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Woodstock Transit's Tour of Lights is back.

CELEBRATE VOLUNTEERS

A new awards program seeks to celebrate Woodstock's volunteers.

NEW HOLIDAY MARKET

The Winter Lights Market opens downtown this holiday season.



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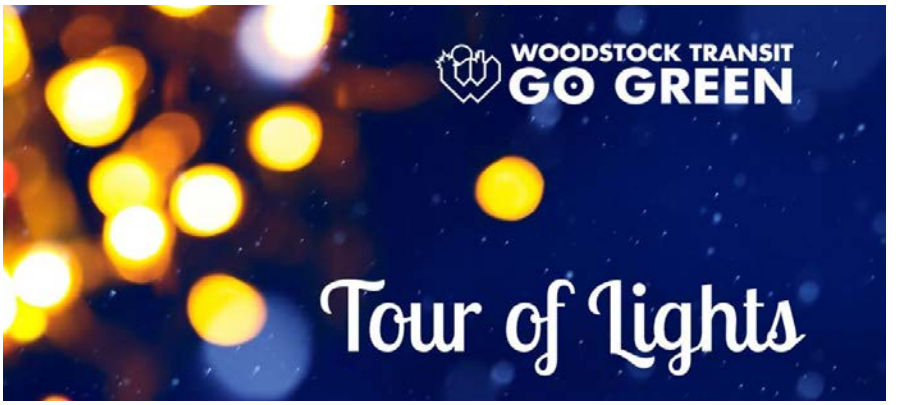
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Goff Hall Rental	519-421-3484 x 4301
Library	519-539-4801
Market Centre Rental	519-537-8411
Museum	519-537-8411
Para-Transit Services	519-539-1291 x 2510
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Southwood Arena	519-421-3484 x 4301
Transit Services	519-539-1291 x 3102

Event Listings

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

City of Woodstock



City of Woodstock's Tour of Lights Returns for a Festive Holiday Season

Woodstock Transit's much-anticipated Tour of Lights is returning this December, offering residents a festive way to enjoy some of the city's brightest and most creative holiday displays, all while supporting local charities.

This longstanding holiday tradition began as a way for transit drivers to give back to the community and ensure everyone had a chance to enjoy the city's holiday lights.

Event Details

- **Dates:** Sunday, December 13 and Sunday, December 20
- **Departure Times:** 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- **Location:** Woodstock Transit Terminal (623 Dundas Street)
- **Cost:** $3 per person
- **Charity Support:** Proceeds donated to United Way Oxford; riders encouraged to bring nonperishable food items for the Salvation Army
- **Accessibility:** Specialized Para-transit options available for the 7 p.m. tour, on both Sundays

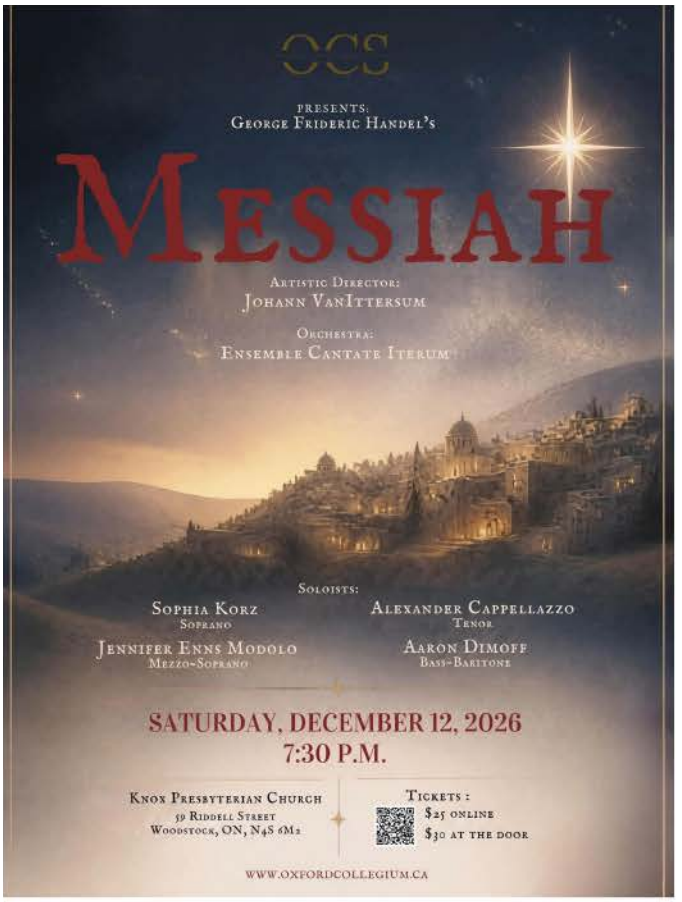
Guests will board a decorated City of Woodstock bus and enjoy a guided ride through neighbourhoods known for their holiday spirit, including popular display areas such as Bower Hill Road and other community favourites.

Tickets must be purchased in advance and will be available online through the City's program registration platform and in-person at Cowan Park Sportsplex, Reeves Community Complex, the Museum, and the Art Gallery.

For more information, visit **www.cityofwoodstock.ca/touroflights**

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

A: Janna Polzin.


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Woodstock Launches New Friendly City Volunteer Recognition Awards to Celebrate Outstanding Community Volunteers

The City of Woodstock has launched a new awards program to celebrate the people and organizations whose volunteer efforts help make Woodstock a strong, welcoming and connected community.

The new Friendly City Volunteer Recognition Awards will recognize outstanding volunteers who give their time, skills and energy to make a difference in the lives of others and contribute to the community.

"As the Friendly City, we know that so much of what makes Woodstock a great place to live is thanks to the people who generously give their time to help others," said Deputy Clerk, Jeff Bunn. "The Friendly City Volunteer Recognition Awards gives us an opportunity to celebrate these incredible contributions and say thank you to the volunteers who make a difference in our community every day."

Each year, Council may recognize up to five individuals or organizations through the program. Nominations can be submitted in six categories:

- **Youth of the Year** – recognizing an outstanding young volunteer aged 18 or younger.
- **Senior of the Year** – recognizing a resident aged 55 or older who has made significant contributions to the community over at least five years.
- **Environmental Stewardship Award** – recognizing an individual or group demonstrating exceptional leadership and dedication to environmental sustainability.
- **Good Neighbour Award** – recognizing an Oxford County resident who makes a difference in the lives of Woodstock residents.
- **Organization of the Year** – recognizing a Woodstock not-for-profit organization that has made significant contributions through volunteer service and/or sponsorship.
- **Citizen of the Year** – recognizing a Woodstock resident aged 18 or older who has made significant, long-standing contributions to the community over at least five years.

Do you know someone who makes Woodstock a friendlier place?

The city is accepting nominations for the inaugural Friendly City Volunteer Recognition Awards from Nov. 1, until Dec. 31, 2026.

Recipients will be recognized by Woodstock City Council in April during National Volunteer Week.

Learn more about the award and how to submit your nomination at **www.cityofwoodstock.ca/awards**



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

A: Woodstock Little Theatre.

