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## Council turns down controversial development on Wilson

JEFF HELSDON

Editor

Town council unanimously rejected a controversial proposal for a property between Wilson Ave and Concession Street West.

Most of the 150-plus audience at the April 27 council meeting were Hickory Hills residents, attending to show their opposition. Nine spoke against the development.

After the presentations, Mayor Deb Gilvesy briefly left the chair to move that the development not be allowed, despite the planner's stamp of approval. The motion cited incompatibility of the 3.5-story, 24-unit building with existing single-family homes, and failure to meet medium-density zoning conditions. It also stated the proposal would use Tillsonburg's last available water servicing capacity, limiting future industrial growth.

Earlier in the meeting, Oxford County planner Amy Hartley started by presenting an overview of the proposal, which calls for amending the zoning from low-density residential to medium-density residential. The application, which was the ninth application to develop the property since 1985, would also recognize the existing 10-meter frontage on Wilson Ave and provide relief from side yard provisions. In her report, Hartley wrote the application should be supported as it is: "generally consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement direction and Official Plan policies respecting residential intensification, infill within established neighbourhoods, increased supply, and diversity of dwelling types and locational criteria respecting the designation of new medium density residential areas."

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(JEFF HELSDON PHOTO)

### ART TOUR

The Station Arts Centre was one stop on the Oxford Studio tour on the weekend, with 23 different artists exhibiting in 11 locations across the county. Coloured pencil artist, Kelly Murphy, left, explains her technique to Barb Whitney, centre, and Veronica Robinson in the station's main gallery. Other artists at the station were Jared Smith with a variety of media, Margaret Trapnell with coloured pencil and watercolours, Monique Gerber with oils on canvas and Megan McKiernan with watercolours.

## Traffic study looks at options for Broadway, truck bypass

JEFF HELSDON

Editor

Imagine Broadway with parallel parking, or a truck bypass route on Quarter Line Road or Tillson Ave. Although those alternatives may not be likely, they were examined in the town's Traffic Master Plan and explained during an open house for the study last week.

Held on April 29 in the Lion's Den, the open house provided the public with a chance to provide feedback on the possible scenarios.

The Traffic Master Plan is looking at traffic flows today, how growth will impact it, what changes are needed, and the investments council should be making today. It also assumes most travel in town will be car-based, but looks at the role transit will play. The plan projects traffic flows out to 2035.

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# Application for Wilson property was the ninth

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In her report, Hartley said the lot is large enough for the building and meets parking requirements. She noted the 10-meter frontage allows for a planned 6.7-meter driveway.

Harley also addressed concerns about access by fire trucks, saying, "The fire department did comment that the distance is sufficient, and parking is sufficient for a truck to turn around."

She acknowledged there was a lot of written input from residents, noting the main issues were impact on the neighbourhood, traffic concerns, parking concerns, access for fire trucks, noise, privacy, and the strain on municipal services.

Coun. Kelly Spencer said she heard from many residents who are worried about increased traffic from the 24 units.

"This subdivision, this community, already feels there is traffic concerns, and there will be an increase in traffic," she said.

Spencer asked if this part of Wilson is a collector, as medium-density residential is supposed to have access to an arterial or collector road. Hartley responded that the other end of Wilson is considered a collector, and the development isn't far from a collector.

There could also be issues with parking overflow onto Wilson as the planned development is designed for families.

"Many of these folks moved to Tillsonburg to be in an adult community, where now there will be kids, maybe in their backyards or the streets," Spencer said. "I have concerns this will deter people to move to an adult community in the future and make it difficult for those wishing to sell."

Spencer also asked if there were specific policies for overflow parking in adult communities, how a fire truck could turn around, and impacts on water pressure.

Coun. Chris Parker was concerned about the slope stability of the hill at the back of the building. He noted that when the soil is disturbed, there is potential for erosion and wanted to know how that would be addressed. He was told the experts gave the proposal their blessing.

Deputy Mayor Dave Beres asked how



(JEFF HELSDON PHOTO)

**It was beyond standing-room-only at the April 27 council meeting as an application for a 24-unit building on a lot between Wilson and Concession was up for approval. In the end, council turned down the application.**

many single-family lots could be built on the space, and Hartley answered three.

Caden McAllister and Matt Campbell, the applicant's planners, answered council's questions about the application.

After McAllister admitted that an area to handle garbage hadn't been dealt with, Gilvesy wanted more information on this. Campbell said they are looking at a deep well receptacle or a garbage container system, with the location to be determined.

"How would you feel if this were put in your backyard?" Parker asked to applause from the audience.

Campbell said he had a four-storey apartment building next to his house. He recognized that there are provincial and local planning tools.

"I wouldn't feel great about it, but would respect the policies that are in place," he said.

Coun. Chris Rosehart told the planners she didn't believe a fire truck could get in and out when the building is on fire.

Coun. Bob Parsons, a former fire chief, said a fire prevention officer can comment on fire routes, but fire routes are part of the Ontario Building Code, and official comments should be issued by the chief building official. He noted there were no comments by the chief building official in the report.

"As a former fire chief, we did have a fire back in there, it was a barn, and it was difficult to get out of there," he said.

Spencer pointed out that that overflow parking is on Wilson, but overnight parking is not allowed on Tillsonburg streets in the winter. She asked what the plan was to deal with this.

Campbell said the parking is deemed sufficient, and if there is overflow on the street in the winter, the town will have to enforce it.

Pat Carlson, representing the Hickory Hills Residents Association, spoke about compatibility with existing uses.

"In the proposal, it doesn't directly ac-

knowledge Hickory Hills and its 430 homes," she pointed out.

Resident Claude Archambault spoke about additional traffic and parking issues that will result from the development, referring to it as putting a square peg in a round hole.

"It doesn't fit, it won't work," he said.

He noted that if vehicles park on both sides of Wilson Ave, it will narrow the street.

"What happens to emergency vehicles when they have to get through there in a hurry with a house on fire," he asked. "We think they're going to be impaired in trying to get to our house."

Another resident, Carol Judd, said a large portion of the 1.4-acre lot is sloped. She said county staff should only be considering the flat area, and aren't taking this into consideration.

She pointed out that the 2019 application was denied due to fire access, yet tonight planning staff recommended it go ahead.

"I would like to know what happened," she said.

Judd also questioned where snow would be put beside the driveway and pointed out sump pumps in neighbouring homes currently run following a heavy rainfall, and suggested parking lot runoff could cause basement flooding.

Other area residents also spoke, raising concerns about traffic, noise from heavy equipment for construction, asking there was consideration of more than one fire truck at once, and access for school buses if vehicles are parked on both sides.

After Gilvesy made the motion, she stressed there should be a transition zone from medium-density residential to single-family residential. She also said the water availability is years into the future, but this could hamper industrial development with it all being allocated.

Spencer agreed on the transition zone, saying Tillsonburg is known as a retirement community and that needs to be protected.

Parker added that if cars are parked on Wilson, and there are children in the area, the potential is there for a child to run out between parked cars and be hit.



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## EDITORIAL

# Have your say about future traffic

Besides taxes and town expenditures, the one thing that most residents have strong opinions on is traffic.

It's no secret that traffic levels in Tillsonburg have increased in recent years with all the new building. It is noticeable across town, from Broadway to Tillson Ave to Simcoe Street – there's just plain more vehicles on the road.

Residents got a view of the potential future with the Traffic Master Plan that is currently in process. A part of the plan is public feedback, and while there has been input, it hasn't been of the volume it deserves.

Although the document needs to be accepted by council, and any potential changes endorsed by future councils, the plan had some real non-starters in it. Keeping angle parking on Broadway, but having drivers back into the spaces, sticks out as one outlandish suggestion. Can you imagine the hold-ups and possible collisions, as people back up on an angle on the town's main street? The document also raised the possibility of parallel parking on Broadway and removing all parking from the street to make way for bike lanes

