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October 2026

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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



Art on DUB

Ordinary utility boxes have been transformed into colourful canvases throughout downtown Woodstock and beyond.

Art on DUB is a new public art project led by the Downtown Woodstock BIA's Beautification Committee. The project was launched last spring with a call for submissions from artists with a connection to Woodstock and the surrounding area.

The first round of utility boxes were professionally wrapped this summer, featuring designs by Anne Bedard, Julie Hawkins, Laura Kay Keeping, Lindsay Liboiron and Roxanne Tochor.



Utility box design by Roxanne Tochor (Photo supplied).

"It's amazing to see this project come to fruition! Each of the artworks brings a pop of colour to downtown and showcases a local artist. I can't wait to help with more projects that will beautify our downtown," said Thessaly Sammon, a member of the beautification committee and owner of the Jarful Local Refillery.

Art on DUB supports the BIA's broader vision of downtown beautification, placemaking and public pride.

"Downtown Woodstock already has so much to offer through its arts, history, theatre, businesses and public spaces. ART on DUB adds another layer to that story by bringing colour and creativity directly into the streetscape," said Operations Manager Duane Kumala-Thomas.

Similar public art initiatives have become widely popular in communities across Ontario including London, Hamilton, Toronto and Sudbury.

"Ever since moving to Woodstock from a city where art could be found on almost every corner and wall, I've hoped to see a project like this come to our downtown," said Holly Jo, a member of the beautification committee and owner of The Kiln Room Ceramic & Art Studio.

"I'm thrilled to be part of a small team that's bringing art onto our streets for everyone to stumble upon and enjoy. Projects like ART on DUB not only celebrate our talented local artists, but also help make downtown feel more vibrant, welcoming, and uniquely Woodstock."



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

A: 1967.



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Cowan Park Sportsplex is kicking off the season with a brand-new artificial turf!

As the weather starts to cool off, you can continue to get out, get active and be healthy indoors with drop-in programs for all ages.

Construction is also continuing on the parking lot throughout the fall. For the latest information about parking and accessibility, visit www.cityofwoodstock.ca/news or follow us on social media.

Turf Programs

Get active with unstructured play on our indoor turf field! Clean indoor shoes are required. Children must be accompanied by a participating adult.

Parent & Tot (Ages 0–4)

Day	Time
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	8 a.m.–3 p.m.
Tuesday	10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Children (Ages 4–12)

Day	Time
Monday & Friday	3:30–5 p.m.

Youth (Ages 13–17)

Day	Time
Tuesday & Thursday	3:30–5 p.m.

Adult (Ages 18+)

Day	Time
Wednesday	3:30–5 p.m.

Gym Programs

Come out for some gym time on the Reeves Courts! Activities include basketball and volleyball. Clean indoor shoes are required. Children must be accompanied by a participating adult.

Children (Ages 4–12)

Day	Time
Tuesday & Thursday	3:30–5 p.m.

Youth (Ages 13–17)

Day	Time
Wednesday	3:30–5 p.m.

Walking Track

Cowan Park Sportsplex has an indoor, three lane walking track that overlooks the soccer turf. Enjoy walking on a safe indoor path without worrying about the weather! The drop-in rate for the walking track is \$3 per visit. Memberships are also available.

Days	Hours
Monday to Friday	8 a.m.–10 p.m.
Saturday	8 a.m.–7 p.m.
Sunday	8 a.m.–9 p.m.

For up-to-date schedules, drop-in fees and membership pricing, visit www.recreationwoodstock.ca or call 519-539-2382.



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

A: Bernadette Smith.



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

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- 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.**

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Applications are now open and will be accepted until November 9, 2026.

Serving on a Board or Advisory Committee is a rewarding opportunity to contribute to local decision-making, share your expertise, and help shape the future of our community. A variety of Boards and Committees will be recruiting members, with opportunities available for residents of diverse backgrounds, interests, and experiences.