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Remembrance Day

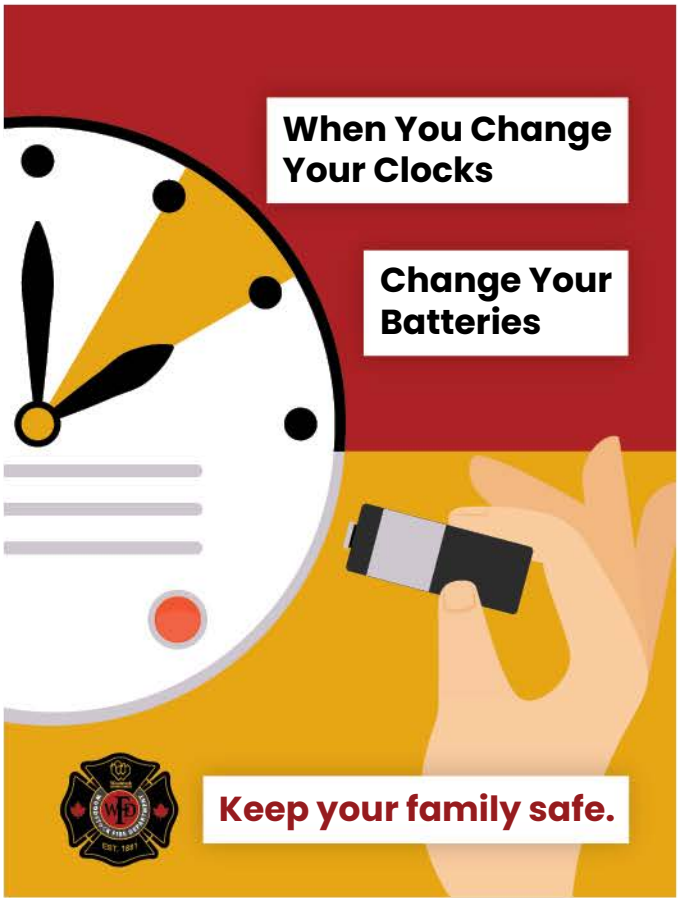
Join us on Wednesday, Nov. 11 to pay tribute to the courage and sacrifice of our veterans and those who continue to serve our Country. The ceremony will take place at Victoria Park, located at 413 Buller St, Woodstock.

Time	Agenda
10:15 a.m.	Pre-Laying of the Wreaths
10:35 a.m.	March of the Sentries
10:45 a.m.	The Walking March proceeds to the Cenotaph
10:55 a.m.	Singing of "O Canada"
10:58 a.m.	Last Post
11 a.m.	Official Ceremony

Rogers TV Woodstock will be broadcasting the ceremony live starting at 10:45 a.m. on the morning of Nov. 11, and will re-broadcast at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

The City of Woodstock is grateful for the efforts of those who have assisted in organizing the Remembrance Day ceremony, including the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #55, The Oxford County Naval Veterans Association, City of Woodstock staff, local MP, MPP, emergency services and local school boards.

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- **March 2027** – ***RESERVE BY JANUARY 27***

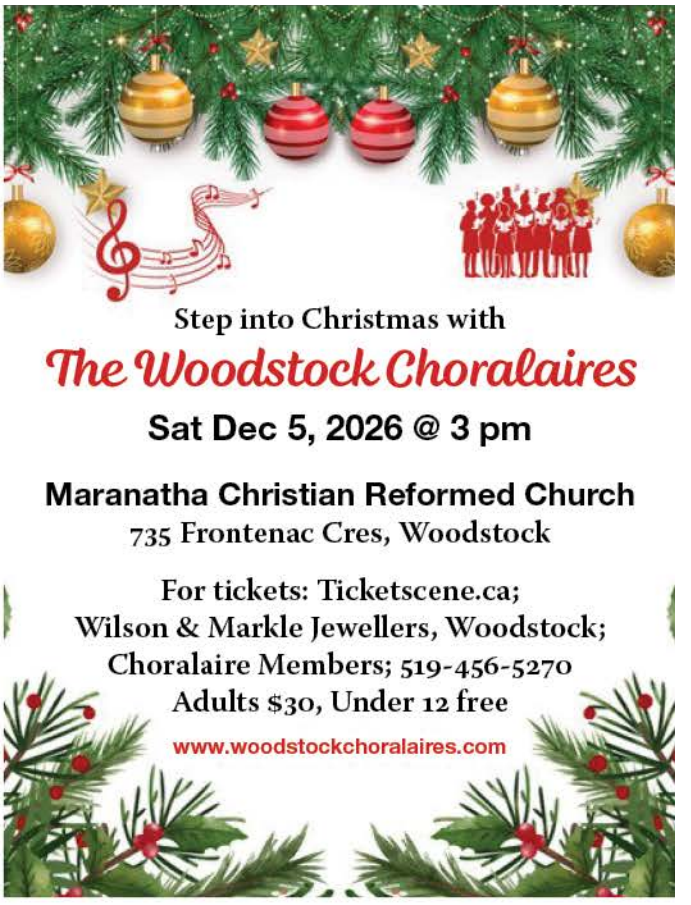
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FARES & PASSES

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
Group Pass (2–5 riders)	$8.25 (all day)	$8.25 (all day)	Free bus service

WHO SELLS RELOADABLE PASSES?

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

- City Hall, 500 Dundas St.
- 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.

NEW! Visit **ride.blaisetransit.com** to book online! You can also download the **Blaise Transit** app from the App Store or Google Play.

Something New is Coming Downtown this Holiday Season

We're excited to introduce the Winter Lights Market, a temporary, festive indoor holiday market at the city-owned building at 478-484 Dundas St.

Step inside and enjoy local vendors, live entertainment, activities from the Art Gallery and Museum and festive fun with the Downtown Woodstock BIA.

The Winter Lights Market will be open during two of downtown Woodstock's favourite holiday traditions: Lighting of Museum Square on Nov. 20 and the Santa Claus Parade on Nov. 21. Plus, you can visit the market again Dec. 10–12 and Dec. 17–19.

Bundle up, head downtown and make the Winter Lights Market part of your holiday traditions this year!

Stay tuned to **www.cityofwoodstock.ca** for more details, market hours, vendors, entertainment and activities.



WOODSTOCK AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY & FAIRGROUNDS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Market

Save the date!

Saturday, December 19, 2026



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Sat., Jan. 23, 2027

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Event Info or Vendor Applications Visit: WOODSTOCKFAIRGROUNDS.COM

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

A: Klondike Joe Boyle.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

November

7 **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*

7 **Knox Yuletide Market & Lunch,** Knox Presbyterian Church, 59 Riddell St, 10:30 a.m.–2 p.m. Free admission to bazaar. Baking, Preserves, Frozen Food, Sewing, Knitting, Quilts. Luncheon, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. $15 advance or $17 at door. Turkey Pot Pie, Salad, Dessert & Beverage. Tickets available from Rose 519-539-8720, Carol 519-537-3545, Church Office 519-537-2962 or at the door. This is a wheel chair accessible building.

7 **Treats 'n' Treasures Bazaar,** Old St. Paul's Church, 723 Dundas St, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. Free admission to bazaar. Bazaar includes bake table and the book and puzzle sale. A frozen food table (featuring homemade soups and meat pies), a "This and That" table and a Cafe. Phone 519-537-3912, email *ops@execulink.com* or visit *oldstpauls.com*

9 **See You @ The Movies: The Choral,** Market Centre Theatre, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. A choral society's male members enlist in World War I, leaving the demanding Dr. Guthrie (Ralph Fiennes) to recruit teenagers. Together, they experience the joy of singing while the young boys grapple with their impending conscription into the army. 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.

12 **Woodstock Coin Club Meeting,** St. David's Church, 190 Springbank Ave. 7 p.m. Free admission and parking. Whether you are a seasonist numismatist or just found a jar of old coins, we want to meet you! Come trade stories and share treasures with fellow collectors. Website: *woodstockcoinclub.ca* or email *woodstockcoinclub1957@gmail.com*

14 **Christmas Crafters Market,** St. Paul's Anglican Church, 4 Elgin St E, Princeton, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Free. Take a trip to the Christmas Crafters Market at St. Paul's Anglican Church. Handcrafted items, baked goods, a Tea Room and deals are waiting to be discovered!

