

JT JASON TANGORRA
BROKER OF RECORD



**Experience.
Integrity. Trust.**
Royal LePage Brant Realty

jasontangorra.com
519.209.1543

**SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESS
FOR OVER 15 YEARS**



"We change the way web designers & companies work together by forming a creative relationship with you."
TREVOR CHEREWKA

**SMASHING
PIXELS**
smashingpixels.ca

**QUALITY LICENSED HOME
CHILD CARE, CLOSE TO HOME.**



REGISTER NOW
FOR SEPTEMBER

519-758-2703
WWW.WEEWATCH.COM

What do we have to offer?

- ✓ REDUCED PARENT FEES - MORE AFFORDABLE CARE
- ✓ EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING
- ✓ EXPERIENCED PROVIDERS
- ✓ SMALLER GROUP SIZES - MORE INDIVIDUALIZED CARE



**MR. LUBE
+ TIRES**

225 Henry St. Brantford
519-756-6000

181 Lynden Rd. Brantford
519-304-4404

185 King George Rd. Brantford
COMING SOON



13TH ANNUAL SOUTH COAST JAZZ FESTIVAL



STORY PAGE 3




Stacked
PANCAKE & BREAKFAST HOUSE

**\$6.99
Breakfast
Special**



Mon - Fri
7am - 9am
Dine-in ONLY

1070 Rest Acres Rd. Unit 2 Paris | 519-442-0440
245, 265 King George Rd. Unit 102B Brantford | 519-759-3575
221 Henry St. Brantford | 519-759-1067

Open Everyday | 7 AM - 3 PM

stackedpancakehouse.ca

BSCENE.ca

Entertainment & Community Guide

Inside this month

13th Annual South Coast Jazz Festival Celebrates Canada	3
BSCENE Community News	4 - 5
BSCENE Puzzles · Sudoku	5
Your Neighbourhood Experts	6 - 8
Couture De Beauté Has Arrived	9
HAPPY CANADA DAY!	10 - 11
Be Seen with BSCENE	12 - 13
SUPPORT LOCAL SHOPPING GUIDE	14 - 15
JULY 2026 EVENT GUIDE	16 - 19
Cognitive Dynamics The Art & Science of Going Beyond the Biomarkers	20
Brantford Food Bank Community Care in Every Backpack	21
Lansdowne Children's Centre Billie MacDonald-Moore wins 2026 Terry Fisher Memorial Award	23
The Gathering Place Summer at The Gathering Place	24
Downtown Brantford BIA Detour to Deliciousness - Dig in & Enjoy Downtown Brantford	25
Zig Misiak 51st State in 1814	27
Be Seen with BSCENE	28 - 29
A LOOK BACK with Jack Jackowetz Armed Conflict	30 - 31

A member of the Brantford-Brant Chamber of Commerce & County of Brant Chamber of Commerce



BSCENE AROUND TOWN



Congratulations to Doug "The Great" Hunt on his retirement from Participation Support Services! Many people came out to Southwood Estate on Thursday, June 25th to help celebrate Doug as he heads off to 'new heights' in his retirement. Thank you for all your years of service and community support!

Canada

Special thank you to Heritage Canada and the Canadian Periodical Fund, Special Measures for Journalism for their recent support and grant funding.



THE BSCENE TEAM

JULY 2026 VOL. 12, EDITION 10
A very special Thank You to the BScene Team for everything that they do to help create the paper each month!, Thank You to all the contributors, advertisers, supporters and readers for helping to create and sustain this #BRANTastic publication.

OWNER, PUBLISHER
Jason Freeze jason@bscene.ca

FINANCE, ZOHIO & EVENT GUIDE
Joanne Palma accounting@bscene.ca

BUSINESS ADVISOR
Jodi Laking hello@worksmartcanada.ca

DESIGNER
Josef Stevens

COLUMNISTS
Jack Jackowetz
Yvonne Van De Wiele-Cooper

PHOTOGRAPHERS
Jason Freeze
Thomas Clare

EVENT GUIDE COORDINATOR / GRAPHIC DESIGN
Edith Freeze events@bscene.ca

DELIVERIES
Bruce Freeze

EVENT GUIDE LISTING
events@bscene.ca

ABOUT BSCENE
BScene is a monthly, local Entertainment and Community Guide, showcasing the #BRANTastic features of Brantford, Brant, and Six Nations through engaging content and with the Best Event Guide in our community.
The BScene paper has been in production since 2014 and has also produced additional community content such as our annual Holidays & Traditions Magazine.
Each month we print approximately 10,500 copies, which are distributed through key community partners in our community and also delivered directly to homes on a rotating basis. Readers can subscribe to our monthly e-newsletter with a digital copy of the paper or subscribe to home delivery of the paper every month. Visit www.bscene.ca for more information and to sign up!