For more information on each of the Board and Committee positions, eligibility requirements and to apply online, visit our website:

www.cityofwoodstock.ca/boardsandcommittees



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

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- **Jan/Feb 2027 – RESERVE BY NOVEMBER 25**

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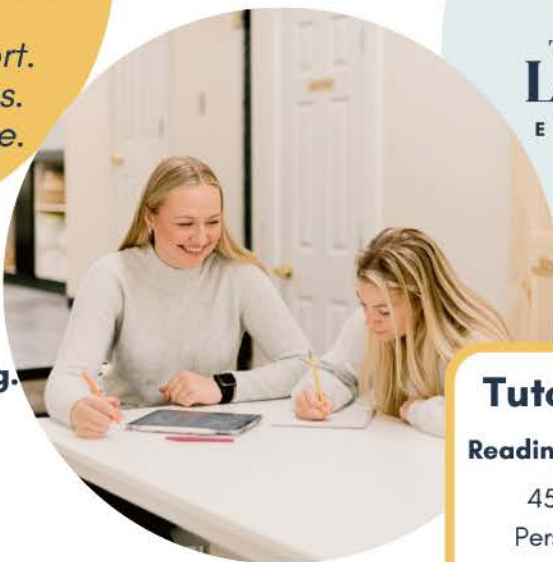
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1. Children 12 and under must have adult supervision in the facility.
2. Skates must be worn on the ice surface. Shoes are not permitted.
3. We do not rent skates.
4. Strollers, chairs, skating aids are not permitted.
5. We strongly recommend participants 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
Thursdays	4–4:50 p.m.	Civic Centre Arena
Saturdays	7–7:50 p.m.	Civic Centre Arena
Sundays	12:45–1:35 p.m.*	Reeves Complex – Red Rink

* new time

Upcoming Dates

Date	Sponsor	Location
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 & Recreation	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
Oct 31	NO SKATING	

Parent and Tot Skating

Maximum age of child participants is five years of age. Pucks and sticks are not permitted on ice. Skating aids will be available.

Reeves Community Complex

Wednesdays, 1–1:50 p.m. – Green Rink

Fridays, 9–9:50 a.m. – Green Rink

Fridays, 4:45–5:15 p.m. – Red Rink

NO SKATING: Oct 7, 30

Parent and Tot Shinny

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

Civic Centre – Starting Oct 6 & 8

Tuesdays, 9–9:50 a.m.

Thursdays, 9–9:50 a.m.

Adult Skating

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

Reeves Community Complex – Red Rink

Mondays, 1:15–2:05 p.m.

Wednesdays, 1:15–2:05 p.m.

Fridays, 1:15–2:05 p.m.

Civic Centre

Tuesdays, 11–11:50 a.m.

NO SKATING: Oct 12, 26, 30

PA Day Skating

Reeves Community Complex – Red Rink

Oct 26, 1:15–2:05 p.m.

Sponsored by Pepper Plumbing

Times are subject to change based on events not scheduled at the time of printing. Please check www.cityofwoodstock.ca for an up-to-date schedule.



Curbside Brush Collection

Oct. 5–9, 2026

Brush Must be:

- At the curb by 7 a.m. on Oct. 5
- Tied in bundles no longer than 2 m
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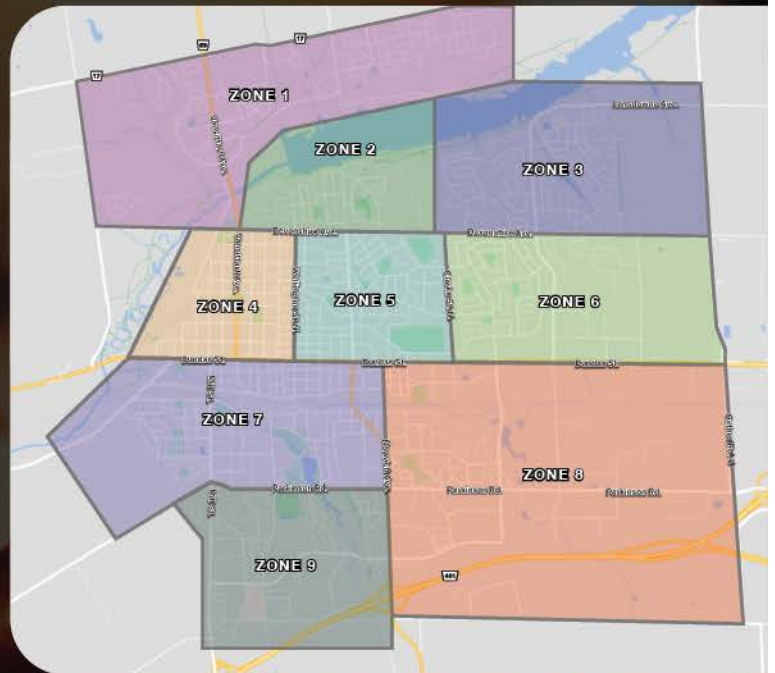


Learn more at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/firstaid

What to do when the leaves fall

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

- **Drop them at the Yard Waste Depot.** The depot is open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Leaves can be dropped off for free. Bags are not allowed.
- **Rake them to the curb.** The curbside loose leaf collection runs from Oct. 18 to Nov. 26. Check the map to see what zone your property is in and follow the City's social media channels for updates on which zone staff are working on during the collection period.