14 **Christmas Bazaar,** Holy Trinity Church, 1420 Devonshire Ave, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Free. Penny Sale, Raffle, Baking, Crafts, Silent Auction, Yesterday's Treasures, Religious Goods and Tea Room.

18 **Merry Moo-y Christmas Bazaar & Cafe,** Dundas St United Church, 1–5 p.m. Admission $2 includes refreshments. Many booths and silent auction. Phone 519-537-7935.

21 **Family Fun Day,** Emmanuel Reformed Church, 170 Clarke St, 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Free entrance. Penny Sale, Silent Auction, Bake Sale, Games for All Ages, Delicious Soup, Chili, Hot Dogs, Buns, Yummy Dessert, Drinks. Website: *facebook.com/emmanuelreformedchurch*. Phone: 519-537-6422 or email *office@emmanuelreformedchurch.ca*.

25 **Oxford Historical Society Fall Speaker Series,** Chartwell Oxford Gardens, 423 Devonshire Ave, Main Entrance, 7 p.m. Free. Flight Lt. Oliver B Robertson, DFC - 97 Squadron RAF Bomber Command WWII. Born in Innerkip raised in Norwich. OB flew 28 missions in the Avro Lancaster! Phone 226-242-4774 or visit *oxfordhistoricalsociety.ca*. Donations welcome.

26–28 **Ingersoll Choral Society Lights Up Broadway,** Ingersoll Theatre of Performing Arts (ITOPA), 7 p.m. Tickets $30 Adults, $15 Kids 12 and under. (Nov. 26 Preview: All seats $20.) A fun show featuring classic musicals, jukebox favourites, and modern day hits. Tickets at ITOPA box office: *itopa.ca* or call 519-485-3070. Visit *ingersollchoralsociety.ca* or phone 519-902-4007.

27 **Oxford Winds Christmas Concert,** Knox Presbyterian Church, 59 Riddell St, The Oxford Winds presents our annual Christmas concert, featuring Vocal Rhythm Oxford in choir. Concert at Knox Presbyterian Church. Visit our website: *www.oxfordwinds.ca* for details.

27 **Theatre Woodstock presents A Christmas Story,** Market Centre Theatre, Nov. 27, 28, Dec.3, 4 at 7:30 p.m.; Nov. 29, Dec. 5, 6 at 2 p.m. All seats $28. Experience the heartwarming holiday classic A Christmas Story live on stage! Website & tickets: *theatrewoodstock.com*

December

9 **See You @ The Movies: Once Upon a Time in a Cinema,** Market Centre Theatre, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Earl Clancy (Colin Morgan), a small-town cinema owner on the edge, battles a series of disasters while juggling personal turmoil and the chaos of a packed Friday night crowd. Told in real time over the course of one evening, this delightful dramedy is based on Director David Gleeson's own experiences. 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.

9–12 **WCI RedPlayers present Mamma Mia!** WCI Auditorium, 35 Riddell St, 7 p.m. Tickets $30. The hit musical Mamma Mia! is coming to WCI. See our talented student cast and crew in a heartwarming story featuring the music of ABBA! Tickets available here: *onstagedirect.com/MammaMia*

12 **Oxford Collegium Singers present Handel's Messiah,** Knox Presbyterian Church, 59 Riddell St, 7:30 p.m. Online tickets $25 or $30 at door. Visit *www.oxfordcollegium.ca*

13 & 20 **Woodstock Transit Tour of Lights,** Woodstock Transit Terminal, 623 Dundas St, Departure Times, 6 p.m. & 7 p.m., Cost $3/person. Proceeds will be donated to United Way Oxford. Riders are encouraged to bring nonperishable food items for the Salvation Army. Specialized Para-transit options available for the 7 p.m. departures. Visit *www.cityofwoodstock.ca/touroflights*



Look for your **2027 City Services Calendar** in your mailbox the week of Dec. 10–17 or online at:
cityofwoodstock.ca/waste

Thank You, Woodstock Voters

Thank you to everyone who took part in the municipal and school board election. Your vote helps shape the future of our community and reflects the pride and community spirit that make Woodstock such a special place to call home.

As the 2026–2030 term of Council begins, we look forward to the ideas, partnerships, and progress that will continue moving our community forward. Residents are encouraged to stay connected by following Council meetings, reviewing agendas and minutes, and learning more about local initiatives.

Election results, Council information, meeting agendas, and more can be found at **www.cityofwoodstock.ca**.

Thank you for making your voice heard and for helping build the future of Woodstock.

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Holiday Closures & Schedule Changes

Regular facility hours will be in effect for the rest of the holiday season unless otherwise noted.

Facility or Service	Dates and Details
City Hall 500 Dundas St.	**Closed:** Nov. 11 **Closed:** Dec. 24–Jan. 1
Engineering & Public Works 944 James St.	**Closed:** Nov. 11 **Closed:** Dec. 24–Jan. 1
Market Centre 21 Market St.	**Closed:** Nov. 11 **Closed:** Dec. 24–Jan. 1
Cowan Park Sportsplex 895 Ridgewood Dr.	**Closed:** Dec. 24–26 & 31, Jan. 1 Open 7:30 a.m.–5 p.m. on Dec. 31
Reeves Community Complex 381 Finkle St.	**Closed:** Dec. 24–26, Jan. 1 Open 6 a.m.–4 p.m. on Dec. 31
Civic Centre Arena 895 Nellis St.	**Closed:** Dec. 24–26 & 31, Jan. 1
Southside Aquatic Centre 315 Finkle St.	**Closed:** Dec. 24–26, Jan. 1 Open 6:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. on Dec. 31
Woodstock Art Gallery 449 Dundas St.	**Closed:** Nov. 11 **Closed:** Dec. 24–Jan. 1
Woodstock Museum 466 Dundas St.	**Closed:** Nov. 11 **Closed:** Dec. 24–26, Jan. 1
Woodstock Public Library 445 Hunter St.	**Closed:** Nov. 11 **Closed:** Dec. 4, 24–26 & 31, Jan. 1
Waste Collection	**Date:** — **Collection Zone** Dec. 21 — Zone 5 Dec. 22 — Zone 6 & Zone 5A Dec. 23 — Zone 1 Dec. 24 — Zone 2 & Zone 5A Dec. 29 — Zone 3 & Zone 5A Dec. 30 — Zone 4 Dec. 31 — Zone 5 & Zone 5A Jan. 4 — Zone 6
EnviroDepot 381 Finkle St.	**Winter hours start Dec. 1:** Saturdays, 7:30 a.m.– 3 p.m. **Closed:** Dec. 26
Transit & Para-Transit	**Service ends at 8 p.m. on Dec. 24** **No Service:** Dec. 25 & 26, Jan. 1

Visit **www.cityofwoodstock.ca/holidayclosures** for details and updates.

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Cheers to 125 Years of the City of Woodstock!

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Thank you, Woodstock! Our 125th anniversary celebrations were made truly special by the incredible support of our residents, volunteers, vendors, performers, sponsors and supporters. Your enthusiasm, generosity and community spirit helped make this milestone year one to remember. Here are just a few highlights from some of our special events this year.

