ADVERTISING
BScene has an engaged and dedicated readership who are invested in experiencing what our community has to offer and supporting local businesses and organizations. We reach this community through our distribution of approximately 10,500 papers each month, as well as special annual guides like our Holidays & Traditions Magazine, with a circulation of 55,000+ copies delivered directly to homes. Our online Community Event Guide is maintained with up-to-date content including an "Event of the Day" reminder.
We want to help share your story with our engaged audience. For advertising inquiries, please contact Jason Freeze at: jason@bscene.ca or by calling 226-802-2299. You can also visit us online at www.bscene.ca and connect on our Social Media channels @bscenepaper.

COPYRIGHT & EDITORIAL NOTES
BScene is wholly owned and published by Jason Freeze. All content © 2026 and all rights to distribution are reserved by BScene. No part of this publication can be reproduced without the written permission of the publisher.
As a community forum for sharing thoughts and experiences, the views expressed in this magazine are not necessarily those of the Publisher, Editor, other contributors, advertisers, or distributors unless otherwise stated.
BScene always strives to offer the most accurate content as possible. We apologize for any errors that we may have missed. Feel free to contact us with any concerns or corrections you may have. E&OE.
We also realize that some subjects and information can be sensitive topics, and will always strive to present these topics and stories to the best of our ability and with consideration to our reading audience.

COVER
Submitted Photos



Specializing in All your BBQ needs!

403 Fairview Dr. ♦ 519-752-3151 ♦ www.strodes.ca



Submitted photos

13TH ANNUAL SOUTH COAST JAZZ FESTIVAL CELEBRATES CANADA

WORLD CLASS TALENT PERFORMS IN PORT DOVER AND BRANTFORD AUGUST 14-16



YVONNE VAN DE WIELE-COOPER

www.rountablepr.com
[@yvonne@rountablepr.com](mailto:yvonne@rountablepr.com)

New Orleans energy, Parisian flavour, soul, swing and community celebration are all a part of this year's diverse and dynamic South Coast Jazz Festival. Festival producer Juliann Kuchocki says the focus this year is on Canadian talent. "With all that's going on in the world, we wanted to tap down to a little bit more of music that hits home with Canadians," she said. She points to the variety of ethnic backgrounds and diversity found in Canada, which will be highlighted.

The Friday, August 14th youth programming portion of the festival is long sold out, reflecting the growing demand for education focused programming. For the past few years, South Coast Jazz has partnered with Glenhyrst Gardens, bringing music to their summer arts camp. This year's focus is more performance oriented. "Last year for instance, we were working on a blues tune and they came up with their own music, their own verses and we created a song, all according to what they were feeling," said Kuchocki. The youngsters also created drawings to accompany the music, which was then showcased in the lobby of the Sanderson Centre when iconic Canadian band Lighthouse performed. "The kids also 'presented' at the main event with the big pros," said Kuchocki.

Despite being a driving force behind the Festival for more than a decade, Kuchocki has never performed a set in the festival, until now. On the heels of her "soon to be released" album, Kuchocki and her band are part of the Saturday, August 15th line-up at the Port Dover Community Centre. New material from her album will also be showcased at that time. The Saturday playbill also highlights the high energy New Orleans/Mardi Gras style of Red Hot Ramble, who are headlining the Friday night line-up. Canadian jazz and Indigenous stars including Mark Kelso, Brian Dickinson, Rob Piltch, Neil Swainson, Six Nations performer Jai King-Green and others make up the Port Dover portion of the



festival which kicks off at 5p.m. Sam Clark, singer-songwriter Carla Muller, Mark Hukezalie, Brian Fettes and the Latin stylings of Maybel Yager are also part of this year's line-up. Laura Porter and Kristy Hamilton will also perform, while Brantford's Joan Minnery will lead patrons in some line-dancing.

At 1p.m. on Sunday, August 16th, the festival continues with Brantford's Glenhyrst Gardens as the backdrop. The afternoon of music kicks off with Juliet Dunn and Le Trio Parisian, bringing a joyful Parisian inspired sound to the stage.