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



Collection schedule update

Woodstock downtown corridor (Zone 5a)

OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2026



Beginning October 6, 2026, businesses and residents in downtown Woodstock will receive twice weekly garbage and green bin organics collection every **Tuesday and Friday**, with adjustments made for statutory holidays. **This change applies only to the Dundas Street corridor and laneways between Vansittart Avenue and Wilson Street.**

This is an interim schedule in place until December 31, 2026, until a longer term schedule is approved by Oxford County and City of Woodstock Councils.

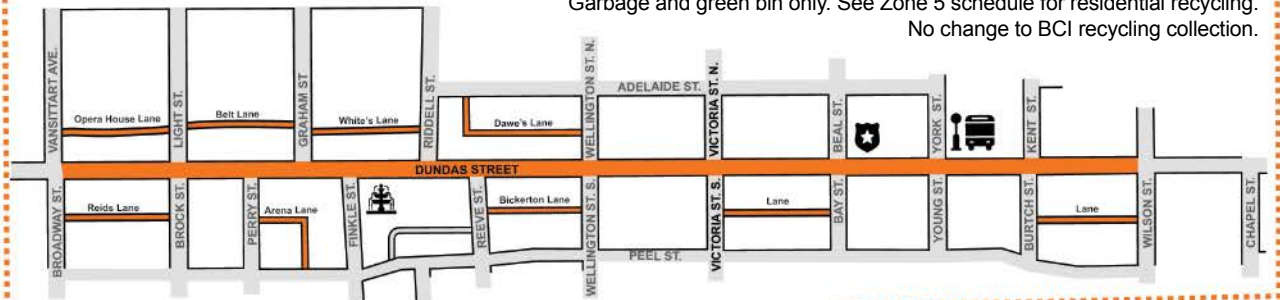
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Downtown Woodstock core

Dundas Street and laneways only. Side streets not included.

Garbage and green bin only. See Zone 5 schedule for residential recycling.

No change to BCI recycling collection.



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OCT	6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30
NOV	3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27
DEC	1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 24, 29, 31

Corridor area: New collection days for garbage and green bins apply to the **Dundas Street corridor and laneways only, between Vansittart Avenue and Wilson Street.** The regular six-day collection schedule remains in place for side streets and the rest of Zone 5.

Set-out time: Please set out your garbage and green bin no later than 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday and Friday mornings.

Recycling: Residential blue box recycling collection is not changing and will continue with separate collection schedules for business and residential.

ONLINE & ADVANCE VOTING IS OPEN!



Online Voting:
Oct. 10–Oct. 25



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Oct. 10 & Oct. 13–16



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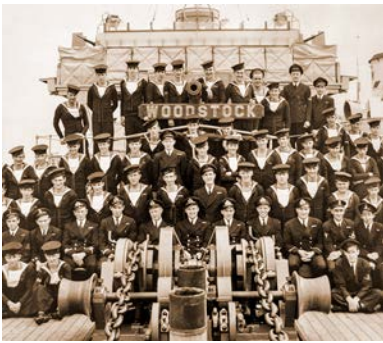


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CoW. TALES

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.



1940s: HMCS Woodstock

The *HMCS Woodstock* was a flower-class corvette commissioned by the Royal Canadian Navy during the Second World War. It was named for Woodstock, Ontario, in honour of the community's financial contributions to the war effort. The ship was launched in 1941 and participated in several significant operations, including the D-Day invasion, on June 6, 1944. It remained in service until it was decommissioned on January 27, 1945. Photo: HMCS Woodstock & Crew, 1943c.