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1. Victoria Day Rewind
2. Victoria Day Band Tattoo
3. Southside Park Butterfly Mosaiculture
4. Canada Day Volunteers
5. Canada Day Family
6. Canada Day 125 Merch
7. Canada Day Fireworks
8. Canada Day Crowd
9. Canada Day Kim Mitchell
10. Cowapolooza Volunteers
11. Cowapolooza Woodstock Sign
12. Cowapolooza Crowd
13. Cowapolooza Finger Eleven

2027 Budget Process Kicks-Off

Schedule for the 2027 Capital Budget & 2028–2031 Capital Forecast

Meeting Date	Details
Thursday, Jan. 14	Capital and Operating Budget Overview Presentation (Regular Council meeting)
Tuesday, Jan. 19	Operating/Capital Budget Review (Special meeting)
Thursday, Jan. 21	Operating Budget Review (Special meeting)
Tuesday, Jan. 26	Operating Budget Review (Special meeting)
Thursday, Jan. 28	Police Board, Library Board and Art Gallery Advisory Board Budget Overview (Special meeting)
Thursday, Feb. 4	Council Votes to Amend Operating and Capital Budget with Majority (Regular Council meeting)

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For more information visit:
www.cityofwoodstock.ca/budget

CoW 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.



1980s: Joe Boyle Repatriation

Joe Boyle was a famed adventurer, gold miner and war hero who spent part of his youth in Woodstock. Upon his death in 1923, he was buried in England. In the early 1980s, the Boyle Repatriation Committee worked on behalf of Boyle's daughter, Flora, to bring his remains home to Woodstock. After securing permission from English authorities, Boyle's remains were returned to Canada and re-interred at Knox Presbyterian Cemetery. Photo: Lt. Col. Joseph Whiteside Boyle's repatriation ceremony at the Presbyterian Cemetery, June 29, 1983.



1990s: Community Complex

As Canada recovered from an economic recession into the mid-1990s, Woodstock saw the completion of several long-anticipated municipal projects including the Woodstock District Community Complex (now Reeves Community Complex). Planning began in the early 1980s with the support of service clubs, user groups and city council. The complex officially opened on Nov. 3, 1996, and featured two arenas, a gymnastics centre, dance academy and community hall. Photo: Woodstock District Community Complex construction (381 Finkle St.), 1995.



2000s: Centennial Time Capsule

Woodstock celebrated its 100th anniversary as a city in 2001 with 100 festivals, events and activities held throughout the year. One notable event was the burial of the Woodstock centennial time capsule in Museum Square, which was commemorated with a plaque. The time capsule was buried on July 1, 2001 and is scheduled to be opened on the city's 200th anniversary in 2101. Photo: Woodstock centennial time capsule cover stone in Museum Square, July 1, 2001.



2010s: Woodstock Hospital Opening

Construction on a new hospital on Juliana Drive broke ground in the fall of 2008 and the hospital officially opened in 2011. The three-story facility spans 350,000 feet with 178 patient beds. The hospital also introduced expanded services such as inpatient rehabilitation, MRI technology and chemotherapy treatment, marking a significant upgrade from the former Woodstock General Hospital on Riddell and Wellington. Photo: Woodstock Hospital grand opening ceremonies, August 26, 2011. Courtesy of Woodstock Hospital.

C.O.W. TALES
Way Back When Contest

THE WINNER of the October 'Way Back When' Contest question is **Minnie Huinink**. Minnie correctly answered the estimated cost of damage from the 1979 tornadoes was $100 million. 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 name is Joseph Whiteside Boyle better known as? (See pg. 11)

Q. Which arts organization relocated to the old market building, opening in 1997? (See pg. 6)

Q. Which Woodstonian participated in the CBC reality show *How Do You Solve a Problem Like Maria?* (See pg. 4)

Q. When did the Woodstock Art Gallery open its doors at the former John White Building on Dundas Street?

Send your answer along with your name and phone number to ***wow@cityofwoodstock.ca*** by Friday, November 20, 2026. You can also drop your answer in the contest box at City Hall.

BEAT THE SILENT KILLER

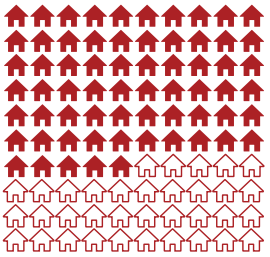
Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week | Nov. 1–7

Make sure your household is safe from carbon monoxide poisoning

Ensure all fuel-burning appliances and vents in your home are inspected annually. Find a registered contractor at **COsafety.ca**

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WINTER HOLIDAY COUNTDOWN!

Celebrate the season with these festive programs and events!
Visit www.cityofwoodstock.ca/specialevents for event schedules and details.



Lighting of Museum Square

Friday, Nov. 20 | 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Start the holiday season by joining us for the lighting of the lights in Museum Square. With a selection of festive activities and a visit from our special guests, Mr. and Mrs. Claus, the night is sure to be magical!



Santa Claus Parade

Saturday, Nov. 21 | 5 p.m.
Dundas St. from Mackenzie Ave. to Light St.

The parade will feature holiday themes floats, marching bands, inflatables and an appearance from Mr. and Mrs. Claus! We will also be collecting donations of non-perishable food items along the parade route.



CPKC Holiday Train

Saturday, Nov. 21
Approx. 6:40 p.m.
199 Winniett St.



The CPKC Holiday Train is rolling through Woodstock again, spreading holiday cheer and collecting donations for the food bank.



Decoration Exchange

Saturday, Nov. 28 | 8:30–9:30 a.m.
Reeves Community Complex, 381 Finkle St.

Deck your halls with a selection of free, gently used Christmas decorations! Drop off your donations at Goff Gymnasium on Thursday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 27 from 5–7 p.m.

Winter Lights Market

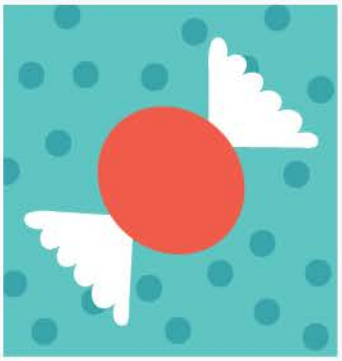
Friday, Nov. 20 | 5–9 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 21 | 12–7 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 10 | 5–9 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 11 | 5–9 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 12 | 11 a.m.–5 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 17 | 5–9 p.m. (19+)
Friday, Dec. 18 | 5–9 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 19 | 11 a.m.–5 p.m.

WINTER LIGHTS MARKET

484 Dundas Street

Step inside and enjoy local vendors, artisans, live entertainment, activities from the Art Gallery and Museum and festive fun with the Downtown Woodstock BIA. Visit **www.downtownwoodstock.ca** for more info!







Santa Swim

Saturday, Nov. 28 | 2–4 p.m.
Southside Aquatic Centre

Ho! Ho! Ho! Enjoy a jolly swim with Santa!
Cost: $5 per registrant. Children under age 1 are free!