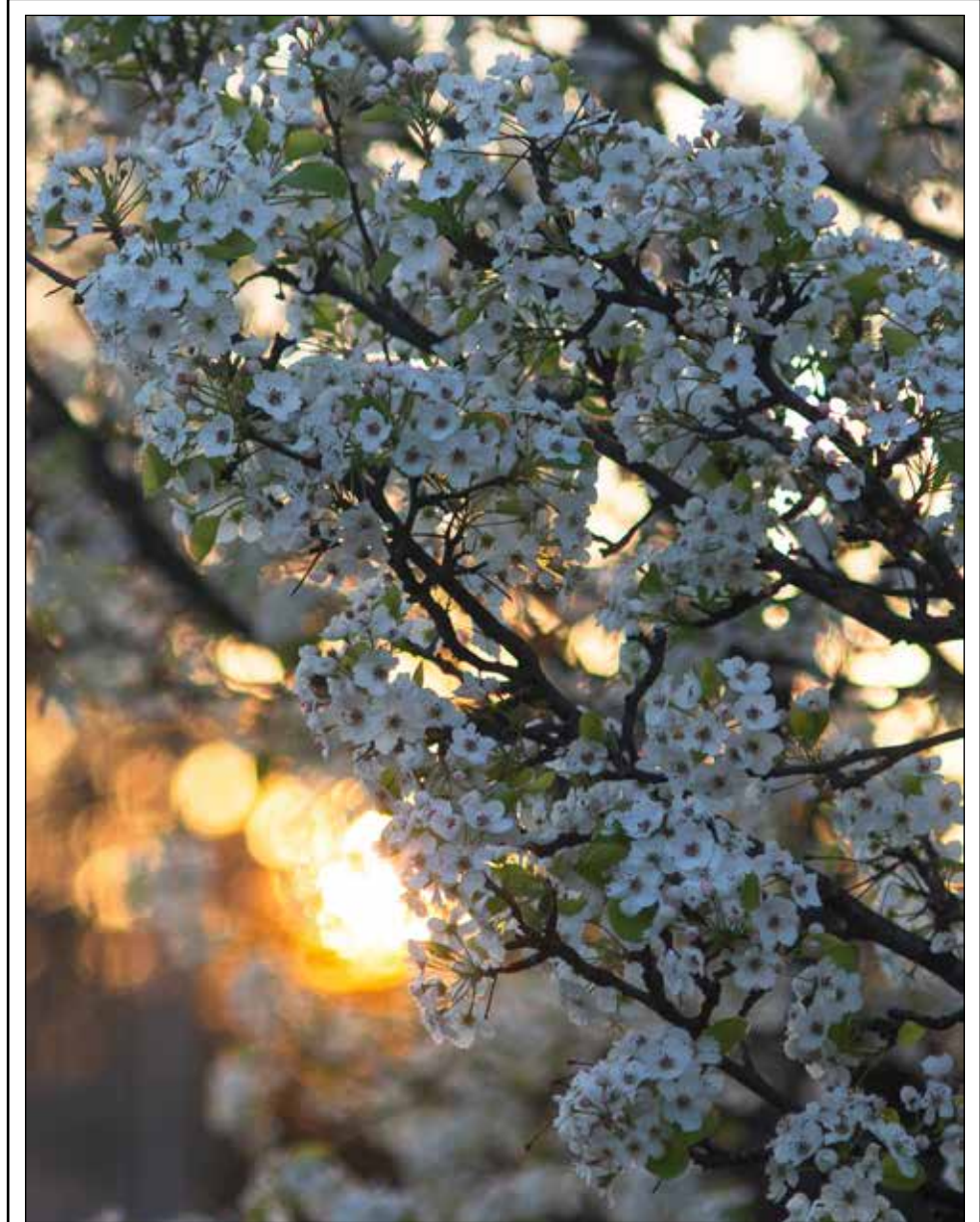
and wider sidewalks.

Thankfully, at least two councillors were firm that the angled parking on Broadway is a defining feature of the town, and not up for debate.

The suggestion of a truck bypass around town is a long-standing issue. Broadway sees a lot of truck traffic, and it makes sense to route them away from the downtown. The leading suggestion, to build a bypass outside town limits, is the most practical, although it will take agricultural land out of production, but it also comes with a huge price tag that Tillsonburg residents couldn't handle. The suggestion rated second to take truck traffic out of downtown is to move it to Tillson Ave, which would put it right in front of a school.

Yet, the study didn't identify current shortfalls, such as the need for an advanced green at Broadway and Concession when traveling north, for one. There are many more issues that residents of various parts of town are rightfully concerned about and need to raise.

Commenting on the traffic plan is still open through the town's website.



Pear tree blossoms.

(STACIE EDEN PHOTO)

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## Continuing to connect and challenge yourself as a way of life



**EVERYONE  
HAS A  
STORY  
TO TELL**

ROBIN KRAFFT

*Tillsonburg Post Columnist*

In the early 1900s, a wave of Italian immigrants came to North America. Jean Martin's maternal and paternal grandparents were part of that wave, with her grandfather arriving in the U.S. in 1903.

"I was the oldest grandchild and was doted on," Martin said. "My grandmother practiced her English by reading to me, and when I went to Grade One I was already reading on my own. It's still an important part of my life. It's part of how you define yourself."

Martin reflected on the teachers who mentored and encouraged her to take risks. She recalled a particularly influential high school teacher, Father Lucian.

"Every day you have an opportunity to change someone's life, and you may never know it," Martin said.

She tracked Father Lucian down with this in mind and talked to him on the phone. He was the one that prodded her to give speeches, join the debate club, and continually challenged his students with questions, insisting that they examine why they think the way they do and to be able to defend their ideas.

"Things like that came back later on," Martin said. "It built confidence. My brother often says that wisdom comes from experience and experience comes from making mistakes. You can't be afraid to try. You can't get it right 100 per cent of the time."

In the 1970s, Jean worked for a construction company and recalls many times when she was the only woman in the room. She worked in customer service, as a supervisor and then as director of administration as the company grew.

She continued to embrace new challenges, as the general manager of a large apartment complex in Washington DC, responsible for 900 apartments and overseeing a staff of 65.

She and her husband Rick also had a

farm when their two children were in their teens. They had 12 Morgan horses, four dogs and seven cats. They welcomed many of their children's friends who needed mentoring, many who stayed at the farm for long periods. Jean was also on the ladies auxiliary for the local fire department. After selling the farm, she worked for a non-profit.

"I became a home visitor for Healthy Families America," Martin said. "It was a program that looked at stressors in family life and ways to support people. It was a bit like being a friendly neighbor, visiting people up and down the hills of Madison County. For some people, we were the one person who listened. It was not great pay, but it was very rewarding. You never know what's going on with people. Your job is to believe in people until they have the strength to believe in themselves."

Jean later became the general manager of the Early Head Start program, writing policy and procedures and training staff. During those years she worked with very dedicated people, and they supported one another and have remained connected over time.

Jean and Rick came to Canada in 2016. Rick's mother, living in London, was in

her late 80s and was having difficulty staying in her own home alone. After she passed, they were looking at listings and saw a house in a small town they had never heard of. They drove to Tillsonburg to see it, and the decision was made.

"It took some time to get settled in," Martin said. "I became a reading buddy with the library and later joined aquafit at the pool where I met a lovely group of active ladies. We meet every Wednesday for breakfast and to swim and have a wonderful time. We never run out of things to talk about."

Jean continues to do outreach for the library, is on the board for the Horticultural Society, (gardening at the Legion and co-chairing activities for Turtlefest) and sits on the Affordable and Attainable Housing Advisory Committee, while Rick is president of the Bridge Club and sings with the Woodstock Choralaires.

"I volunteered throughout life," Martin said. "As you get older, life can constrict on you and it's important to keep active physically, mentally and socially. We need connection and to make the world a better place instead of just taking up space. I'm an American by birth, but Canadian by choice. I love it here."

# The story of a famed former Tillsonburg resident



**THE  
STAGE  
IS THE  
WORLD**

LAUREL A. BEECHEY

*Tillsonburg Post Columnist*

Dr. Sylvanus Joy, physician, pharmacist, coroner, spa owner, and winning World's Fair winegrower, lived right here in Tillsonburg!

Sylvanus was born, July 4, 1833 in Utica, N.Y. He entered the New York University Medical College at 16 years and trained at the Bellevue Hospital for two-and-a-half years as a surgeon, before going to Queen's University to take courses allowing him to practice when he legally moved to Canada and became a citizen in 1856. That same year, he married Miriam Collier from Otterville and set up housekeeping and a practice there, in Woodstock and in Tillsonburg.

Of the three practises, his most extensive was in Tillsonburg and they soon moved here, where they added two daughters to his family and built his towered home, 'Maple Terrace' at 48 Oxford Street. The town's people called it the White House. It still stands today, although it is no longer white.

Like many physicians of the time, Sylvanus was a pharmacist, with his own distillery behind the house, only accessible through a tunnel from the house. He was coroner for Oxford County, the local surgeon for The Great Trunk, Air Line and Great Western railroads for 45 years, wine-maker and spa owner. People came from across Canada to Tillsonburg 'to take the waters' from the Mineral Springs Parkette, at his home or in E.D. Tillson's former home on Oxford St.

In 1865, Sylvanus cultivated 20 acres, propagating grapes for wine making, just outside of town, producing 10,000 gallons of wine. The wines were known for excellence of quality throughout the Province of Ontario." He also had the largest apple orchards in Ontario.

Sylvanus' experiment to grow sorghum this far north was daring, yet it was such a versatile crop it could be very rewarding. Sorghum, is well known to produce moonshine, however being sweet it was also used for silage, crop cover, and animal food. Foodincanada.com notes that prior to 1991, sorghum could not be grown here, however, that is changing. Alas the experiment cost him \$14,000!

Being the associate county coroner brought him worldwide recognition in 1890, when asked to give forensic evidence in the extraordinary Frederick Benwell/ Birchall murder case, which was held in the Woodstock Courthouse, and via cable connections transmitted to London, England.

Sylvanus and Miriam had two gifted children, Frances and Ida. Frances, with a gift for music was extensively trained and once sang to Alexander Graham Bell over his new-fangled telephone. In September 1876, the 19-year-old Frances was married in Tillsonburg to 28-year-old Dr. Jehiel Tuttle Moore, who had been mentored by Dr. Joy, and became his business partner. Jehiel also partnered with Charles Thomson in a pharmaceuticals business. In 1882, couple moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota, both doing well in their careers.