Early bird tickets are on sale now through southcoastjazz.com. The first 100 VIP seats receive the best available table seating. Meantime, both VIP and general

admission free/by donation tickets (made possible by OLG), need to be downloaded in advance to help guarantee space. With seating and capacity limited, advance downloading is strongly recommended.

Kuchocki gave a huge shout out to the festival's donors. She says without the support of OLG, Ontario Creates, Brantford's Community Foundation/City Grants, and area businesses, the South Coast Jazz Festival wouldn't be the "signature Southwestern Ontario Cultural event" that it is. The festival supports not only live music and outstanding Canadian artists, but also local businesses and tourism.

For anyone seeking tickets, especially early bird tickets, or music lovers interested in playing a role in next year's South Coast Jazz Festival, visit southcoastjazz.com.

www.southcoastjazz.com


BSCENE
COMMUNITY NEWS



COUNTY OF BRANT PROVIDES UPDATE ON THE BAWCUTT CENTRE

Submitted Media Release

At its meeting on June 23, 2026, County of Brant Council approved a plan to proceed with renovations to The Bawcutt Centre (formerly the Paris Old Town Hall), located at 13 Burwell Street in Paris.

The plan for The Bawcutt Centre involves a partnership with Wingbury Properties, drawing on its experience in the renovation and successful operation of the Wincey Mills (circa 1889) located in downtown Paris, to oversee the renovation project and seek commercial tenants for the building, which will remain County owned. Areas within the space will also be identified for County programming.

“I am very pleased to have a plan in place for the future of The Bawcutt Centre,” said County of Brant Mayor David Bailey. “This has been a long time coming, and I appreciate the dedication of staff and community partners who have worked to help preserve this important cultural landmark. The Bawcutt Centre has a rich history in our community, and I am excited to see it continue to serve residents for generations to come.”

The Bawcutt Centre was originally acquired by the County in late 2015, assisted by a \$1 million donation by Skystone Media. Over the past decade three separate renovation plans have been considered and ultimately been unsuccessful due to various complications, including a lack of private capital funding and considerable cost increases since the COVID-19 pandemic.

Following the decision not to proceed with the combined County of Brant Central Library Branch and The Bawcutt Centre proposal in January 2025, the renovation plan for The Bawcutt Centre remained uncertain. With the responsibility of ownership, County Council and staff evaluated various opportunities over the past 18 months, including investigating the current market options and viability of renovations. In 2025, the County undertook an Expression of Interest process to seek a public-private partnership to facilitate renovations using private capital funding, with only one bid received requiring a significant contribution of public funding from the County. Ultimately, a partnership with Wingbury Properties that includes the renovation of the building, was recognized as the most viable option.

“We look forward to contributing to the revitalization of The Bawcutt Centre,” said Walter Koppelaar, President of Wingbury Properties. “This building is an important part of the community and a defining feature of the Paris landscape. We will take great care in working with the County to help restore this landmark to its full potential while balancing heritage preservation, community benefit and financial responsibility.”

An analysis of options presented to Council over the past several months included the County undertaking the renovation, which staff estimated would cost approximately \$14.2 million, partnering with Wingbury Properties at an estimated cost of \$9.5 million, or selling the building. Council ultimately determined that preserving the building through a partnership offered the best balance between heritage preservation and fiscal responsibility. This decision by Council also separates the funding portions for the new Central Library Branch and The Bawcutt Centre, allowing both projects to move forward.

SOLUTION

to our Sudoku puzzle, Page 5

3	4	5	6	9	1	7	2	8
6	1	2	7	8	3	5	4	9
7	9	8	2	4	5	1	3	6
9	6	4	1	5	7	2	8	3
5	2	3	8	6	4	9	1	7
8	7	1	9	3	2	4	6	5
1	3	9	5	2	8	6	7	4
4	5	7	3	1	6	8	9	2
2	8	6	4	7	9	3	5	1

“Following considerable analysis and evaluation, consultation with The Bawcutt Centre Advisory Committee, and a cross-departmental approach to evaluate the future of The Bawcutt Centre, the plan to partner with Wingbury Properties provides the right outcome to renovate and finally secure a future for the building,” said Adam Crozier, General Manager of Strategic Initiatives. “Wingbury Properties has demonstrated its approach to sympathetic renovation of historic buildings in the County and has the private sector expertise to bring the building back to life with a mix of commercial and community use.”