1950s: CKOX Radio

Woodstock's first radio station was established by former CBC engineer Monte Werry, with the inaugural broadcast airing from Woodstock Collegiate Institute on Dec. 6, 1947. The station became an important part of daily life and expanded its reach through the 1950s, providing daily broadcasts of local news, music and sports. In 1954, the station relocated to 290 Dundas St., in the former John Petrik Ltd. ceramics factory. Photo: CKOX van with announcer, 1955c



1960s: Pittock Dam

Construction on Pittock Dam began in 1964 and was completed in 1967. Located on the south branch of the Thames River, the dam and manmade reservoir were designed to reduce downstream flooding from snow melt and rain and supplement water flow during dry periods. Pittock Conservation Area was also established following completion of the dam, providing a valuable recreation space for residents. Photo: Pittock Dam construction, 1966c



1970s: Twin Tornadoes

On the evening of Aug. 7, 1979, a pair of tornadoes struck Woodstock and the surrounding area, causing widespread destruction. The city was officially declared a disaster area, with hundreds of homes damaged or destroyed and many residents left homeless. The Woodstock General Hospital treated more than 200 people for injuries following the event. In the aftermath, the city received an outpouring of donations and volunteer support from communities across the province. Photo: Tornado in Woodstock, Aug. 7, 1979

C.O.W. TALES

Way Back When Contest

THE WINNER of the September 'Way Back When' Contest question is **Julieta Caviedes**. Julieta correctly answered that Ross Butler agreed to produce paintings for the Ministry of Education in 1935. 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.** Who was Woodstock's mayor from 1952 to 1956? (See pg. 6)
- Q.** Which long-running festival was first held on May 2, 1949? (See pg. 21)
- Q.** When was a public transit system implemented in Woodstock? (See pg. 4)
- Q.** What was the estimated cost of the damage from the 1979 tornadoes?

Send your answer along with your name and phone number to wow@cityofwoodstock.ca by Friday, October 16, 2026. You can also drop your answer in the contest box at City Hall.



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

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Why it matters: Devices and chargers create heat during normal charging. Soft surfaces like beds, pillows, and couches can trap heat and block airflow, which can cause a battery to overheat.



FEELS HOT? STOP USING IT.

Stop using your device if it feels very hot, starts to swell, smells strange, leaks, smokes, or makes popping or hissing sounds.

Why it matters: A damaged battery can overheat and start a fire.



FULLY CHARGED? TIME TO UNPLUG.

Unplug your device when it is fully charged.

Why it matters: Leaving a device plugged in can increase heat and stress on the battery.



FOR TOOLS AND RIDES, CHARGE OUTSIDE.

Charge large items like e-bikes, scooters, and power tools outside when possible. Do not block exits when charging.

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OUT OF SIGHT? NOT IN FLIGHT.

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Why it matters: If a battery overheats or fails, it is important for the flight crew to be able to respond quickly.

Working smoke alarms and a home fire escape plan can help make a life-saving difference.



BATTERY SAFETY STARTS BEFORE YOU PLUG IN

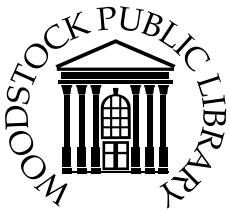
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Sunday 1 – 5 p.m. starting October 18
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445 Hunter St., Woodstock ON
www.mywpl.ca

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 Oct 1–29, 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 Oct 1–29, 12–1 p.m.
Story Explorers (3–5 years)	Build on stories through songs, rhymes, and hands on STEAM activities for preschoolers.	Fridays Oct 2–30, 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 Oct 2–30, 12–1 p.m.
Tales & Tunes (Family)	An interactive storytime that will cultivate a love of books with stories, songs, rhymes, and other activities.	Wednesdays Oct 7–28, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Halloween Story Stroll at Victoria Park (Family)

Saturday, October 24 – 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

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

Programs for Children

Outdoor Movie (Family)

Tuesday, October 6 – 6:30–8:15 p.m.

Gather with friends and neighbours on the library lawn for an outdoor movie the whole family can enjoy. Snacks and refreshments available. Bring a blanket or chair. **No registration required.**

In case of rain, we will reschedule to October 19. This program is supported by:



United Way
Oxford

Family Science Night (Family)

Wednesday, October 7 – 6–7:30 p.m.

Join us for a night of scientific discovery! Try out science activities, complete the Chemistry scavenger hunt, and participate in the Myth or Fact trivia for a chance to win a prize. **No registration required.**

Retro Video Gaming Night! (All Ages)

Thursday, October 15 – 6–8 p.m.