Sylvanus' second daughter, Ida, an exceptional artist and sailed to Europe in 1877 with her mother Miriam, to study at the Academie Julian in Paris, under P. Cot Gacomotti and T. Robert-Fleury. In 1878, while in Rome, she presented to His Holiness Pius IX, a portrait of the Prime Minister of Italy, which attracted worldwide attention. Sylvanus did visit, taking his wines to the 1881 World's Fair in Paris, winning a diploma. Ida entered two paintings in the fair, one of which won. She later exhibited in Paris, London, and Rome. She had hit the big time!

Miriam and Ida, while sailing home from France in 1885, met Nicolas Didier, the wealthy owner of the Pittsburgh Smelting Co. Nicolas, a Catholic came a courting, but Sylvanus a religious, principled Anglican said no to the pair. They rebelled, marrying in the bishop's private chapel at St. Peter's Basilica in London, Ontario. Sylvanus refused to attend and disowned her. They moved to Pittsburgh.

Sometime between 1887 and the 1891 census, Miriam leaves Sylvanus. Then we discover that Miriam had become quite ill and moved, to live with Ida, not returning alive to Canada. But why would a physician not care for his ailing wife, or for that matter, why would she not move to Minneapolis where Frances and her doctor, son-in-law could care for her?

Sylvanus is now alone. Frances is in Minnesota. He disowned Ida who is in Pittsburgh and just exiled his wife from Tillsonburg. Stay tuned for the rest of the story.



## RUMMAGE SALE

(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church held its bi-annual rummage sale on April 25 in the church basement, and attracted a good number of bargain seekers. Proceeds from the event go to a variety of causes, including, youth programs, DASO, St. Vincent De Paul, Big Brothers and Sisters, homeless shelters, and also bursaries for students at graduation time.

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# Traffic study examines future traffic flow options

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The possibility of a truck bypass around downtown Tillsonburg was the largest suggestion in the report when looked at by dollar value. There are currently more than 250 trucks per day going through the downtown. Several options were looked at for a bypass, including routing down Quarter Line Road, Tillson Ave, and West Town Line, but the preferred option was to build a new road outside the town boundary from Highway 19 to Highway 3. The construction cost of this option was \$12 to \$22 million, and the suggestion was that the town should request the county to protect a corridor on the west side of town for a future bypass. Tillson Ave was rated as the number two option.

The reconfiguration of Broadway, with its angled parking, for which the town is known, was also examined in the study. Options for Broadway were: no change, reverse angle parking where drivers would back in, parallel parking with wider sidewalks with bike lanes, and removing all parking to add bike lanes with wider sidewalks.

Some of the other suggestions in the report are:

- Protect left turn lanes at Broadway and North Street and remove channelized turn lanes to improve pedestrian safety
- Install a traffic signal at Quarter Line Road and North Street
- New all-way stops at the intersections of Bidwell and Bridge and Bidwell and Brock.
- Remove the channelized right turn lane at Tillson and Oxford to improve pedestrian safety and consider a red-light camera for the intersection
- Remove the northbound left turn lane at Simcoe and Goshen Streets and realign the intersection to 90 degrees
- Possible traffic signals at Concession Street East and Lisgar Ave to reduce angle collisions
- Reconfigure Bridge Street for enhanced pedestrian access.
- Develop a network of connected trails and on-road cycling paths.
- Traffic calming measures in neighbourhoods, ranging from road narrowing to speed bumps and speed signs.

The study also looked into downtown parking, noting that 50 per cent of parking is used on weekdays. It acknowledged there will be some parking loss with the possibility of Bridge Street reconstruction.

Kevin Jones, who is managing the study for Paradigm Transportation Solutions Ltd., estimated about a dozen people attended the meeting.

"Some people like some of the stuff, and some people had some ideas about some of the stuff presented," he said. "We're hoping to get some feedback from other members of the public who couldn't attend."

The plan is posted on the town's website at <https://www.tillsonburg.ca/town-hall/plans-reports-and-studies/transportation-master-plan/>, and e-mail feedback can be sent to [TillsonburgTMP@ptsl.com](mailto:TillsonburgTMP@ptsl.com)

Mayor Deb Gilvesy said she has raised several concerns about the recommendations.

"I want the community to understand that the report released to the public was prepared



(JEFF HELSDON PHOTO)

About a dozen people turned out for an open house on the town's Traffic Master Plan, which makes recommendations out to 2035. Community input is still available into the plan through the town's web site. The entire presentation from the meeting is also available on the website.

by a consultant and contains recommendations only," she emphasized. "It will be coming forward to council for full discussion and debate, where no decisions have yet been made."

The mayor said the status quo is one option for Broadway.

"Broadway is a defining feature of our community - recognized as the widest main street in Ontario - and its history and character are important to preserve as we consider any future changes," she said.

Coun. Bob Parsons, who attended the meeting, is a member of the town's Traffic Advisory Committee and was excited to see the plan moving forward. He calls being involved in the discussion about a truck by-pass route 30 years ago as a councillor and vice-president of the former Tillsonburg Business Association. He said this is the most complex of the recommendations and will likely need involvement from other levels of government.

"This may be the most futuristic of the 12 focus areas of the plan, likely past my lifetime," he said.

"Proposals such as a bypass, particularly where they extend beyond town boundaries, would present significant financial and practical challenges that require careful evaluation," Gilvesy added.

Coun. Chris Parker was also at the meeting and encouraged the public to provide comments on the plan. He saw positive elements in it, such as proposed community safety zones, additional controlled intersections and enhanced measures to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety.

"That said, there are also aspects that raise concerns," he added. "In particular, the proposed truck by pass represents a significant financial investment and would require the acquisition of a substantial amount of agricultural land, which I believe warrants careful consideration. Additionally, I am not supportive of the suggestion to change the existing angle parking on Broadway, especially given the limited parking currently available in the downtown core."

Jones described the procedure going forward as collecting more public feedback and council endorsement of the plan. Individual recommendations will then come back to future councils as they are dealt with.

"Council will get an opportunity to weigh in on individual planning recommendations as they come forward," Jones said.

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# Nurse practitioner-led clinic will address shortage of primary care

JEFF HELSDON

Editor

The big question after last week's announcement of \$5.22 million in funding towards addressing the 13,000 people without a primary health care provider in Oxford County is likely when it will open, but there are other questions, such as how we got here.

Located in the two units on the south end of the North Gate Plaza, the currently-empty space will be transformed into patient rooms, a waiting room, and administrative space. The clinic will be staffed by four nurse practitioners, an RN, an RPN, and possibly a social worker. The funding announced Tuesday will cover ongoing and start-up costs, including renovations to the unit.

Stephanie Nevins, executive director of the Ingersoll Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic (INPLC), said having a regular health care provider will result in fewer emergency visits and provide someone to walk alongside people on their health care journey.

"It means individuals and families who have gone without primary care, sometimes for years, will be able to have a continuous, documented relationship with a primary care provider," she said. "It means earlier diagnoses, better management of chronic conditions, and support for mental health and overall well-being. Most importantly, it means people are no longer navigating the healthcare system alone. Having a regular primary care provider is truly life-changing."

Jesse Rumble, INPLC clinical director, said it has not yet been determined how many of the 13,000 patient spaces will be in Tillsonburg, as this announcement was for the entire county, and will provide 11 to 13 positions. With four nurse practitioners, it will be significant, though.

While it may seem concerning that the Ingersoll Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic (INPLC) could find the staff needed in such a short time, Nevins said several staff for these positions are currently working on a contract basis.

Residents who currently don't have a primary health



(JEFF HELSDON PHOTO)

Several dignitaries were on hand for the announcement of a new nurse practitioner-led clinic in Tillsonburg last week. Left to right are: Jill Strong, executive director of people and performance for the Thames Valley Family Health Team; Tillsonburg Mayor Deb Gilvesy; Oxford MPP Ernie Hardeman; Teresa Martins, executive director of the Oxford Ontario Health Team; Stephanie Nevins, executive director of the Ingersoll Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic and Jesse Rumble, clinical director of the Ingersoll Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic.

care provider can register through Health Care Connect to sign up with the clinic. Nevins said people who want to be specifically associated with Tillsonburg should keep an eye on the INPLC website. The hope is that the Tillsonburg clinic will open this fall.

A previous step towards last week's announcement was the opening of the temporary clinic presently operating in Roulston's by INPLC for unattached patients.

"The goal is to not need temporary care and to have everyone attached to a clinician," Nevins said.

How did we get here?

Last Tuesday's announcement was the culmination of years of work. Tillsonburg Mayor Deb Gilvesy said, personally, she has been working on it since she was elected in 2018, as have other members of council and staff. She credited Oxford MPP Ernie Hardeman for his work.

"Many may not see the work that happens behind the scenes, but I can say first hand that Ernie's dedication and advocacy have played a critical role in securing this funding," she said.

Gilvesy also gave credit to Nevins, who has been applying since 2017 for a clinic in Tillsonburg. The mayor, who coached Nevins in basketball, said she saw the same

drive Nevins had on the court coming through in fighting for a Tillsonburg clinic.

Hardeman said he has been working on securing funding for a nurse practitioner clinic since shortly after Ingersoll's clinic. This included having two different ministers down to Ingersoll and making the case for a similar clinic in Tillsonburg.

