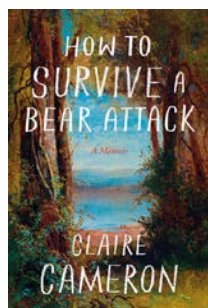
Tuesday, September 8 – 2–3 p.m.

Thursday, September 10 – 7–8 p.m.

Begin each month with a good read! Join us for our afternoon or evening session for a lively discussion on the title selected. Open to all. No registration required.

September Title

How to Survive a Bear Attack
Claire Cameron



October Title

The Foursome: A Novel
Christina Baker Kline



Financial Empowerment for Seniors with Social Planning Council Oxford

Thursday, September 10 – 1–2:30 p.m.

This interactive workshop has been designed specifically for seniors who want to build confidence in managing their finances. Participants will learn practical strategies for budgeting, managing debt and creating savings plans to support current and future needs. Registration opens August 27.

Mah-Jongg

Tuesdays in September – 10:15 a.m.–12 p.m.

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

Puzzle Exchange

Saturday, September 12 – 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Love puzzles? Looking for a new challenge? Bring your completed jigsaw puzzles to our Puzzle Exchange and swap them for some new-to-you ones. Stop by, browse the selection, and take home your next puzzle! No registration required.

Indigenous Drumming and Sharing Circle

Wednesday, September 16 – 6–7 p.m.

Join Becca Neepin from Two Row Creations for a Drumming and Sharing Circle that begins with a smudging circle, followed by time for reflection and open conversation. All community members are invited to participate, with the Circle centring and uplifting Indigenous voices and perspectives. The event will take place outside on the library lawn but will be moved indoors in case of inclement weather. No registration required.

Chit Chat Circle

Tuesdays in September – 1:30–3 p.m.

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



BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

2026 Information Session

Curious about joining a City Board or Committee?

Learn how to get involved in local leadership, including the Library Board, at the Boards and Committees Information Session.

Time: 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 9

Location: Meeting Room,
Woodstock Public Library,
445 Hunter St, Woodstock

Programs for Adults

Knitting and Crochet Drop-In

Saturday, September 12 and 26 – 3:30–4:30 p.m.

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

Dungeons and Dragons:

Dungeon of the Mad Mage (18+)

Saturday, September 19 – 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Join us to play the *Waterdeep: Dungeon of the Mad Mage* Dungeons and Dragons module. No previous DND or roleplaying experience is required, but a willingness to have fun with a group of like-minded people is. Game play is two hours. Registration opens September 5.

Pub Trivia Night

Wednesday, September 16 – 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.

Crafty Adults

Monday, September 21 – 7–8 p.m.

Create the perfect reading atmosphere in your room, join us at the library to make your very own custom candles! All supplies will be provided by the library. No experience necessary. Registration opens September 8.

The Mystic and the Missing Girl – A Conversation with Vikki VanSickle

Tuesday, September 22 – 6–7:30 p.m.

Join award-winning Canadian author and Woodstock native Vikki VanSickle for the launch of her newest novel, *The Mystic and the Missing Girl*. Drew Benson, a reluctant psychic, investigates a decades-old missing girl case to clear her late aunt's name, uncover the truth, and save her struggling metaphysical shop in a small lakeside town. The evening includes a conversation moderated by local author Emily De Angelis, a reading, audience Q&A, and book signing. Copies will be available for purchase through Commonplace Books. Registration opens September 8 at 10 a.m.

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.



**CULTURE
DAYS**

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

DEAHL POETRY

Meeting Room, Woodstock Public Library



6:30 PM – 8:00 PM, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

**"ALWAYS A PART OF THE LAND"
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Meeting Room, Woodstock Public Library

Programs for Adults



Terry Parker Wildlife Photography

Monday, September 28 – 7–8 p.m.

at Woodstock Public Library

Discover Canadian wildlife through the lens of photographer Terry Parker, who has spent years working around bears and teaching the public about bear behaviour. Registration opens September 14 at 10 a.m.

terry parker
PHOTOGRAPHICS

Oxford Reads 2026

Selected Title

How to Survive a Bear Attack by Claire Cameron



Guided Hike with Oxford County Trails Council

Tuesday, September 29 – 5:30–7 p.m.

at 504918 Old Stage Road, Norwich ON N4S 7V8

Discover the wetlands of Hodges Pond Trail with the Oxford County Trails Council on a guided nature hike. Registration opens September 15 at 10 a.m.