Holiday Kids Nights

Friday, Dec. 4 | 6:30–8:30 p.m.
Friday Dec. 15 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Cowan Park Sportsplex

Join us for a fun-filled holiday themed kids' night for ages 6 to 12! Kids will enjoy activities, crafts and pizza for dinner.
Cost: $25.50. Register at **www.recreationwoodstock.ca**





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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	12:45–1:35 p.m.*	Reeves Complex – Red Rink

* new time

Upcoming Dates – November 2026

Date	Sponsor	Location
Nov 3	Woodstock Silverstick Committee	Civic Centre
Nov 4	Woodstock Silverstick Committee	Reeves Green
Nov 7	Dr. Lail and Associates	Civic Centre
Nov 8	Woodstock Silverstick Committee	Reeves Red
Nov 10	CUPE 1146	Civic Centre
Nov 11	Upper Thames Brewing Company	Reeves Green
Nov 14	City of Woodstock – Parks & Recreation	Civic Centre
Nov 17	Dobson Law Criminal Defense	Civic Centre
Nov 18	Oxford Plumbing	Reeves Green
Nov 21	Roes-Zehr Electric Inc.	Civic Centre
Nov 24	Taplay Fire Protection	Civic Centre
Nov 25	Old Buoys Hockey Team	Reeves Green

NO SKATING: Nov 1, 15, 22, 28, 29

Public Skating

Upcoming Dates – December 2026

Date	Sponsor	Location
Dec 1	A P Hurley Construction	Civic Centre
Dec 2	Total Quality Skate Sharpening	Reeves Green
Dec 5	OCNVA Sports Committee in honour of Laurie Fraser	Civic Centre
Dec 6	Dr. Lail and Associates	Reeves Red
Dec 8	Oxford Plumbing	Civic Centre
Dec 9	Deadman Hockey School	Reeves Green
Dec 12	Dr. Lail and Associates	Civic Centre
Dec 15	Adams Building Centre	Civic Centre
Dec 16	Adams Building Centre	Reeves Green
Dec 19	Prospect Paradise	Civic Centre
Dec 20	Taplay Fire Protection	Reeves Red
Dec 22	Roes-Zehr Electric Inc.	Civic Centre
Dec 23	Vance Construction	Reeves Green
Dec 27	Verbruggen Trucking	Reeves Red
Dec 30	Old Bouys Hockey Team	Reeves Green

NO SKATING: Dec 13, 26, 29

Holiday Skating

Reeves Community Complex – Red Rink
1:15–2:05 p.m. (days as indicated)

Date	Sponsor
Monday, Dec 21	Heather Nielsen Real Estate & Kim Shram Real Estate
Tuesday, Dec 22	North Blenheim Mutual Insurance
Wednesday, Dec 23	Teighan Morris, Realtor® – The Realty Firm
Monday, Dec 28	Dobson Law Criminal Defense
Wednesday, Dec 30	Teighan Morris, Realtor® – The Realty Firm
Thursday, Dec 31	Greatario Engineered Storage Systems

MORE INFO: www.cityofwoodstock.ca/skatingschedule

Adult Skating

Sponsored by the City of Woodstock – Parks and Recreation Department

Participants must be 18 years of age or older. This will be strictly enforced.

Mondays, 1:15–2:05 p.m. – Reeves Red
Tuesdays, 11–11:50 a.m. – Civic Centre
Wednesdays, 1:15–2:05 p.m. – Reeves Red
Fridays, 1:15–2:05 p.m. – Reeves Red

NO SKATING: Nov 13, 27, Dec 11, 21, 23, 25, 28, 29, 30. Jan. 1

Parent and Tot Skating

Sponsored by the City of Woodstock – Parks and Recreation Department

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: Nov 13, 27, Dec 11, 25, Jan 1

Parent and Tot Shinny

Sponsored by the City of Woodstock – Parks and Recreation Department

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

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

NO SKATING: Dec 24, 29, 31, Mar 16

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

Winter is coming!

There are a few seasonal reminders to make note of as we head into winter.



EnviroDepot Winter Hours

The EnviroDepot is open Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.



No overnight parking

There is no parking on city streets between 2 – 6 a.m. from December 1 – March 31 each year. This helps staff complete winter maintenance activities.



Snow plowing and salting

How and when plowing, salting or sanding takes place are influenced by temperature, forecasts and precipitation. Routes are planned to maximize efficiency and prioritize major arterial roads, bus routes, before getting into collectors and finally residential streets. Please be patient and drive according to conditions.

To learn more visit www.cityofwoodstock.ca/snowremoval

Four Years of Volunteer Work for a Greener Woodstock

As this council term wraps up, the Woodstock Environmental Advisory Committee (WEAC) wants to say thank you, and share what a group of volunteers can get done together.

Why we exist

WEAC has been advising City Council since 1990. We are residents, students, business owners and councillors who give our evenings to one question: how can Woodstock do better by its land, water, air and neighbours? We bring ideas to Council and staff, and we roll up our sleeves.

What we got done

- **Less waste at City events.** We sorted waste ourselves at Canada Day 2023. Our audit became 11 recommendations to Council. Since then the City has added recycling receptacles, an Earth Bin and waste stations, and WEAC volunteers staff them at Canada Day and Cowapalooza.
- **A Bird Friendly City.** From a World Migratory Bird Day proclamation in 2023 to a Nature Canada application, a Bird Friendly sub-committee and a City Bird vote with more than 1,000 votes, Woodstock is now a designated Bird Friendly City. A more advanced level is the next goal. This fall we shared the news at Fall Fest.
- **Climate action.** We began a climate declaration group in 2022. This year Council approved our recommendation to develop and implement a Climate Action Plan.
- **Seeds and pollinators.** The Seed Library and Seedy Saturday (about 160 visitors in 2025), pollinator garden proposals, a City Beautiful award category for native gardens, and support for the Mayor's Monarch Pledge. We talk with Parks about native pollinator planting on city, private and industrial land, made seed bombs at Fall Fest, and gave composters to Foodstock's community garden.
- **A stronger committee.** This term we added a County representative to WEAC, so City and County can work together on environmental issues.
- **Out in the community.** Tree plantings and Thames River clean-ups, support for Brick Ponds and the Children's Water Festival, and a monthly page right here in *What's on Woodstock*.

What was hard

Volunteers are busy, quorums are tough to reach, and good ideas move at the speed of budgets and by-laws. But persistence pays. The waste audit took two years from first idea to funded action, and Bird Friendly City status took several years, a Council report and a second revised application to Nature Canada.

Thank you

To our Council representatives Kate Leatherbarrow and Mark Schadenberg, to Oxford County, the UTRCA, the Library and every resident who came to an event: thank you. Thank you to Harold de Haan for years of steady support as our City staff representative, and welcome to Bassel Agroam, who joined us this year.

This term's committee

Leslie Armstrong-DeJongh, Dinath Ratnayake, Elise Gabrielli, Daniel Binns, Allison Elgie, Samantha Mason, Jillian deMan, Laszlo Alt, Chris Kennedy, Leah Santos, Cathy Stewart-Mott, Evelyn Aprea (student representative) and Chelsea Martin (County representative), with past members who got us started. A new term is starting and we welcome new members. Come to a meeting and bring a question.

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.
Closed Nov 11; Dec 4, 24, 25, 26, 31; Jan 1
445 Hunter St., Woodstock ON
www.mywpl.ca

Storytimes

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

Program	Description	Dates/Times
Toddler Tales (12–36 months)	An active program with stories, rhymes, songs, and other activities.	Thursdays Nov 12–Dec 17, 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 Nov 12–Dec 17, 12–1 p.m.
Story Explorers (3–5 years)	Build on stories through songs, rhymes, and hands on STEAM activities for preschoolers.	Fridays Nov 13–Dec 18, 10:30–11:30 a.m. ** cancelled Dec 4*
Baby Sign Storytime (Birth–18 months)	Infants and their caregivers are invited to learn ASL vocabulary signs through stories and rhymes.	Fridays Nov 13–Dec 18, 12–1 p.m. ** cancelled Dec 4*
Tales & Tunes (Family)	An interactive storytime that will cultivate a love of books with stories, songs, rhymes, and other activities.	Wednesdays Nov 18–Dec 16, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Storytime with Santa (Family)
Monday, November 23 – 6–7 p.m.