"Every time I meet the minister, I talk about how it's coming and when we can make an announcement about Tillsonburg. It's an ongoing process," Hardeman said.

He had many conversations in the past few years when there were announcements and questioned why Tillsonburg wasn't included. The challenge was how to assign people without a primary care provider geographically. For instance, the previous funding announcement was based on postal codes, which didn't work for Tillsonburg because people were coming from different areas looking for a health care provider.

While this announcement will go a long way towards addressing primary care provider shortages in Tillsonburg, Gilvesy said the town is aware of several physician retirements in the coming years, and this is something being worked on by staff.



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# Tribble's volunteer efforts recognized by town



(JEFF HELSDON PHOTO)

Carrie Lewis, Chair of the Culture, Heritage and Special Awards Committee, right, and Mayor Deb Gilvesy, left, presented Lindsay Tribble with the Volunteer Achievement Award at the last council meeting.

JEFF HELSDON

Editor

Local volunteer Lindsay Tribble was presented the town's Volunteer Achievement Award at the April 27 council meeting.

Carrie Lewis, Chair of the Culture, Heritage and Special Awards Committee, presented the award, while giving an oversight of Tribble's contribution to the committee.

She described Tribble as "someone whose unwavering passion and commitment has made a profound difference in our community," and said her volunteer journey has been exceptional.

"She has dedicated countless hours, stepping up when she is needed," Lewis said.

Tribble is the president of the Tillsonburg District Chamber of Commerce, an entity she has been a long-standing volunteer with. She is a volunteer with the Tillsonburg Hospital Foundation board of directors and served on its Taste of Summer committee. Tribble was president of her condo board, served on the town's Economic Development Committee and hydro sub-committee, was a member of the original dog park committee and the committee that oversaw the J.L. Scott McLean Recreation Pad.

"Lindsay's contributions aren't just measured in years, but in the positive and lasting impact she has had on our community," Lewis said. "She is a tireless advocate always ready to offer her time, skills and heart to make Tillsonburg a better place for everyone."

# Council doesn't move on church proposal for new park

JEFF HELSDON

Editor

An ambitious proposal for a new park and splash pad by Crosspoint Community Church was not endorsed by Tillsonburg council.

Church representative Brad Feyen presented council with the vision for the park developed when church members noted the lack of green space in the new development surrounding the church. They approached the developer and offered to purchase a piece of property behind the church to turn it into a park.

Feyen presented a plan that contains a splash pad, playground equipment, and a pavilion, but noted that the concept is scalable to proceed with part or all of it. The church is currently fundraising to cover the cost of the project, and Feyen asked council to consider funds for the

project.

Deputy Mayor Dave Beres asked for more information on potential partnerships and the project's cost. Feyen said it ranged from \$1 million for a scaled-back version to more than \$2 million for the entire concept. He also said nothing will proceed before 2027.

Although the lands are owned by the church, Feyen said the project would be accessible to the public.

Coun. Kelly Spencer agreed that part of town needs a park, and asked about ongoing costs, while noting she wasn't sure what the town could do on private property.

Coun. Chris Parker also wanted more information on the town's contribution, saying a dollar value is needed prior to next year's budget.

The presentation was received as information, but a suggestion was also made to present to the town's parks committee.

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## TILLSONBURG COUNCIL BRIEFS

### Zoning approved for self-storage unit

Town council approved an official plan amendment and zoning change at its April 27 meeting to allow a self-storage unit at 61 First Street.

The property, which was formerly a fuel depot, will see a self-storage warehouse built by 2780480 Ontario Inc.

### Elections bylaw update

Council passed two updates to its election bylaws in preparation for the upcoming fall election.

The first update was to the election signage bylaw, a housekeeping measure to add third-party advertisers and ensure compliance with all federal, provincial, and municipal legislation.

The second was to introduce a Municipal Election Accessibility Plan to ensure accessibility standards are met during the election.

In related news, candidates for this fall's municipal election can register starting on May 1.

### Industrial lands leased

Council approved a one-year extension to an agreement with VanQuathem Farms for land in the second phase of the VanNorman Innovation Park. The lease rate was \$370 per acre. The agreement includes provisions to adjust the leased land area to allow access if needed.

### Playground sold to Sonbeam

Council approved the sale of a portion of Hale Street

that houses the playground between the Station Arts Centre and Bethel Temple at its April 27 meeting.

The playground, which has been used by the daycare based in the church for 40 years under an informal agreement, has been leased to the daycare for the last two years. The group is looking to upgrade its fencing around the playground equipment and make other improvements, which would require purchasing the property.

The sale price of \$22,000 took into account the daycare's non-profit status and the need for daycare spots in Tillsonburg. The agreement guaranteed the town the option to repurchase the land in the future.

### Surplus airport land for sale

Council endorsed a plan to sell 50 acres of surplus land within the 633-acre airport land package. The lands in question would not be included in any future airport development and have previously been leased. The intention is to offer the current tenant the opportunity to purchase the property.

### Industrial land sold

Tillsonburg council authorized the sale of 3.67 acres of land in the first phase of the VanNorman Innovation Park to Schep's Bakeries Ltd. The company originally wanted to purchase the entire 16 acres on which its facility sits, but the town needed to hold some land back for snow storage. Now that phase 2 has been further developed, the land near Schep's can be sold to the company, and the snow storage can be moved. The deal was for \$501,000.

### Triumph Trailer receives tax grant program.

Triumph Trailer Sales, which will be located at 1 Innovation Way, was approved for the town's tax grant program through the Community Improvement Plan.

The company, currently located on Clearview Drive with Xcel Fabrication and Design, will move to a stand-alone location on Innovation Way. Initial plans are for a 4,000-square-foot building, with plans to develop an industrial plaza in the future.

Speaking to the program, Development Commissioner Cephas Panschow said the company presently employs about 60 people. The company will also manufacture trailers for the defence sector.

### Sewage plant to be addressed

During the open part of the April 27 council meeting, Mayor Deb Gilvesy said work to address the odour from the sewage treatment plant will be addressed. The county has received 69 complaints about the smell.

### Town acquires land

The Town of Tillsonburg purchased property at 42 Sanders Street for future expansion. A report to council cited "the suitability of the property to support the future expansion of the Community Centre" as the prime reason for the purchase of the home next to the existing parking lot for the Colin Campbell Arena. The purchase price was \$340,000, which will be paid from development charges and the tax rate stabilization reserve.

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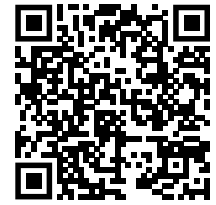
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## Woodstock — Oxford Road 2 (Dundas Street)

April - November 2026

Oxford Road 2 (Dundas Street) between Oxford Road 30 (11th Line) and Oxford Road 9 is closed to July 2026 for Phase 1 of reconstruction work in this area. Work then moves east down Dundas Street to Oxford Road 12 (Mill Street). Detour routes will be in place for each phase of construction.

From May 15 - 25, Dundas Street will be fully closed, including to local traffic, at the railway tracks west of Oxford Road 9 (Ingersoll Road). This is to allow scheduled work by Oxford County and Ontario Southland Railway.

## Woodstock — Oxford Road 35 (Devonshire Avenue)

April - November 2026

Oxford Road 35 (Devonshire Avenue) is closed from just east of Wellington Street to just east of Knightsbridge Road this year as part of a multi-year reconstruction project. A detour route is in place for the duration of construction.

## Woodstock — Oxford Road 59 (Vansittart Avenue) bridge

April - November 2026

Residents will see construction crews working on the underside of the Oxford Road 59 (Vansittart Avenue) bridge in Woodstock. Work includes girder coating, which protects the structural steel in the bridge from corrosion. Both lanes of traffic and the sidewalk on the east side of the bridge remain open. The sidewalk on the west side of the bridge is closed during construction.

## Ingersoll — Oxford Road 9 (King Street)

April - December 2026

Oxford Road 9 (Hamilton Road/King Street West), from the intersection of Oxford Road 9/10 west to the town boundary, is closed to through traffic from April to December 2026.

## Norwich Township — Oxford Road 59 (Stover Street S) bridge, Norwich

May - October 2026

Bridge rehabilitation work on the Oxford Road 59 (Stover Street South) bridge, located just south of Tidey Street, begins in May. Oxford Road 59 from Front Street to Carman Street will be closed as traffic will be unable to cross the bridge; however, businesses will remain open and accessible. Detour routes will be in place during construction, including a detour for pedestrians and cyclists.

## Norwich Township — Oxford Road 19 (Otterville Road) bridge, Otterville

May - December 2026

Oxford Road 19 between Church Street and Bullock Street in Otterville will be reduced to a single lane with alternating traffic for bridge rehabilitation work. A detour route will be in place for Church Street along Maple Street and North Street West.

## Norwich Township — Oxford Road 59 (Church Street) urbanization, Burgessville

May - December 2026

Road reconstruction work on Oxford Road 59 (Church Street) from 150 metres west of Deer Crescent to 150 metres east of Smiths Lane in the Village of Burgessville begins in May. This section of Oxford Road 59 will be closed to through traffic, with access limited to local residents, businesses and emergency services.

## Zorra Township — Oxford Road 2 culvert replacements, Thamesford

April - May 2026

Oxford Road 2 between Oxford Road 119 (19th Line) and Oxford Road 6 will close to through traffic for culvert replacements from April to May 2026.