To register, visit www.mywpl.ca or contact the Woodstock Public Library at (519) 539-4801.



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



If you love kids and are looking for occasional work, learn more about the position at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/applynow



Fall Programs

Historic Walking Tour

Friday, Sept. 18 | 1–3 p.m.

Join us for a walk to delve into some history about buildings of Woodstock. Thanks to the work of the Heritage Advisory Committee, you'll get the tip of the iceberg of some amazing research shared for Woodstock's 125th anniversary! Register online.

Ages: 14+

FREE for Culture Days!



Lunch & Learn: Fall Series

Select Tuesdays | 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

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

Sept. 22: City's 125th Trivia

Think you know Woodstock's history? Join us for a fun look at the past with a bit of trivia thrown into keep you guessing! Don't worry if you are new to Woodstock's history, you'll learn a lot today and stump your friends later! No teams or points tallied just a little fun with our history!

Oct. 20: Honouring the Harvest with Dr. Robin Michaud

During the season of Thanksgiving join us for a fascinating talk with Dr. Robyn Michaud, Assistant Professor of Indigenous Studies at Western University. She will share insights into the harvest and its connection to Indigenous traditions and stories.

Save the Date

- **Nov. 17:** 1890 Murder in the Swamp
- **Dec. 15:** A Very Merry Woodstock Christmas

\$25 (Members \$20)



Fall Fun PA Day

Monday, Oct. 26 | 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

Do all the fun festive fall things today with your friends at the Museum! Make a mini jack-o-lantern, celebrate the bounty of the harvest with a farmers market outing, play fun Halloween games, and make cute fall crafts. Register early. **Ages: 5–12**
\$55 (Members \$49.50)

WOODSTOCK NAVY VETS 60TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBIT



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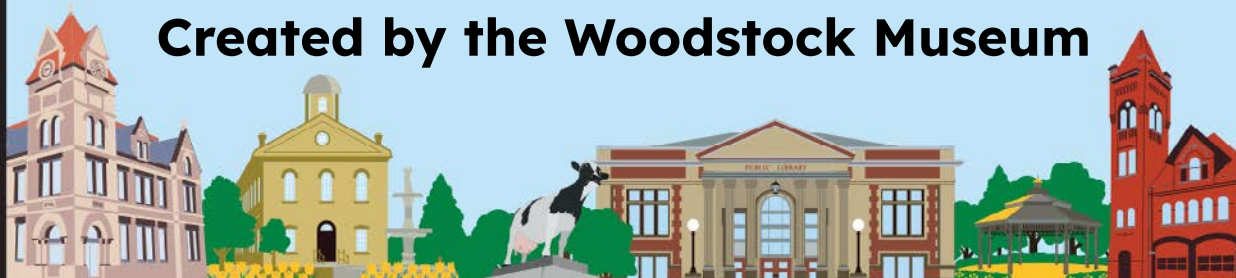
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Programs & Events

Children

Saturday Studio Arts

Saturday, Oct. 3–31

10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Get creative in this new hands-on workshop series! Explore a different artistic medium each week, including drawing, collage, painting, printmaking, and sculpture and experiment with new tools in a safe, supportive and friendly environment.

Ages: 10–14

Cost: \$25/day

Start with Art

Wednesday, Oct. 7, Nov. 4

11–11:45 a.m.

Preschool-aged children and their caregivers will be guided through a variety of artistic fundamentals, techniques, materials and mindful creative practice.

Ages: 5 and under

Cost: \$10/day

After School Program

Wednesday, Oct. 7–Dec. 9

4–5:40 p.m.