Our friend Santa will be here to spread Christmas cheer to the families of Woodstock! Join us for a Holiday themed storytime, then get your picture taken with Santa! **No registration required.**

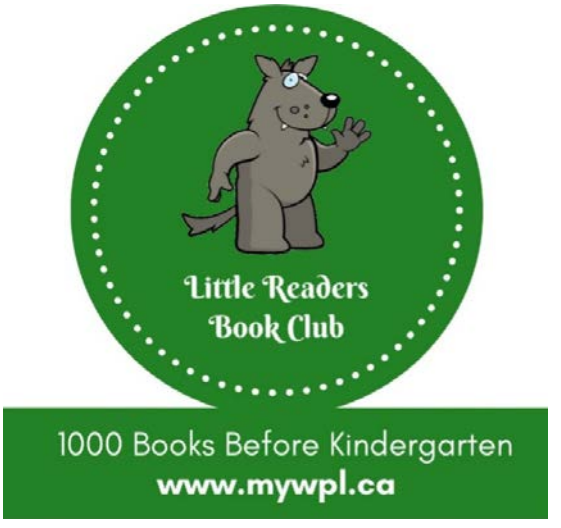
Multilingual Storytime – Albanian/English (Family)
Saturday, November 28 – 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Celebrate the diversity of our community! This month we will be joined by Ilira who will be sharing her knowledge of Albanian language and culture! Children should be accompanied by a caregiver. **No registration required.** Supported by the United Way Oxford.

United Way Oxford

Holiday Stuffy Storytime Sleepover (Family)
Wednesday, December 9 – 6–7 p.m.

Wear your pj's and bring your stuffies for stories and activities to celebrate the season. Brave stuffies are invited to a library sleepover! **No registration required.**



Programs for Children

Messy Art (2–5 years)
Thursday, November 5 – 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Some messy fun for curious children as they learn and explore through process art. Chaos is expected. A short storytime and some songs will get the program started. Please bring a smock or an old t-shirt. **Registration required. Registration now open**.

Two Row Learning (6–12 years)
Monday, November 9 – 5:30–7:30 p.m.
Monday, December 7 – 5:30–7:30 p.m.

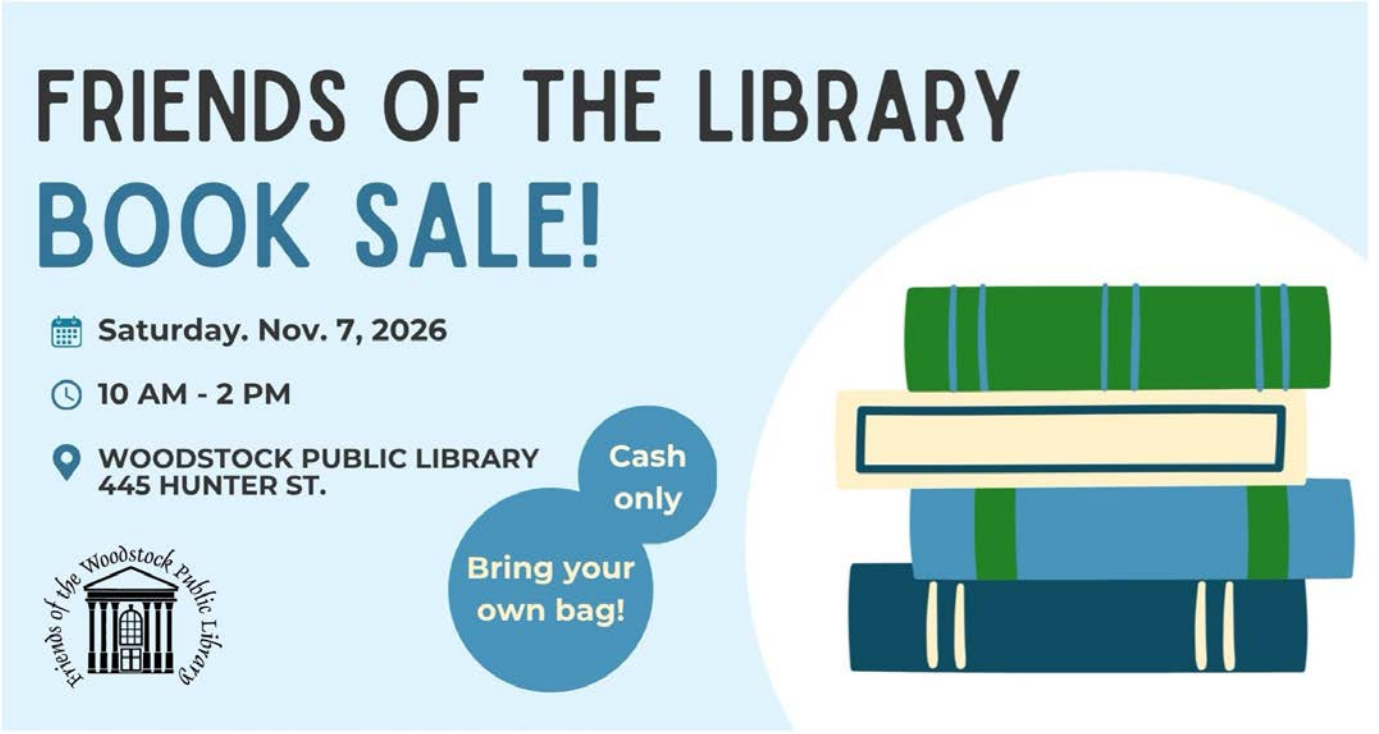
Join us for an engaging exploration of Indigenous knowledge and teachings, presented by Two Row Creeations. Through discussions, hands-on activities, and crafts, we'll delve into the wisdom of the 7 grandfather teachings. Pizza and snacks provided. **No registration required**.

Adopt a Dino for Dinovember (4–10 years)
Saturday, November 14 – 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Start your adventure with a dinosaur story, then choose an egg to hatch. Crack it open and meet the prehistoric friend waiting inside. Once you've found your dinosaur, decorate both your dino and egg with paint, then enjoy other dinosaur-themed activities. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver. **Registration required. Registration now open**.

Homeschool Meetup (Family)
Monday, November 23 – 1–3 p.m.
Monday, December 21 – 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**.



Programs for Teens

Teen Pizza Pop-up (12+ years)
Monday, November 2 – 11 a.m.–12 p.m.
Monday, December 7 – 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**. This program is supported by:

United Way Oxford

Lunch Time Breakout (12–18 years)
Thursdays starting November 5 – 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)
Thursdays, starting November 5 – 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**.

Jurassic Park Breakout Box (10–16 years)
Tuesday, November 24 – 6–6:45 p.m. and 7–7:45 p.m.

Try your luck with a Jurassic Park-themed Breakout Box! Dinosaurs are loose on the island, and it is your mission to make your way to safety. Can you do it before time runs out? Please note that guardians must remain in the library if accompanying participants under the age of 12. **Registration required. Registration opens November 10 at 10 a.m. Bookings are for 45-minute timeslots**.

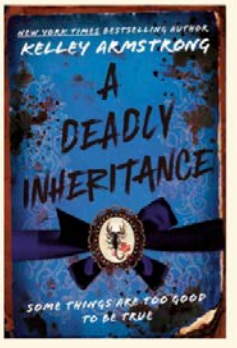
3D Printing Workshop: Snowflake Ornaments (12–18 years)
Wednesday, December 2 – 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Learn how to design and 3D print a snowflake ornament during this 2-hour workshop. Participants will learn how to design the ornament in Tinkercad, set up a file for 3D printing, and see a 3D printer in action! Ornaments will be printed and available for pick up starting the Wednesday following the workshop. All equipment and filament are provided. **Registration required. Registration opens November 18 at 10 a.m.**

Celebrate the amazing stories, voices, and diversity of Canadian books for young people on November 4, 2026.