## East Zorra-Tavistock - Oxford Road 29 bridge, Innerkip

May - November 2026

Oxford Road 29 between 18th Line Road and Elisabeth Street in Innerkip is closing for three weeks, then opening for eastbound traffic only to complete bridge rehabilitation work. A detour route will be in place for westbound traffic for the duration of construction.

## East Zorra-Tavistock — Tavistock Well 4 construction

May - August 2026

Drilling and construction on Tavistock Well 4 on Hope Street West begins early May 2026. There are no expected impacts to traffic but residents may notice periods of noise and vibration during drilling.

## Upcoming public information meetings

### MAY 12 Blandford-Blenheim — Drumbo Wastewater Treatment Plant

A virtual (online) Public Consultation Centre is being held on May 12, 2026, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. to provide an update on the Drumbo Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion. Visit the project study page to learn more or register: [www.speakup.oxfordcounty.ca/drumbo-wwtp-expansion](http://www.speakup.oxfordcounty.ca/drumbo-wwtp-expansion)

### JUNE 8 Zorra Township — Oxford Road 2 (Dundas Street) corridor improvements, Thamesford

Design improvements are being considered on Oxford Road 2 (Dundas Street) in Thamesford. Learn more at the Public Information Centre on June 8, 2026, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Thamesford District Recreation Centre (large hall). A formal presentation will be delivered at 5:15 p.m., followed by a question and answer period.



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# Clean and Green deemed a success

JEFF HELSDON

Editor

The first edition of the Clean and Green town-wide pick-up was called a success.

Town organizers identified 36 park and trail locations for clean-up that volunteer groups could tackle for garbage pick-up. Of these, 31 spots were covered, plus volunteers tackled five additional spots for clean-up for a total of 36 teams. This translated into more than 600 participants. Teams ranged from businesses and service clubs to neighbours, sports teams, schools, churches and a daycare.

There were 783 kilograms of garbage picked up by the teams.

"The response from the community was amazing," said Adam Kannawin, manager of parks and facilities. "We were ecstatic to have six teams register on the first day, and that momentum continued throughout the event. It's clear that Tillsonburg is a proud community whose constituents don't mind rolling up their sleeves and getting involved."

"I am incredibly proud of the success of the new Clean and Green Initiative," said Mayor Deb Gilvesy, who pushed the concept of a town-wide clean-up. "The



(JEFF TRIBE PHOTO)

Students from Msgr. O'Neil Catholic School were one of the teams that took part in Clean and Green. They tackled the Tillsonburg Soccer Park, and on the positive, didn't find a lot of trash after the winter. A total of 36 teams took part in the initiative.

response from the community has been truly overwhelming. It's a testament to what we can achieve when we all pitch in."

Plans are to hold the event again next

year.

"Let's keep the momentum going by being respectful of our shared spaces, disposing of waste responsibly, and doing our part to keep our town clean," Gilvesy

said. "We can preserve what we've built together. Don't litter - let's take pride in our community and love where we live. Together, we can keep our town clean and green for everyone."

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## SPORTS

# If not Superman, at the least, Gemini Cup B Final penalty-kicks closer

JEFF TRIBE

*Post Correspondent*

The way Grade 9 Tillsonburg Gemini centre midfielder Max Suderman explains it, his surname is spelled like Superman but with a 'D'.

"You've got to put that in there," laughed coach Andrew Sykes following a 3-2 penalty kicks win over the Aylmer East Elgin Eagles in the Gemini Cup soccer tournament's B Championship game Friday, May 1 at the Tillsonburg Minor Soccer Park. "That's the kind of confidence he's exuding right now."

Superhero may be a stretch, but Suderman did step up as penalty kicks closer, calmly burying the deciding goal into the bottom, left corner.

Both teams had scored on their first shot, the Eagles opening and Tillsonburg's Jonathyn Hall evening accounts at one. Gemini goalie Waylon Homenuik set up the game-winner with a save on East Elgin's second shot, perhaps using the formulaic skills he learned from Sykes in math class, to skew the odds in his favour on a stop to his right.



(JEFF TRIBE PHOTO)

**Gemini Sophia Monsere (left) and Ingersoll defender Meleena Prikken (right) both catch a little air after a spirited battle for the ball during Gemini Cup girls soccer action at the Tillsonburg Minor Soccer Park.**

"They always go right," said Homenuik, "their left, my right. Unless they're an actual soccer player, you go right."

"I was already in the spot before he kicked the ball." Tillsonburg's Thomas Soares gave the Gemini a 2-1 advantage, evened by the Eagles third shooter, leaving Suderman at the line, game on his foot.

"I was looking at the goalie," said Suderman. "He went a little right first."

The Gemini Cup is a 16-team, eight boys and eight girls event, with each team playing three games, progressing based on results. Tillsonburg beat Ingersoll DCI 2-1 in overtime in their first outing, Suderman scoring both in regulation and adding the extra-time golden goal. Suderman also scored the lone Gemini goal in a 3-1 loss to Woodstock CI Red Devils, who advanced to the A championship game. The Red Devils would ultimately lose to London Laurier in penalty kicks there, the Gemini facing East Elgin in the B final. "Could have been better, but more to come," said centre back Gavin Balasz. "I think this will make our team better."

Balasz and Logan Deleye scored for Tillsonburg in a 2-2 draw which lived through two 25-minute regulation halves and five-minutes of OT.

"I think we did a lot better than we were expected to," said Suderman.

"We've improved, that's pretty much it," Homenuik summed up. "A few more guys who know the game."

"A great day of soccer," added coach Sykes, a compressed three-game outing building both team experience and morale. "Winning on penalties is pretty exciting, a great way to finish off the tournament."

Sykes also coaches the community's U14 rep squad, and believes the growth of club soccer in Tillsonburg will positively impact the high school program, moving forward.

"In a couple of years I think Glendale is going to have a team which will be a force in the league."

## Gemini Girls 1, Ingersoll DCI 0

Tillsonburg built both experience and momentum by finishing off their Gemini Cup with a 1-0 victory over the Ingersoll DCI Blue Bombers.

"I feel like it's team building, sort of," said Gemini

Vivian Suderman.

Kennedy Vandendriessche scored the game's lone goal, a first-half marker assisted by Kaia Spanjers.

"Crossed it in from the corner and she got the tap-in," said Spanjers. "I was so glad, somebody had to get it."

Tillsonburg had opened with a penalty kicks loss to London Beal after goalless regulation and overtime periods, following up with a 5-2 loss to London South, in which Sophia Monsere had both Gemini goals. The experience not only of playing three games in a day, but also against Thames Valley Regional Athletics Tier I opposition offered dual opportunity, said Suderman.

"I think this will help us a lot."

Co-coach Vanessa Neves said the event also offered the chance to get a lot of players onto the pitch in new positions.

"Some of them surprised us today," she said.

"I'm really proud of them," added co-coach Kristin Czerniawski. "They worked really well together, communicated well and held their own, that's the main thing."



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**Gemini Kaia Spanjers (left) dives to try and re-direct the ball into the Ingersoll net, watched closely by Blue Bombers defender Charlotte deWit (right).**

## TVRA SOUTHEAST BOYS SOCCER

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

WOODSTOCK HURON PARK	4
GEMINI	3

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

GEMINI	5
COLLEGE AVENUE	2

## TVRA SOUTHEAST GIRLS SOCCER

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

HURON PARK	2
GEMINI	1

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

GEMINI	5
COLLEGE AVENUE	1

## TVRA SOUTHEAST GIRLS RUGBY

### THURSDAY, APRIL 30

GEMINI	20
HURON PARK	12

### THURSDAY, APRIL 16

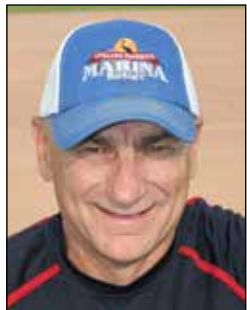
GEMINI	15
LONDON CLARKE ROAD	0

## TVRA SOUTHEAST BASEBALL

### THURSDAY, APRIL 30

GEMINI	12
INGERSOLL	2

# A preview of Tillsonburg Slo-Pitch's coming season



**EYE  
ON  
SLO-  
PITCH**

DAVE WEAVER

Post Columnist

Well hopefully the temperatures will start to rise in the next week as we prepare for another Slo-Pitch season in Tillsonburg!

Ladies first, the league is down one team from last season losing Trillium Court to another league while George's Auto folded. There were enough new players looking to play this year that they were able to come together and form a new team putting the number of teams at seven.

The executive from last season is intact, with Tracey Carruthers returning as president, Jen Francis continues as vice-president, along with Mandi Vickers as treasurer, Kalyn Salmon as secretary and Maddi Obar handling social media. Dave Weaver is scheduler and Shannon Collings serves as an executive member.

The league will feature a 24 game schedule, with each team playing each other four times. After the regular season ends, the league splits into an A and B Division for playoffs with top four in A and bottom

three in the B Loop.

Foldens Machine Works return as defending playoff champions, joined by Cooks Concrete Jays, Simmonds Mortgages, SunSpace/Bill Klyn Carpentry, Wildcats, Resting Pitch Face and the new entry, Queen B's.