Join us after school for guided gallery tours, art lessons and self-guided activities, with time and space for interactive creativity and social engagement.

Ages: 6–12

Cost: \$10/day

Creative PA Days

Monday, Oct. 26

8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Enjoy a full day of art-making lessons, guided and self-guided activities, and outdoor play!

Ages: 6–12

Cost: \$75 (Members \$60)

Youth and Adults

Watercolour Painting: Bold + Free

Wednesday, Sept. 23–Oct. 28

6–8 p.m.

Explore the possibilities of imagination and imagery discovered through watercolour painting with Bob Phillips.

Ages: 13+

Cost: \$240 (Members \$200)

Fall Inspired Embroidery

Wednesday, Sept. 23–Oct. 28

10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Join artist Mercedes Schuster for this six-week course exploring the art of embroidery. Learn embroidery basics and apply several different stitches to create a final fall-inspired artwork.

Ages: 13+

Cost: \$108 (Members \$90)

Sip and Sculpt: Creepin' It Creative

Saturday, Oct. 3

5–7 p.m.

Get spooky and creative with artist instructor HollyJo! Sculpt ghosties while enjoying a relaxing beverage, charcuterie, and good company. All materials, glaze and firing included.

Ages: 19+

Cost: \$95



Woodstock Art Gallery
Taste of Art

19+
Event

**Saturday
September 19, 2026
7-10p.m.**

At the Woodstock Art Gallery

- Visual Elements 68 art sale
- Silent auction
- Local food & drink tastings
- Live music & performances
- Karmic Kaptures Photo Booth
- Interactive art activities

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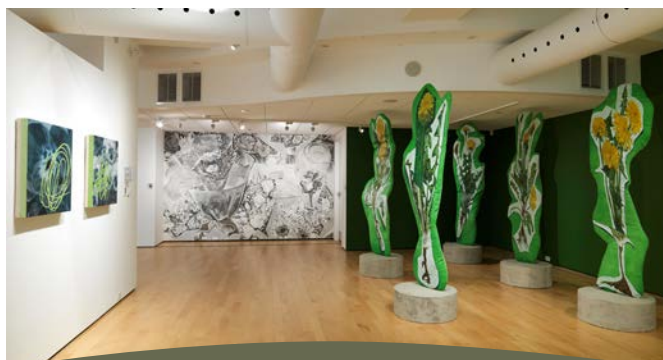
Current Exhibitions



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



With flowers in your hand

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

Photo Credit: Joseph Hartman.



Your unheeded tears (filled me up)

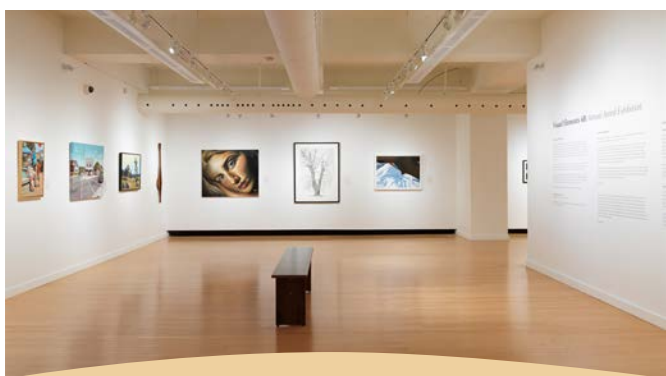
Florence Carlyle and Angie Quick

Sept. 12, 2026–Jan. 9, 2027

Curator: Danielle Hoevenaars

Reception: Saturday, Sept. 26, 1–3 p.m.

Angie Quick, *disco at the picnic (breaking all my yolks)*, 2023, oil on canvas. Courtesy of the artist.



Visual Elements 68: Annual Juried Exhibition

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

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The
Life & Art
OF CHARLES M. SCHULZ



Woodstock is coming to Woodstock!

Exhibition Dates: October 10, 2026 to February 20, 2027

Fall Open House: Saturday, October 17th, 2026, 1-3 p.m.

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