About The Bawcutt Centre:

Originally constructed in 1854 as the Town Hall for the newly incorporated Town of Paris, The Bawcutt Centre is a provincially designated heritage building, and is a National Historic Site. It is the oldest civic building in Canada, and a rare example of Neo-Gothic civic architecture.

The building has served many functions over its 172-year history. From 1854 until 1903 it served as the Town Hall, market, and still retains the original Town jail cells in the basement. Following the Town moving to the lower town, the building was converted to a factory as the Wheeler Needle Works, produced ammunition shells during the First World War, served as the headquarters of Mary Maxim, with its final use as the home of the Old Town Hall Auctions.

In 2015, the County received a donation from Linda Schuyler, a native Paris resident, about a donation to assist with the purchase and renovation of the Paris Old Town Hall after years of effort to promote the building by the Society for the Preservation of Paris Architectural Heritage (SPPAH). This \$1 million donation was the catalyst to the County's purchase of the building in late 2015, with \$750,000 committed to the purchase, and \$250,000 remaining to assist with the renovation plan of the building. In honour and recognition of the donation, the Paris Old Town Hall was renamed “The Bawcutt Centre” in honour of Linda’s parents, Jack, a former and the final Mayor of the Town of Paris, and Joyce Bawcutt.

At a purchase price of \$1.1 million, the County contributed the additional \$350,000 towards the purchase, and in 2017, purchased the commercial property fronting Dumfries Street for an additional \$400,000 investment.

Prior to Council’s decision, the various renovation plans that have been contemplated since the acquisition included a mixed-use commercial and community use space (2016-2019), municipal staff accommodations, and a new Council Chambers (2019-2021), and lastly, as the new home for the Central Branch of the County of Brant Public Library (2021-2025).

As the building will celebrate its 175th year in 2029, moving forward with a solution after more than a decade of unrealized renovation plans will help to ensure that this National Historic Site can once again serve the community for years to come.

Additional information on The Bawcutt Centre will be shared in the near future.



KIWANIS TEDDY BEAR PICNIC 2026

Submitted Media Release

Lots of families came out to The Burford Agricultural Society and Fairgrounds on Sunday, June 7th as the Kiwanis Paris-Brant held their annual Teddy Bear Picnic. Guests got to enjoy a wide arrange of activities as well as get their teddies a check up from some local professionals.

Photo by Kiwanis Member Aakash Nayi



JC HOMES CELEBRATES MAJOR DONORS AS BRIDGE TO HOME CAMPAIGN REACHES 85% OF GOAL

Submitted Media Release

Jaycees Brantford Non-Profit Housing Corporation (JC Homes) recognized major contributors to the Bridge to Home campaign during a donor celebration held June 4 at the Brantford Club.

Thanks to community support, the campaign has now reached 85% of its fundraising goal.

“This campaign has become a transformational moment for JC Homes,” said Honorary Chair Ron Underwood. “What we are doing goes beyond bricks and mortar. We are helping women rebuild, helping families move forward, and creating a foundation for dignity, independence and belonging. I simply want to say thank you.”

The following donors were recognized during the event:

Partner Level

- Joy O'Donnell, Grand Financial Planning
- Linda and Doug Voss
- Colin Cyr, First Ontario Credit Union

Patron Level

- Michael Lefebvre
- Ken Tota
- City of Brantford — represented by Councillor Linda Hunt

Investor Level

- Ron and Joan Underwood, John and Kathryn Underwood, and the Rod Underwood Fund, Brant Community Foundation

Builder Level

- Rotary Club of Brantford Sunrise
- Harold and Mary Ellen Edgar
- Millards Chartered Professional Accountants

Champion Level

- Donald and Jo-Anne Wilkin Fund, Brant Community Foundation
- Phil Race — The Race Family Fund

Leader Level

- Ron and Joan Underwood

Campaign Chair Kathy Ballantyne also announced two new major gifts:

- \$40,000 from Hangar 83 Inc. — with special thanks to Blaine Field and Ken Tota
- \$50,000 from SC Johnson

“We are deeply grateful for the support helping bring this project to life,” said Ballantyne.

About 32 Bridge Street

32 Bridge Street will provide 24 affordable housing units for women, women-led households, individuals, and families in Brantford, including six accessible units. The four-storey mixed-use development will also feature community and social enterprise space.