Read, celebrate, and support Canadian authors at the Library or download one of these books on CloudLibrary!
#IReadCanadianDay

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Programs for Adults

Chit Chat Circle

Tuesdays in November and December – 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**.

Wellness Series: The Wisdom of Menopause

Tuesday, November 3 – 6–7:30 p.m.

Jenni Dean is a Registered Orthomolecular Health Practitioner and Nutritionist, and during this session she will focus on sharing information about menopause, and how our bodies shift during this time. **Registration required. Registration now open**.

Make a Will Month Session: Ontario Bar Association

Thursday, November 5 – 6:30–8 p.m.

Join us for a free public info session hosted by the Ontario Bar Association (OBA). A local volunteer estate lawyer will explain how to build a legal will in Ontario. Learn the importance of having an up-to-date will and the key considerations to keep in mind to best provide for loved ones. **No registration required**.



Hexagon Cardigan Crochet-Along

Saturdays, November 7 and 21 – 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Join us for a 2-part guided crochet-along session hosted by Julia. Learn how to make a hexagon cardigan! This class is intended for beginner-level crocheters. **Registration required. Registration now open**.

Free Hearing Tests with Hear Right Canada

Monday, November 9 – 1–4 p.m., 30-minute sessions

Hear Right Canada will be at the library offering a free Hearing Care Day for the community. Stop by for a complimentary hearing screening, or have your hearing aids cleaned and checked by Tom Moore, Co-Owner and Hearing Instrument Specialist at Hear Right Canada in Woodstock. **Registration required for a 30-minute session. Registration now open**.

WPL Book Club

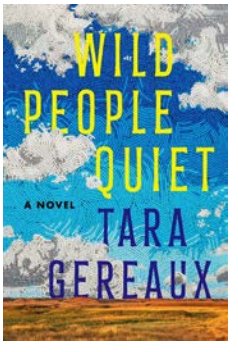
Tuesday, November 10 – 2–3 p.m.
Thursday, November 12 – 7–8 p.m.

Tuesday, December 8 – 2–3 p.m.
Thursday, December 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**.

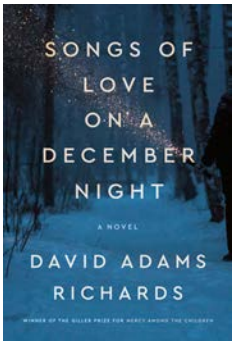
November Title

Wild People Quiet
Tara Gereaux



December Title

Songs of Love on a December Night
David Adams Richards



Programs for Adults

Indigenous Drumming and Sharing Circle
Tuesday, November 10 – 6–7 p.m.
Tuesday, December 1 – 6–7 p.m.

Join Kelly Welch and Becca Neepin from Two Row Creeations for a Drumming and Sharing Circle that can include a smudging circle, songs, and time for reflection and open conversation. All community members are invited to participate, with the Circle centring and uplifting Indigenous voices and perspectives. Please dress for the weather as a portion of the program may take place outside. **No registration required**.

Retro Video Gaming Night! (All Ages)
Thursday, November 12 – 6–8 p.m.
Thursday, December 3 – 6–8 p.m.

Play a sampling of retro games on various consoles. In partnership with Operandi Gaming Community. **No registration required**.

Crafty Adults
Monday, November 16 – 7–8 p.m.
Monday, December 21 – 7–8 p.m.

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

Queer Conversations (16+ years)
Tuesday, November 17 – 6:30–8 p.m.
Tuesday, December 15 – 6:30–8 p.m.

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

Winter Bingo! Log your reading with us and enter draws to win some fabulous prizes. Learn more at: www.mywpl.ca

Puzzle Exchange
Saturday, December 5 – 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Bring your jigsaw puzzles and swap them for some new-to-you ones. Stop by, browse the selection, and take home your next puzzle! **No registration required**.

Knitting and Crochet Drop-In
Saturdays, December 5 and 19 – 2:30–4:30 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**.

The Library is closed Friday, December 4 for Staff Development Day

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.

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+**

$25 (Members $20)



Nov. 17: 1890 Murder in the Swamp with Bryan Smith

The story of the Birchall / Benwell murder trial endures in Woodstock's present. Theatre productions, books, and art have all been made with this trial in mind. Learn why it was both strange and pivotal at the time from engaging presenter Bryan Smith.

Dec. 15: A Very Merry Woodstock Christmas

Learn about the festive winter celebrations of early Woodstock and how the traditions were influenced from around the world. See how those celebrations of yesteryear have evolved and changed. Share your unique traditions if you like and soak up the spirit of the season!

Basketry Workshop

Saturday, Nov. 14 | 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Make a beautiful melon basket, learning techniques from a Southwestern Ontario Basketry Guild instructor! You will learn to secure the handle and the rim using four-point lashing, weave and fill-in using ¼" flat reed. All supplies provided but a few tools will need to be brought from home to create your basket. **Ages 16+**

$105 (Members $95)

Wood Carving Workshop: Make a Gnome!

Tuesday, Nov. 24 | 6:30–9 p.m.

Try the satisfying art of hand carving and whittling with Tri-County Carvers instructor Brett Schultz. Gnome making materials included. Carving knives can be purchased directly from instructor at the end of class if you wish ($28 cash). No experience needed. Register in advance. **Ages 16+**

$60 (Members $54)

DIY Advent Calendar Workshop

Thursday, Nov. 26 | 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Have some festive fun in a hands-on crafting session where you design and assemble your own custom 12-day holiday countdown calendar using materials like paper, cardboard, fabric etc. **Ages 18+**

$30 (Members $25)

Needle Felting Workshop: Mini Polar Bear

Tuesday, Dec. 1 | 6:30–8 p.m.

Needle felting is a fun and easy way to create your own cute critters! Start your collection with this little fuzzy Polar Bear. All materials provided. **Ages 16+**

$30 (Members $25)

George Jones Day!

Tuesday, Dec. 8 | 6:30–8 p.m.

Join us to honour historical Woodstock citizen and town crier George Jones today. Special guest and author Rosemary Sadlier! Refreshments will be provided. **All Ages**

FREE

Cozy Crafts PA Day

Friday, Jan. 15 | 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Get your craft on in this cozy winter program with your friends. Kick off the year with soft and fuzzy yarn projects, imaginative games, and an optional cup of cocoa! **Ages: 5–12**

$55 (Members $49.50)

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Fridays and Saturdays
Nov. 6–Dec. 19

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Book online at
woodstockmuseum.ca



Upcoming Programs

Children

Start with Art

Wednesdays, Nov. 4, & Dec. 2
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.

Age: 5 & under
Cost: $10



After School Program – Wednesdays

***Wednesdays, Nov. 4, 18, 25, Dec. 2 & 9**
***(No class Nov. 11)**
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. Registration required.

Age: 6–12
Cost: $10

Making Together

Saturdays, Nov. 7 & Dec. 5
10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Work together and on your own artworks in this introduction to the arts hands-on studio for students plus a parent/caregiver. Discover new tools and techniques in a safe, supportive, and friendly environment while learning about watercolours and acrylic painting methods.