The men have increased their number of franchises to 30 teams.

Chris Parker continues to head up the league, assisted by treasurer Cheyne Sarafinichin, umpire-in-chief Kurt Vaughan, statistician Dave Weaver, and directors Josh Stubbs, Trevor Stuyt and Bryan Deblaie.

Here's some quotes on upcoming season from Parker.

"A league of this size doesn't thrive without strong community support. On behalf of all our players and volunteers, I want to extend a sincere thank-you to our local sponsors. Their continued commitment helps team costs manageable and ensures that slo-pitch remains accessible for players of all ages and skill levels in Tillsonburg. This season our four division format offers something for everyone from highly competitive ball to more recreational play."

Another major change is to rename our divisions from A,B,C and D to Division 1,2,3 and 4 as to help with confusion over players individual rankings.

The opening night for ladies is slated to commence Monday, May 11 while the men's kick off their season on Tuesday, May 12.

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# 4 things to know about kitchen renovations

Kitchens are often described as the most popular room in a home, and that's not mere conjecture. A 2022 survey from House Digest asked participants to identify the room they consider most important in their homes, and roughly 41 percent chose the kitchen.

Residents tend to congregate in kitchens in the morning and then again in the evening when meals are prepared and, in homes without formal dining rooms, eaten. With so much time spent in the kitchen, it's no wonder that the 2022 U.S. Houzz & Home Study: Renovation Trends found kitchens to be the most popular interior room to upgrade. With so many people interested in kitchen renovations, the following are four things homeowners should know about these popular improvement projects.

1. Expect to spend some money. Most home improvement projects require a significant financial investment, but kitchen renovations are among the more expensive undertakings. The overall cost of a project will depend on a host of variables unique to each home, including homeowners' preferences, but HomeAdvisor estimated the average kitchen remodel in 2023 cost between \$14,611 and \$41,432. Homeowners considering an upscale kitchen remodel may re-



ceive six figure estimates for such projects.

2. Expect a good return on investment. If sticker shock settles in when receiving an initial kitchen remodel estimate, perhaps it can help homeowners to know that such a project may provide a strong return on investment (ROI). According to Remodeling magazine's "2024 Cost vs. Value Report," a minor kitchen remodel provides a 96 per-

cent ROI. A major kitchen remodel mid-range (49 percent) and a major kitchen remodel upscale (38 percent) did not provide as notable a ROI.

3. Expect the project to take some time. Kitchens are large rooms with a lot of components, so renovating these spaces can take some time. Estimates vary depending on the size of the room, the scale of the remodel

and the materials chosen, but Angi reports a kitchen remodel for most homes takes six weeks to four months. That's a sizable window, and it reflects the likelihood that unforeseen issues like supply chain interruptions or the discovery of mold will arise at some point during the renovation. Though it's impossible to determine precisely how long a project will take before it begins, homeowners renovating their kitchens may want to plan for the project to take two months if not longer.

4. Expect to use your kitchen during the renovation. If the timeline of a renovation is scary, homeowners should know they will likely be able to use their kitchen even after the project begins. Though the room might not remain a popular gathering space once the work starts, Angi notes kitchens are typically out of commission for around six weeks during a renovation. That still requires some pre-planning in relation to meals, but it also suggests homeowners won't be without a kitchen for months on end.

Kitchen renovations are popular projects. Homeowners who know what to expect before such projects commence can make it through a renovation more smoothly.



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**POLICE BRIEFS**

# Search warrant in Tillsonburg leads to multiple charges

Two individuals have been charged with weapon-related offences after police executed a search warrant in the Town of Tillsonburg.

On April 30, members of the Oxford detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) received complaints of suspected weapons in a residence on North Street East, in the Town of Tillsonburg.

At approximately 10:40 p.m. on April 30, members of the Oxford OPP Detachment and the Oxford Major Crime Unit, with assistance from the OPP West Region Tactics and Rescue Unit, Emergency Response Team, Repeat Offender Parole Enforcement (ROPE) Squad, Canine Unit, and Explosives Disposal Unit, executed a search warrant.

David Gilmour, a 46-year-old resident of Tillsonburg, has been charged with the following Criminal Code offences:

- Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm
- Knowledge of Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm
- Possession of Prohibited or Restricted Firearm with Ammunition
- Possession of Prohibited or Restricted

Weapon Obtained by Crime  
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 The accused is being held for a bail hearing before the Ontario Court of Justice, located in Woodstock.

A 44-year-old resident of Tillsonburg has also been charged with the following Criminal Code Offence:

- Knowledge of Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm

The accused has been released from custody and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice, located in Woodstock on June 2.

Oxford OPP Crime Unit is continuing the investigation.

There was an increased police presence on North Street East between Braun Avenue and Cranberry Road to conduct the investigation.

If you have any information about this incident, please contact Oxford OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit an online tip at [www.oxfordcrimestoppers.com](http://www.oxfordcrimestoppers.com).

# Applications open for the Oxford County Grants Program

Applications are now open for the Oxford County Grants Program.

The program awards grants to local non-profit organizations that serve to support and advance the Oxford County Strategic Plan and the Safe and Well Oxford Plan. The application period is open from May 1 to Aug. 31 each year, with funding decisions announced in January of the following year.

Local non-profit organizations can apply for funding for activities that address a community-identified need and demonstrate community involvement. Grant applications are evaluated by the Grant Approval Committee based on a number of criteria, including:

- ability to execute the proposal;
- benefit, need and impact for the com-

- munity;
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- project readiness; and,
- financial need.

A portion of funding through the Oxford County Grants Program is dedicated to projects led by local non-profit organizations that advance the goals of the Safe and Well Oxford Plan. Applications may be reviewed by the Safe and Well Oxford Advisory Committee to ensure alignment, supporting continued investment in this collaborative initiative led by Oxford County and its eight area municipalities.

To learn more about the grant application process, funding agreements, and financial reports, please visit [www.oxford-county.ca/grantsprogram](http://www.oxford-county.ca/grantsprogram)



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# Bryan O’Gorman brings Dark Stars comedy To Tillsonburg



## MUSIC CORNER

**BEN ADDRESS**

*Tillsonburg Post Columnist*

There is stand-up comedy, and then there is Bryan O’Gorman. He is not your typical touring comic. A veteran of stages across the globe, he has headlined shows in countries including England, Australia, Germany, Singapore, Switzerland, Croatia, Serbia, the Czech Republic and the United States. His passport has seen more stamps than most comedians could dream of, and his ambitions do not stop there. His bio on the Yuk Yuk’s website states that he plans on ‘playing in every country on earth, plus the moon (if the spaceship he’s building works)’, which is a line that lands somewhere between absurdity and a genuine reflection of his relentless drive.

O’Gorman sharpened his craft in the legendary Toronto comedy scene before

taking his act worldwide. Along the way he has built a resume that includes appearances on MTV, MuchMusic, The Comedy Network, SiriusXM Radio and stages at major festivals like Just for Laughs, the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and the Melbourne Comedy Festival. He is also a regular with Yuk Yuk’s and recently celebrated the release of his latest project, Dark Stars: The Album, which he produced himself. The album follows his previous release, which climbed to number one on the iTunes comedy charts.

However, it is not just his resume that defines him but more so his refusal to play it safe.

“After Covid I lost all my money, got a divorce and had to move back to Toronto. The only thing that was making me feel better was filthy jokes. I started leaning into the darker side of my comedy because it genuinely made me feel good again like it does for lots of people going through heavy stuff,” O’Gorman explains. “I began to notice a lot of great comics being labeled dirty or problematic that I knew to actually be very kind, good people. They were being purposefully driven away from comedy by our Canadian institutions that are meant to encourage them. Entities like Just for Laughs and CBC rely heavily on government grants so they distance them-

selves from performers who might disrupt the corporate overlords. This is why Canadian comedy seems so boring sometimes, the government wants it that way. Edgy comics are the ones that literally made stand-up comedy famous. I wanted to let the world and comics know that what they are doing is understood, valued and worth more than the industry was trying to convince them.”

That philosophy has become the backbone of his Dark Stars showcases. The brand is becoming a household name in comedy and is quickly gaining traction across the country.

“Over the last three years it has sort of became one of the hottest shows in the country. We are not judging or labeling anyone. We are here for laughs and your grandma’s innocence,” O’Gorman says with a laugh. “The only thing sacred at this show is laughter and it shines brightest in the dark. People constantly get told what they are allowed to think is funny. We just blast your face with jokes till you cry.”

O’Gorman believes that taking control of his own projects is not just a creative choice but more so a necessity.

“I produce because I have to,” O’Gorman exclaims. “When you see how much performers get for money, we do not really have a choice. The other option is doing

comedy for CBC ,and I just cannot write that many lame jokes.”

That independent spirit is exactly what he is bringing to Tillsonburg along with a lineup he promises will deliver.

“I love Tillsonburg man, so we are going to throw down for you guys. I’m bringing some of Toronto’s best comics including my friend Sai Kit Lo who is unique and super uplifting. Local hero Tyler Shazma will also be there along with a raccoon we shaved and dressed up in a tuxedo,” O’Gorman says with a smirk. “I never stop being pumped to perform. No turning back now, too old to die young. I found something I love, and I have been letting it kill me ever since.”