The project’s total construction cost is \$10.6 million, with a fundraising goal of \$1.5 million through the Bridge to Home campaign. Construction is expected to be completed in fall 2026.

To learn more or support the campaign, visit www.bridgetohome.ca



ENJOY BRANTFORD’S HARMONY SQUARE FREE SUMMER ACTIVITIES ALL SUMMER LONG!

Submitted Media Release

The City of Brantford is offering a variety of free summer programming and events throughout July and August in Harmony Square Brantford (89 Dalhousie St.). Families can enjoy free outdoor movies and live music, children’s programming and character meet-and-greets, roller skating, chess, and fitness classes including yoga, BodyFit, CardioFit, and HIIT. The splash pad is now open daily to cool off from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. All activities are weather permitting.

“The Special events team is thrilled to welcome the community to Harmony Square Downtown Brantford BIA this summer for a season filled with free, diverse programming designed for all ages and interests,” says Jennifer Middleton, Special Events Supervisor for the City of Brantford. “We are very grateful to our community partners and sponsors for their generous support which helps create free, memorable experiences for residents and families to enjoy.”

Movies in the Square offers an exciting line-up of outdoor movies sponsored by local businesses, every Thursday at dusk, from July 9 to August 27, 2026. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early to enjoy pre-show activities. Take part in weekly trivia on Harmony Square’s Facebook page for a chance to win the VIP treatment including two free drinks, two bags of popcorn and front row Muskoka chairs, sponsored by the Downtown Central Neighbourhood Association. Popcorn, sweet treats and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase. All proceeds from the concession will go to the Downtown Central Neighbourhood Association.

Music in the Square, presented by TD Bank Group, will have attendees up and dancing with live musical performances from local talent. Enjoy free, live music every Friday evening at 7 p.m., from July 10 to August 28, 2026. The summer music series kicks off on July 10, 2026 with Elvis in the Square, an Elvis & Co Crown Production, offering an electrifying night under the stars, featuring Champion Elvis Tribute Artist Connor Russo, accompanied by The Casino Brothers Band and The Roulettes.

Matinees in the Square provide a symphony of live acoustic sets on select Sundays at 3 p.m. featuring the Telephone City Musical Society on July 5, Sivle on July 19 and Dan Taylor’s music students on August 9, 2026.

Roller Skate in the Square, presented by Contact Brant, will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays, featuring a live D.J. from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., from July 6 to August 26, 2026. Onsite registration is required. Skate rentals are \$5 plus tax, per pair but attendees are welcome to bring their own. Roller Skate in the Square will not be offered on the Civic Holiday, Monday, August 3, 2026.

Fitness in the Square returns with free drop-in fitness classes from July 6 to August 28, 2026, in partnership with Laurier Brantford YMCA. Classes include High Intensity Interval Training (HIIT) on Mondays from 7:15 a.m. to 8 a.m., excluding Monday, August 3, 2026, Yoga on Tuesdays from 6:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., BodyFit on Wednesdays from 7:15 a.m. to 8 a.m., and CardioFit on Fridays from 7:15 a.m. to 8 a.m. Classes are instructed by a canfitpro certified Fitness Instructor. No previous experience required, all fitness levels are welcome. In case of inclement weather, Fitness in the Square will be held indoors at the YMCA (100 Water St.), please check in at the main desk upon arrival.

Character Meet and Greets include visits with the Glass Slipper Company’s Mermaid Princess, Snow Queen, Tower Princess, the Phantom Spider and more, presented by Contact Brant. A rotation of characters will bring magic to the square every Tuesday from July 7 to August 25, 2026 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Kids can tap into their creativity by colouring a page of the character, then take a photo with them and have their work of art autographed. In the event of rain, the meet and greet will take place in the lobby of the Sanderson Centre for the Performing Arts (88 Dalhousie St.).

Chess in the Square returns on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. from July 7 to August 27, 2026 with the Brantford Chess Club. Additional Chess Tournaments will be held Sunday, July 26 and Sunday, August 23 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Playdate in the Square with the Brantford Public Library will have children blowing bubbles, playing giant games and much more, weather permitting, every Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. from July 8 to August 19, 2026.

Fun in the Sun Family Gatherings will offer family-fun and Indigenous cultural learning through fun crafts, science experiments, painting, and more, with Family Gatherings Urban EarlyON. This program takes place on Mondays from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. from July 6 August 17, 2026, excluding Monday, August 3, 2026.