Feeling nostalgic about the games from your youth? Want to finally play the original Mario Party your parents won't stop talking about? Then join us for an evening of retro gaming! **No registration required.** In partnership with Operandi Gaming Community.

Programs for Children

Bird Watching for Kids (Family) Saturday, October 17 – 10:30–11:15 a.m.

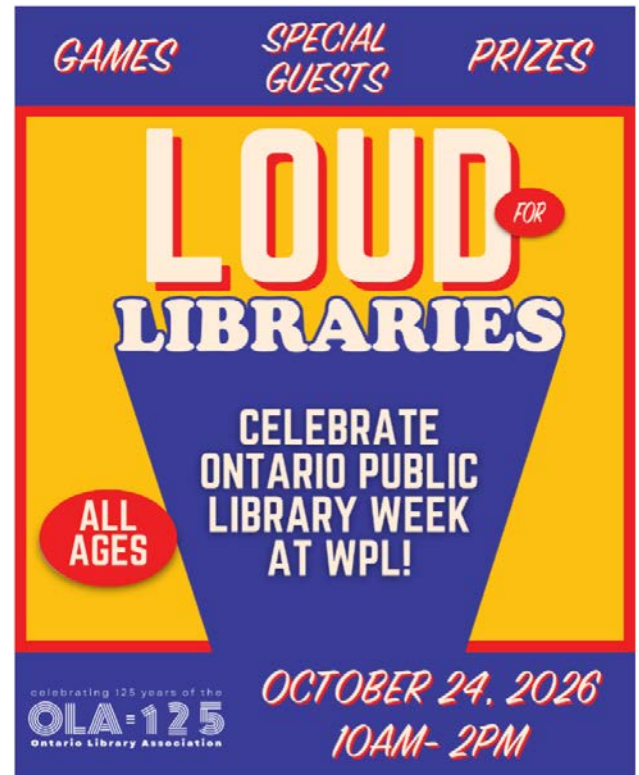
Learn more about the birds that call Woodstock home! We will meet at the Woodstock Public Library, then walk over to Vansittart Park. Bring binoculars to help spot birds along the way. No registration required.

Homeschool Meetup (Family) Monday, October 26 – 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.

Two Row Learning (6–12 years) Monday, October 26 – 5:30–7:30 p.m.

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



Programs for Teens

Lunch Time Breakout (12–18 years) Thursdays starting October 1 – 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, October 1 – 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 Pizza Pop-up (12+ years) Monday, October 5 – 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:



Amigurumi Ghost Workshop (12–18 years) Wednesday, October 21 – 6–8 p.m.

Learn how to loom knit a mini Amigurumi ghost! Experienced and beginner loom knitters are welcome. All supplies provided. Registration required. Registration opens October 7 at 10 a.m.

Programs for Adults

Chit Chat Circle

Tuesdays in October – 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.**

WPL Book Club

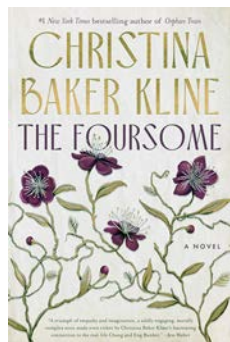
Thursday, October 8 – 7–8 p.m.

Tuesday, October 13 – 2–3 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.**

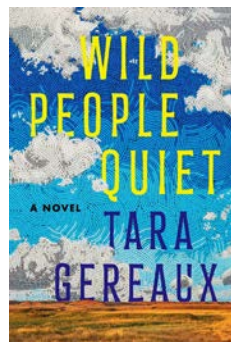
October Title

The Foursome: A Novel
Christina Baker Kline



November Title

Wild People Quiet
Tara Gereaux



Knitting and Crochet Drop-In

Saturdays, October 10 and 24 – 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.**

Indigenous Drumming and Sharing Circle

Wednesday, October 14 – 5–6 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.**

Dungeons and Dragons: Dungeon of the Mad Mage (18+ years)

Saturday, October 17 – 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Join us to play the *Waterdeep: Dungeon of the Mad Mage* module. No previous DND or roleplaying experience is required but a willingness to have fun with a group of like-minded people is. **Registration required. Registration opens October 3 at 10 a.m.**

Crafty Adults

Monday, October 19 – 7–8 p.m.