Whether you are a long-time fan of stand-up, or just curious to see what happens when comedy ditches the filter, audiences can expect a night that is anything but predictable when Bryan O’Gorman brings the Dark Stars comedy showcase to Paddy’s Underground on Saturday May 16th. Tickets are \$20 and available online at [www.eventbrite.ca](http://www.eventbrite.ca) or at The Mill in Tillsonburg. Doors open at 8 p.m. for this hilarious night of comedy.

For more information on Bryan O’Gorman and Dark Stars Comedy you can follow him on his official social media account at [www.instagram.com/b.o.g](http://www.instagram.com/b.o.g)

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## WEEKEND QUIZ

by Jake Grant

1. What term describes a period of temporary economic decline?
2. What planet in our solar system has a longer day than it does a year?
3. How many minutes in a professional football/soccer match?
4. What city is known as the eternal city?
5. What company is the largest self driving taxi fleet in the world?
6. What land mammal has the strongest bite force?
7. What is the largest internal organ in the human body?
8. How many Stanley Cups do the Montreal Canadiens have?
9. Who carved Pinocchio?
10. What is a microscopic bear called?

This week’s answers are found on pg. 27

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					<b>Nominations Open for Municipal Election</b> 1	<b>Community Swim</b> 2 1:00 - 3:00 pm
<b>Community Swim</b> 3 1:00 - 3:00 pm	<b>Parent &amp; Tot Skate</b> 4 4:00 - 5:00 pm	<b>Public Skate</b> 5 10:00 - 11:30 am	<b>Macrame Plant Hangers Workshop</b> 6 1:30 - 8:30 pm	<b>Public Skate</b> 7 10:00 - 11:30 am	<b>Public Skate</b> 8 3:30 - 5:00 pm	<b>Bike Rodeo</b> 9 10:00 am - 12:00 pm <b>Community Swim</b> 1:00 - 3:00 pm
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Pickleball courts CLOSED						

## FREE Community Event Highlight

Didn't find what you were looking for?



Check out all our other programs!

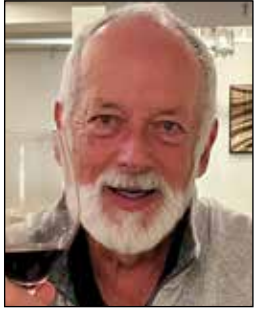


## Legend

- All Ages
- Adult Program
- Youth Program
- Town Hall
- Museum

# 2026

# Great art in Paris – not in the Louvre



**OH,  
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WE'LL  
GO!**

**PAUL KNOWLES**

*Tillsonburg Post Columnist*

There is no question that the Louvre, in Paris, France, is one of the world's greatest repositories of art. Although, this iconic destination managed to get into the news a couple of times in recent months, more for the art pieces they were losing than for the art they have.

I have visited the Louvre, and done the ridiculous tourist jog past hundreds of pieces of priceless art to gaze over the heads of hundreds of other tourists all gawping at a small painting called the Mona Lisa. So this time in Paris, although we strolled around the grounds of the Louvre, we gave the interior a miss, and opted to visit two other art galleries, also situated along the Seine River.

We were not sorry in the least that we made that choice.

Our initial stop, on our very first afternoon in Paris, was the Musée d'Orsay. The museum holds the largest collection of Impressionist and Post-Impressionist art anywhere in the world... and yes, much more than in the Louvre.

If you don't happen to be an art expert, here's a quick Knowles' notes: Impressionism was an art movement that began in Paris in the late 1800s and continued for several decades. Key figures included Claude Monet, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Camille Pissarro and Paul Cézanne. Post-Impressionism was an artistic movement in direct and almost immediate response to Impressionism. It, too, had its roots in France, and included such well-known artists as Vincent Van Gogh and Paul Gauguin.

While the Impressionists painted natural scenes with a whimsical, misty perspective, the Post-Impressionists moved slightly more toward the abstract. In my less-than-expert opinion. Let's be clear about that.

There is a Canadian connection here, in that the members of the Group of Seven were profoundly influenced by both of these movements.

So... the work of these famous artists, most but not all French, was what we wanted to see when we entered the elegant former railway station that is now the Musée d'Orsay. Our wishes were granted, a hundred-fold.

If you love art, or you simply want to experience great art to see if you like it, this is the place to be.

We strolled through the galleries, replete with works by all of the artists mentioned above, and many, many more.

And not only did we see paintings by these talented creators, we saw many of their very best pieces – like "Water Lily Pond", and "Blue Water Lilies", by Claude Monet, and "Dance at the Moulin de la Galette" by Renoir.

The museum is a relatively new attraction in Paris, considering the millennia-long history of this "City of Light". Conversion from its original purpose as a railway station to an outstanding art gallery was completed only by 1986, when the works of art (2,000 or so paintings and about 600 sculptures) were installed.

Today there are over 3,000 works at the museum, and they are seen by more than three million visitors each year. (That sounds like a lot, but the Louvre sees three times that many – and has instigated higher pricing and other measures to actually discourage visitors!)

The Musée d'Orsay is located on the Left Bank of the Seine, about a 15-minute walk from the Louvre, which is on the Right Bank. It's a lovely stroll, as it is to the Orangerie, also on the Right Bank but only a 10-minute walk from the Musée d'Orsay.

The Orangerie is also home to significant Impressionist and Post-Impressionist art, and other important pieces, as well. The building itself (like the Musée d'Orsay) was never intended to



(PAUL KNOWLES PHOTO)

**"Water Lily Pond", one of several great paintings by Claude Monet, in the Musée d'Orsay in Paris.**

be an art gallery – it was built in 1852 by Napoleon III, as winter storage for the citrus trees that were placed in the Tuileries Gardens in the warmer months. Thus the name, "Orangerie".

The gardens, by the way, stretch from the Orangerie to the grounds of the Louvre; in my opinion, one of the most pleasant walks anywhere.

Horticulture gave way to art in 1921, when the Orangerie was designated as a place where then-living artists could display their work. The good news is, Claude Monet was very much alive and productive at that time and, in the end, two amazing, oval rooms were created to house Monet's extensive murals known as "Nymphéas" or, yet again, "Water Lilies."

Visiting those rooms is a unique experience, even for the most veteran art connoisseur. You are literally surrounded by the art, drawn into the tranquility of Monet's water gardens.

In 1966, the era represented by the Orangerie

collection was expanded by several decades, as the Jean Walter and Paul Guillaume Collection of modern art was donated to the museum, and is now displayed on the lower floor. That gives visitors the opportunity to get up close and personal with paintings by famous artists like Pablo Picasso and Chaïm Soutine. (Full disclosure: Soutine's rather tortured "Portrait of a Man" has become one of my favourite pieces of art. I don't know what this says about my personal taste).

There is no question: Paris is the place to go to see great art. But if works by Monet or Van Gogh are your favourites, skip the Louvre, and spend your time at these other two amazing galleries.

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**The exterior of the Musée d'Orsay, with its unique rhinoceros sculpture by Henri Alfred Jacquemart.**



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**Renoir's iconic Dance at the Moulin de la Galette.**



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# COMING EVENTS

## MAY

### MAY 7 | 6:45 PM & MAY 9 | 10 AM - 2 PM THE NORWICH LAWN BOWLING CLUB INVITES YOU TO COME AND TRY LAWN BOWLING

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It's the perfect blend of strategy, socializing, and friendly competition. Free instruction. We have the lawn bowls, the "how to", and refreshments. Regular jitneys are Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:45 and first year membership is only \$70! You can find us on Facebook, and our website, [norwichlawnbowling.ca](http://norwichlawnbowling.ca), or you can contact me, Sandra Bertrand, at 519-535-0542. See you on the greens!

### MAY 10 | 9 AM - 1 PM MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH Tillsonburg Legion, 16 Durham St, Tillsonburg, ON

Serving pancakes, bacon, sausage, home fries, eggs, tea, coffee, juice for only \$15 Adults and \$8 Children cash at the door. Flowers for the first 100 Mothers!

### MAY 11 | 5 - 7 PM WORLD FAMOUS ROAST BEEF SUPPER

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Adults: \$25, Ages 6-12: \$6, Under 6: FREE. Advance tickets please call Helen: 519-879-6883 or email: [ottervilleunitedchurch@gmail.com](mailto:ottervilleunitedchurch@gmail.com)

### MAY 11 | 7:30 PM DELHI & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING

Delhi Senior Friendship Centre, 418 Queen St., Delhi, ON  
Guest Speaker - Jeff Leadrer, a field naturalist; a founding member of Brant for Nature. He will introduce us to the app which helps identify plants and animals around us, explain this app and how we can navigate it on our devices. Should be very interesting. All welcome. (Enter at rear parking off William Street.)

### MAY 13 | 1:30 PM YOUR VOICE FOR NATURE Ingersoll Centre for Seniors, 250 Ingersoll St S, Ingersoll ON

Brian Craig will examine the ways you can influence and ensure the conservation of nature in The long Point Biosphere Region which is essential for the quality of life on our planet. To confirm attendance email [libwiz@hotmail.com](mailto:libwiz@hotmail.com)

### MAY 19 | DOORS OPEN 5 PM, LIVE AUCTION STARTS 6 PM TILLSONBURG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S ANNUAL GARDEN AUCTION & SALE Lion's Auditorium, TCC, 45 Hardy Ave., Tillsonburg

Everyone welcome! Open to the public. \$2, \$5, \$10 sale tables with annuals, perennials, vegetables, containers & decor. Prize table draws (cash only). Bake sale with pies and tarts, cookies and bread, sandwiches & more! 42 Bottle wine raffle sponsored by Century 21. Live auction includes trees, shrubs, annuals, perennials, garden decor, & tools.