Age: 6–10 plus a caregiver
Cost: $35 per day



Youth and Adults

Peyote Stitch Keychains

Saturday, November 7
11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Join artist and founder of Baldwin Beads, Brittney Baldwin in this fun beading workshop. Using seed beads, Brittney will demonstrate the peyote stitch and registrants will create their very own spiral patterned beaded keychain.

Age: 13+
Cost: $75 (Members $60)

Open Studio & Film Screening

Saturday, November 14
10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Join us for FREE art-making projects in the studio, and a film screening of *Snoopy Presents: Welcome Home, Franklin* – Peanuts 39 min film.

Age: ***Everyone welcome (children 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult)***
Cost: Free

"Cut That Out!" Relief Printmaking 1 – Linocut

Wednesdays, November 18–December 9
6–8 p.m.

Join printmaker Bob Phillips for this 4-week course about relief printmaking, without a press. Through instruction using essential techniques, lots of visual examples, and hands-on demonstrations, registrants will explore softoleum and linoleum reliefs, along with other related printing methods.

Age:13+
Cost: $220 (Members $180)





Upcoming Events

See You @ the Movies: The Choral

Monday, Nov. 9
4 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Market Centre Theatre

A choral society's male members enlist in World War I, leaving the demanding Dr. Guthrie (Ralph Fiennes) to recruit teenagers. Together, they experience the joy of singing while the young boys grapple with their impending conscription into the army. Get your tickets today at **www.woodstockartgallery.ca**, at the Gallery's front desk or cash only at the door before the film.

Tickets: $12

See You @ the Movies: Once Upon a Time in a Cinema

Monday, Dec. 7
4 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Market Centre Theatre

Earl Clancy (Colin Morgan), a small-town cinema owner on the edge, battles a series of disasters while juggling personal turmoil and the chaos of a packed Friday night crowd. Told in real time over the course of one evening, this delightful dramedy is based on Director David Gleeson's own experiences. Get your tickets today at **www.woodstockartgallery.ca**, at the Gallery's front desk or cash only at the door before the film.

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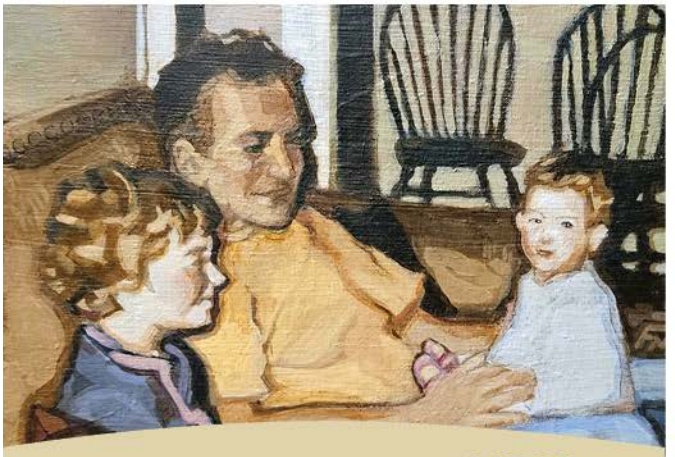
Current Exhibitions



Great Small Things: 60 Years of Collecting

On view until Jan. 9, 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



Your Woodstock

On view until Feb. 20, 2027

Finn McCallum, *Memories with Dad*, 2026.



Your unheeded tears (filled me up)

Florence Carlyle and Angie Quick

On view until Jan. 9, 2027
Curator: Danielle Hoevenaars

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



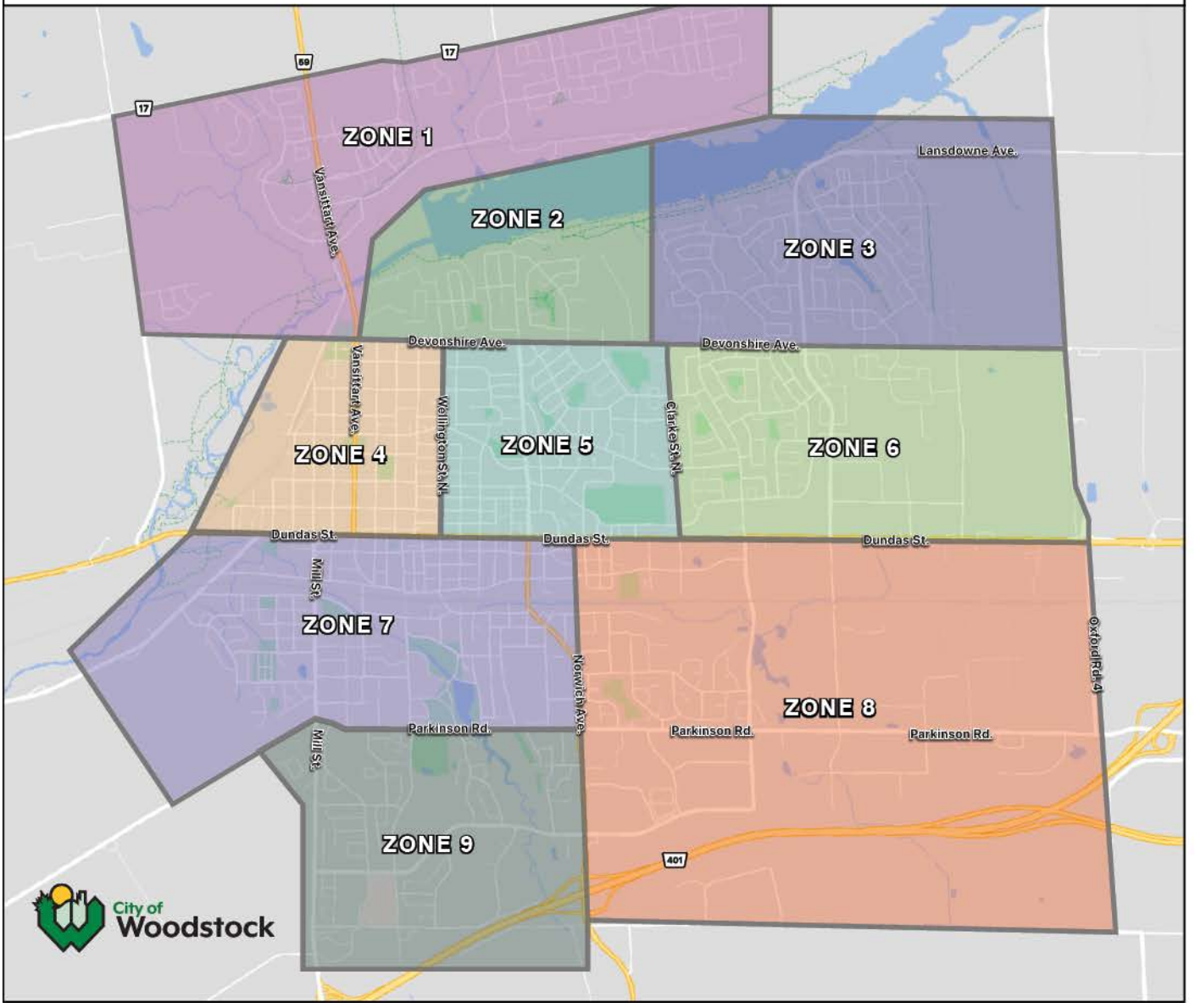
What to do when the leaves fall

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

If you can't use your leaves on your property, you can also:

- **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 program runs from Oct. 18 to Nov. 26. Check the map below to see what zone your property is in and follow the City's social media channels for updates about which zone staff is working on during the collection period.

Learn more at **www.cityofwoodstock.ca/leafcollection** or call **519-539-2382 ext. 3104 or 3102** to find your zone.



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