Learn how to make homemade sugar scrub bars. These bars are the perfect way to pamper yourself this dry season! No prior experience is required. All materials provided. **Registration required. Registration opens October 5 at 10 a.m.**

Brain Health Workshop with

Brain Health Screening

Wednesday, October 21 – 3–4:15 p.m.

A Brain Health Workshop from Baycrest Academy for Research and Education. Learn about brain health and aging. Participants can also take a free Brain Health Assessment, ask questions about their results, and receive personalized tips. **Registration required. Registration opens October 7 at 10 a.m.**

**Sunday Service at the Library
resumes on Sunday, October 18**

Programs for Adults

"The Forest City Killer"

with Author Vanessa Brown

Thursday, October 22 – 6:30–8 p.m.

Join us for a compelling evening with author Vanessa Brown as she presents her gripping true-crime book, *The Forest City Killer: A Serial Murderer, a Cold-Case Sleuth, and a Search for Justice*. Registration required. Registration opens October 8 at 10 a.m.

Haunted Jail Tour

30-minute tours at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. :

Tuesday, October 27

Wednesday, October 28

Thursday, October 29

Join us for a guided Halloween tour around the old Woodstock Jail. We'll begin in front of the Library then proceed North on Graham Street, then circle the Southwestern Public Health building. Registration required. Registration opens October 13 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.

OXFORD READS

An Introduction to Nature Therapy with Laurel Martin

Saturday, October 17 – 9:30–11 a.m.

Slow down and immerse your senses in nature! Different from a hike, this guided Nature Therapy walk will offer a series of invitations aimed at helping you connect with the natural environment, your inner-self and with others on the walk. Program takes place at Trillium Woods Provincial Park. Registration required. Registration opens October 3 at 10 a.m.

A Conversation with Laura Darby – Bear Attack Survivor

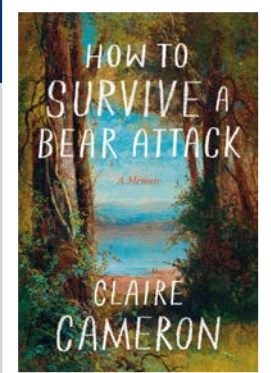
Wednesday, October 21 – 7–8 p.m.

Laura Darby shares her personal experience of being attacked by a black bear while working as a wildlife analyst for the Ministry of Natural Resources in Thunder Bay. She is an advocate for outdoor safety, and her presentation emphasizes bear awareness co-existing in the wilderness. This is a virtual presentation. Presentation link will be emailed to program registrants. Registration required. Registration opens October 7 at 10 a.m.

Oxford Reads: Gala with Claire Cameron

Friday, October 30 – 7–8:30 p.m.

Join us for our special in-person Gala at Woodstock Collegiate Institute featuring Canadian author, Claire Cameron. Claire will be available following the program for a book signing. Registration required. For more information on this event and to secure your free tickets, please visit the Oxford Reads website: www.oxfordreads.ca



Mapping Woodstock: GIS and Asset Management in Action

Picture this: it's a beautiful fall day and you're excited to get out and explore Woodstock. You're planning to enjoy a scenic hike along a local trail or take a stroll downtown to admire the historic architecture. But before you head out, you need to do some research and plan your route.



You can find maps of Woodstock's trails, heritage walking tours, transit system, road closures and construction all on the City of Woodstock's website. These maps are brought to life by the city's GIS staff.

What is GIS?

Geographic information systems (GIS) is a technology that is used to organize, map and analyze data.

"Most of our data is spatial, like the location of all the light posts across the city, or the routes the buses travel and the roads they drive on. We can take that data from a chart or table and turn it into something visual," explained GIS Coordinator Bill Nguyen.

The City of Woodstock uses GIS to support planning, infrastructure management, economic development, public works operations, and community services.

Staff recently launched a new app with an interactive map of the city's trail network, including information about trail surface materials, walking difficulty, and even the location of amenities like picnic tables, benches, bike racks and garbage cans.

The GIS team has also been helping to bring Woodstock's history to life through interactive walking tours developed by the Heritage Advisory Committee and Woodstock Museum.

Integrating mapping and data

"The trails app and story maps are some of the initiatives we want to push out to the public, but we've also been developing a lot of internal tools," added Nguyen.