### MAY 21 PENTECOST SUNDAY SERVICE St. John's Anglican Church 46 Ridout St. (519) 842-5573

Join us on this day which commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit onto the Apostles.

It could be called the 'birthday' of the church. We wear red, enjoy fellowship and cake after the service. Come and see! We are a place where people gather.

### MAY 23 | 8 AM - NOON PLANT & BAKE SALE Delhi Tobacco Museum & Heritage Centre

Delhi & District Horticultural Society is having its annual Plant & Bake Sale. Great selection of perennials and home-baked goodies.

### MAY 30 | 9 AM - 12 PM BAKE, PLANTS, PURSES, JEWELLERY, AND ACCESSORIES EVENT

St John's Anglican Church, 46 Ridout ST W

## JUNE

### JUNE 6 | 9 AM - 5 PM CELEBRATING COMMUNITY AT EDISONFEST

Vienna Memorial Park, 6226 Plank Rd., Vienna

Local Vendors, Bouncy Castles, Food Trucks, Blacksmith demonstrations, and featuring World Champion Arm Wrestler Mike Gould! Registration begins at 10 am for the arm wrestling competition! Email: [bayhamhistoricalsociety@hotmail.com](mailto:bayhamhistoricalsociety@hotmail.com) for further information!

### JUNE 6 | 9 AM - 1 PM TASTE OF SUMMER

Memorial Park, 46 Sanders St, Tillsonburg, ON

Presented by: 3E. Food trucks, vendor village, children's shows & activities! Entrance by donation to the TDMH Foundation.

### JUNE 10 | 12 - 8 PM THE BROWNSVILLE ANNUAL SCHOOL REUNION

Brownsville Community Centre  
There will be a Potluck lunch, so please bring your favourite dish. All former students and spouses are welcome to attend. If you have any Historical information or pictures please bring them with you. If you have any questions please contact Patty Meertens at [rpmeertens@gmail.com](mailto:rpmeertens@gmail.com).

## JULY

### JULY 17 & 18 BRANTFORD UKULELE FESTIVAL

Tickets for the 2026 Brantford Ukulele Festival, set for July 17th and 18th are going fast! Register before April 17th to get in on the Early Bird special. Get details on performers, workshops and more at [brantfordukulelesociety.org](http://brantfordukulelesociety.org).

## ONGOING CLASSES, CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

### 3<sup>RD</sup> TUE. OF MONTH | 6:30 - 8:30 PM CAREGIVER CONNECTION Revel Realty Woodstock, 111 Huron Street (Virtual/hybrid options available)

Are you worried about your child or youth? Parents and Caregivers for Mental Health (PCMH) is here to listen, support, and walk alongside you on this journey. Our free Caregiver Connection peer support groups offer parents and caregivers a community of support. Can't make it in person? Join one of our virtual or hybrid groups! Visit [family.cmho.org](http://family.cmho.org) or email [oxfordcounty@pcmh.ca](mailto:oxfordcounty@pcmh.ca) for more information.

### OXFORD COUNTY DIABETES EDUCATION PROGRAM Appointments are available at Alexandra Hospital Ingersoll and Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital and by phone

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### MONDAYS | 9 - 11:30 AM OTTER VALLEY TAI CHI

St. John's Anglican Church, 46 Ridout St. W., Tillsonburg

New Monday morning classes have begun. Spots still available: 9:00 – 10:30 am Introduction, 10:30 – 11:30 am Foundations. Enjoy gentle exercise with others as you work to improve flexibility, balance and stamina. Call 519-688-9779, email [ottervalley@canadiantaichiacademy.org](mailto:ottervalley@canadiantaichiacademy.org), visit [canadiantaichiacademy.org](http://canadiantaichiacademy.org).

### MONDAYS | 7 - 9 PM MODERN SQUARE DANCING IS FOR YOU!

Thames Valley Dance Club  
Looking for something to do in the evening or something new to try? Modern square dancing is a great way to learn something new, have fun, meet new friends, relieve stress, and get some exercise! All you need is comfortable shoes and casual clothing. No experience or partner is required and anyone over the age of 12 is welcome (children from 12-15 with an adult, please). **The 2025-2026 season has started at the Ingersoll Pipe Band Hall, 108 Wonham St. S. Ingersoll.** The first night is free, and after that the cost is \$7.50 per person each Monday, paid monthly at the start of the month. For more information, contact Julie at 519-535-3314.

### 2<sup>ND</sup> TUES. OF MONTH (SEPT. TO MAY) | 2 - 4 PM

### 4<sup>TH</sup> TUES. OF MONTH (SEPT. TO MAY) | 7 - 9 PM

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Church of the Epiphany, 560 Dundas Street, Woodstock Ontario N4S 1C7

If you have never belonged to a stamp club, now's the time. Meet new friends, grow your knowledge and collection. Contact: Don Eaton [dhfe@silomail.com](mailto:dhfe@silomail.com). Website: <http://www.rpsc.org/chapters/oxford>

### 3<sup>RD</sup> WED. OF MONTH | 10 AM - NOON LYNN RIVER PROBUS CLUB

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Our retired and semi-retired members enjoy diverse interest groups, friendship and fellowship. We have interesting speakers at our monthly meetings as well as time to socialise. Current and prospective members are welcome to join us at the Army, Navy & Air Force Club, Simcoe, which is on the corner of Water St. and Culver St. Simcoe. Enter via Culver St. For more information, please visit our website at: [lynnriverprobus239.com](http://lynnriverprobus239.com) or email [lynnriverprobus239@gmail.com](mailto:lynnriverprobus239@gmail.com)

### TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS | 7 - 9 PM SATURDAYS | 10 AM - 12 PM LEARN BRAZILIAN JIU-JITSU (BJJ)

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### EVERY OTHER FRIDAY | 1 - 4 PM SPRING INTO THE INGERSOLL COUNTRY MUSIC JAMBOREE Masonic Hall, 190 Thames St. S., Ingersoll

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### FRIDAYS | 1 PM INTERESTED IN BRIDGE? JOIN US AT THE TILLSONBURG DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB Tillsonburg Senior Centre - 45 Hardy Ave, Tillsonburg

Don't have a partner? Come anyway and we will match you up with someone. For more information, visit their Facebook page: [TburgBridge](https://www.facebook.com/TburgBridge).

### 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> TUES. OF MONTH TILLSONBURG LIONS

The Tillsonburg Lions meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. You are invited to their dinner meetings in the Lion's Den at the Community Centre. If you are interested in giving back to your Community contact Jim at 519 409 0876 for more information.....all are welcome.

### 1<sup>ST</sup> WED. OF MONTH | 7 PM WAGNER MEMORIAL TEETERVILLE LEGION BRANCH 526 - MEMBERS GENERAL MEETING

The Wagner Memorial Teeterville Legion Branch 526 - 3890 Teeterville Road, Teeterville, ON

Not a member? Contact us to join. For More Information Call, the Legion 519-443-5588. [www.teetervillelegionbranch526.ca](http://www.teetervillelegionbranch526.ca)

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT ONE OF OUR EVENTS? WE WELCOME YOU!

The Wagner Memorial, Teeterville Legion Branch 526 - 3890 Teeterville Road, Teeterville, ON

You do not need to be a member to Volunteer, Just contact the legion and leave your name and number and purpose of your call. Someone will get back to you as to where you might be needed. Students and Adults welcome. **Open hours. Wed.-Fri. 3 pm-10 pm, Sat.1 pm-10 pm, Sun.1 pm-6 pm. For More Information call, the Legion at 519-443-5588 or [teetervillelegionbranch526.ca](http://teetervillelegionbranch526.ca)**

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**Why did the cookie cry?**

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**What did the mama volcano say to the baby volcano?**

*Don't erupt while I'm talking.*

**Why did mom's gift arrive the day after Mother's Day?**

*It was choco-LATE!*

**What did the baby Egyptian say when he got lost?**

*I want my mummy!*

**What did the mother broom say to the baby broom?**

*It's time to go to sweep!*

**Why did the kids give their mom a blanket for Mother's Day?**

*Because they thought she was the coolest mom!*

**What did the mommy cat say when her kittens brought her warm milk on Mother's Day?**

*This is purrrrfect!*

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# WORD SEARCH

## MOTHER'S DAY

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## TREES

For Sale: Shade Trees; Maples, Oaks, Birch, Beech, Honey Locusts, Elms, Magnolia, Hydrangea Tree, Tulip Tree, Crab apples, Ivory Silk Lilac, Chanticleer Pear, Golden Weeping Willows and more. Apples, Pears, Peaches, Plums, Apricots, Nectarine, Blueberry, Haskap etc. Lots of healthy strong Spruce, Cedars and White Pine for your privacy hedges and windbreaks. Hundred of flowering shrubs.  
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