"We have an infrastructure app that visualizes and categorizes all of the city's assets, which is very useful for public works staff whenever they're out in the field. For example, there's a water and sanitary network map that shows where all the valves are that our water operators might have to turn on and off for maintenance."

By integrating mapping and data, GIS also helps to inform decision-making across the organization and supports the city's asset management program.

"Having clear and accurate data about infrastructure and assets helps us make sustainable investments in our roads, bridges and facilities so that we can continue to meet the needs of our growing community," said Bassel Agroam, Manager of Asset Management.

You can learn more about the GIS and find links to the city's interactive maps at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/gis.



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

A: Woodstock Rotary Festival of Music.



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)



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.

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.

Save the Date

- **Dec. 15:** A Very Merry Woodstock Christmas

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)

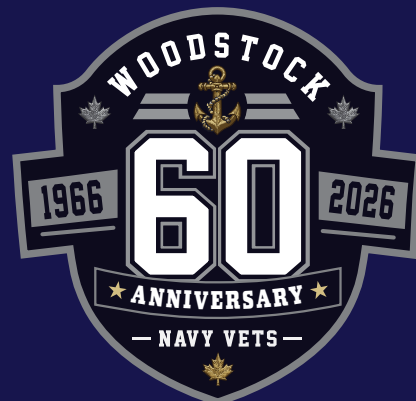
Basketry Workshop

Saturday, Nov. 14 | 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

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

\$105 (Members \$95)

WOODSTOCK NAVY VETS 60TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBIT



**September 19, 2026
to March 25, 2027**



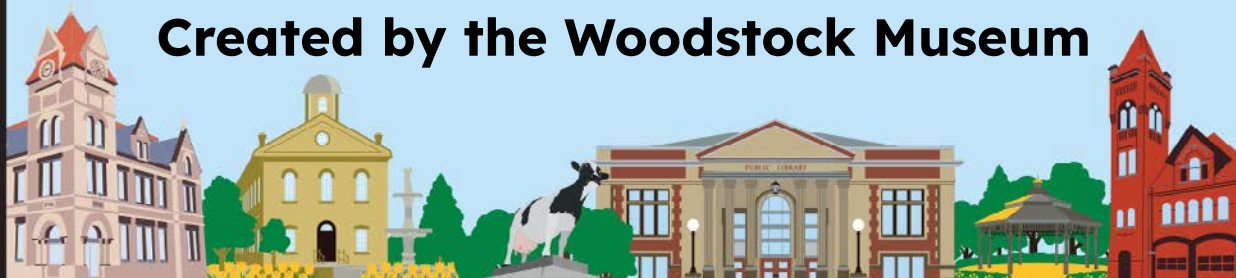
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Fall Programs & Events

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

Open Studio Drop-In

Saturday, Oct. 17
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* (2024). Everyone welcome! Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

All ages
Cost: FREE

Creative PA Day

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)

Making Together

Saturday, Nov. 7
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 watercolour and acrylic painting methods.

Ages: 6–12 and a parent/caregiver
Cost: \$35



Youth and Adults

Beginner-Friendly Mug Dot Mandala Workshops

Saturday, Oct. 24 & Nov. 4
1–3 p.m.

Explore the meditative art of dot mandala painting! Learn basic dotting techniques and be guided step-by-step to create a one-of-a-kind mandala design on a ceramic mug.

Ages: 13+
Cost: \$55 (Members \$40)



Peyote Stitch Keychains

Saturday, Nov. 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 peyotes stitch and registrants will create their very own spiral patterned beaded keychain.

Ages: 13+

Cost: \$75 (Members \$60)

Sip & 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



Cut That Out: Relief Printmaking 1 – Linocut

Wednesday, Nov. 18–Dec. 30

6–8 p.m.

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

Ages: 13+

Cost: \$220 (Members \$180)

Fall Open House

Saturday, Oct. 17

1–3 p.m.

Join us for the opening of our fall exhibitions, *The Life & Art of Charles M. Schulz* and *Your Woodstock*, a celebration of the City of Woodstock's 125th anniversary! Don't forget to stop by in the morning for our Open Studio drop-in!



See You @ the Movies: Meadowlarks (2025)

Monday, Oct. 26

4 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Market Centre Theatre

Four siblings, separated as babies during Canada's Sixties Scoop, are reuniting for the first time, 50 years later, during a weekend holiday in the mountains of Banff. 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



COMMUNITY EVENTS

October

- 3 **Family History Month Open House**, The Governor's House, 82 Light St, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Free. Oxford Branch of Ontario Ancestors is dedicated to promoting genealogical and family history research. Drop in any Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Visit <https://oxford.ogs.on.ca>.
- 3 **Woodstock FallFest**, Museum Square, 12–4 p.m. Join us for a vibrant day of family-friendly autumn and Halloween-themed activities, entertainment, treats and more! Visit www.cityofwoodstock.ca/fallfest.
- 3 **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
- 5–9 **Curbside Brush Collection**, Brush must be at the curb by 7 a.m. on Oct. 5. Tie in bundles no longer than 2 m. Bundles must weigh less than 50 lbs. Visit www.cityofwoodstock.ca/waste for details.
- 8 **Woodstock Coin Club**, St. David's United Church, 190 Springbank Ave, 7 p.m. Free. Looking for a new hobby or have a drawer full of old coins? Join us, we meet every 2nd Thursday of the month (Sept–June). Collectors of all levels welcome! Visit woodstockcoinclub.ca or email John at woodstockcoinclub1957@gmail.com.
- 16–25 **Theatre Woodstock presents Dracula: A Chamber Musical**, Market Centre Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 16, 17, 22, 23; 2 p.m. matinée Oct. 18, 24, 25. All seats \$32. Step into the dark and haunting world of Dracula in this intimate chamber musical. Visit theatrewoodstock.com for tickets.
- 17 **Doors Open Woodstock**, Various locations, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Free. This year, the City of Woodstock is celebrating its 125th anniversary. Discover Woodstock's rich history and plan a day trip to explore heritage sites. Visit www.doorsopenontario.on.ca/woodstock for details.
- 26 **2026 Municipal & School Board Election Voting Day**, 10 a.m.–8 p.m. in person at one of the following locations: Goff Hall (381 Finkle St); Algonquin School (59 Algonquin Rd); Cowan Sportsplex (895 Ridgewood Rd); Unifor Hall (126 Beale St). Visit www.cityofwoodstock.ca/election for details.
- 26 **See You @ The Movies: Meadowlarks**, Market Centre Theatre, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Four siblings, separated as babies during Canada's Sixties Scoop, are reuniting for the first time, 50 years later, during a weekend holiday in the mountains of Banff. 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 Historical Society Fall Speaker Series**, Chartwell Oxford Gardens (Main Entrance), 423 Devonshire Ave, Free, no registration required. Donations welcome! Angus Sutherland presents 'Major John Norton, *Teyoninhokarawen*.' Born in Scotland, half Cherokee, half Scot, politician, historian and Captain of the Confederate Indians aiding in the recapture of Queenston Heights in 1812. Visit <https://www.oxfordhistoricalsociety.ca> or phone 226-242-4774.

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Property Tax Reminder, Final quarter property taxes are due by October 30. Learn more at www.cityofwoodstock.ca/payingtaxes or call 519-539-1291

November

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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

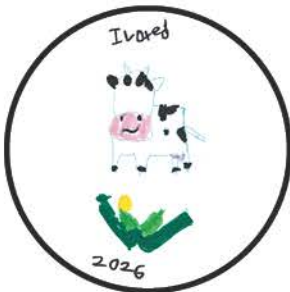


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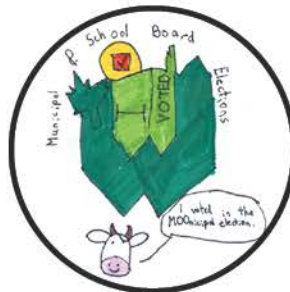
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF OUR **I VOTED** STICKER DESIGN CONTEST!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our contest. We are excited to see your designs turned into real stickers to be used in the 2026 municipal election!

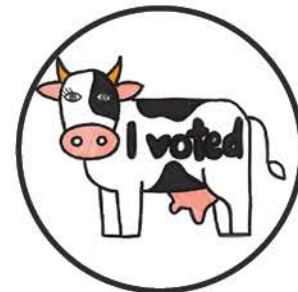
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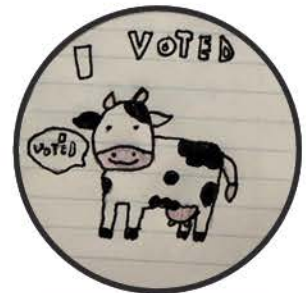
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