Families can cool off this summer at the splash pad, now open daily from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Program closure dates for July and August, along with real-time splash pad open and close status, can be found at Brantford.ca/SplashPads and on Harmony Square’s Facebook page.

Brantford Transit is available to attendees looking for transportation to Harmony Square’s activities and events with the main terminal conveniently located only one block away. Schedules, routes and rates are available online at Brantford.ca/Transit.

A full listing of Harmony Square summer programming can be found at Calendar.Brantford.ca/HarmonySquare. Find more details on Harmony Square programs and events at Brantford.ca/HarmonySquare or by calling 519-759-4150. Join the conversation on the Harmony Square’s Facebook page.

**ADVERTISING WORKS...
YOU JUST PROVED IT!**

**PUT YOUR BUSINESS IN FRONT OF
THOUSANDS OF EYES**

**every month in
Brantford, Brant County &
Six Nations.**

**Contact: Jason Freeze
226-802-2299 jason@bscene.ca**

BSCENE.ca
Entertainment & Community Guide

 **BSCENE PUZZLES
SUDOKU**

HOW TO PLAY:

Our irregular sudoku puzzles are 9 x 9 square sudoku grids. Instead of having 9 square areas of 3 x 3 squares , these 9 areas are irregularly shaped. The principles to apply are the same as for a regular sudoku. You must deduce 9 different numbers per row, column and area.

DIFFICULTY LEVEL : medium

Used with permission from sudoku-puzzles.net

For solution see page 4

3	4	5						8
6	1			8	3	5	4	9
7	9			4	5			6
			1	5	7			
				6	4	9		
	7	1	9			4		
		9		2		6		4
	5			1				
2		6				3		

Isaac Rosebrugh
MORTGAGE BROKER & REALTOR®

BRX **exp**

Experience Real Estate & Mortgages SIMPLIFIED

Redefining client expectations by seamlessly combining the expertise of a licensed REALTOR® and Mortgage Broker in one.

📞 519-754-6611 🌐 InspiredBroker.com 📧 Isaac@InspiredBroker.com

BUY • SELL • INVEST • PURCHASE • REFINANCE • BEST CONSULTATION

Positano

250 King George Rd. Brantford
519.751.1221
Ben Kleinsasser
ben@positanowine.com
www.positanowine.com

➤ **Wine**
➤ **Retail**
➤ **Gift Cards**

WILL BOUMA, MPP
Brantford–Brant

Queen's Park Office:
Rm. 269, Legislative Bldg.
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A8
Tel: 416-326-7092
Fax: 416-326-7199

Constituency Office:
96 Nelson Street,
Unit 101
Brantford, ON N3T 2X1
Tel: 519-759-0361
Fax: 519-759-6439
will.bouma@pc.ola.org

Dan MUYS
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
FLAMBOROUGH—GLANBROOK-BRANT NORTH

Dan Muys, MP for Brant North
519-448-1483
Office: 6 Main St. S., St. George
Mail: Box 1100, St. George, ON N0E 1N0
dan.muys@parl.gc.ca | DanMuysMP.ca

ROUND TABLE • PUBLIC RELATIONS

- **Voice Over Services**
- **Copy Writing**
- **Publicity**
- **Media Relations**

519.756.7636
roundtablepr.com
yvonne@roundtablepr.com

Helping YOU Communicate Effectively

Thank you

to Our Patreon Patrons:
Donna Nelson
Catherine Astolfo

Help Support BSCENE.ca
https://www.patreon.com/BScenePaper

Great Advice from your Neighbourhood Experts!

BUSINESS PLANNING

BY JODI LAKING

YOU HAVE A VACATION PLAN.
But Do You Have a Business Executor?

Last month, we talked about the questions every business owner should answer before heading out on summer vacation. One of those questions was:

Who would step in if you were unavailable for two weeks?

For many entrepreneurs, the answer is a trusted employee, business partner, office manager, or even a spouse.

But let's take that question one step further. *What if you couldn't come back in two weeks?*

What if an illness, accident, hospitalization, or other unexpected event left you unable to run your business for an extended period of time?

- Would someone know how your business operates?
- Would they know how to access important systems, accounts, and files?
- Would they know who to contact, what decisions need to be made, and what absolutely cannot wait?

For many business owners, the answer is *no* — and that's not because they've done anything wrong.

Most entrepreneurs build their businesses one day at a time. Processes live in their heads. Relationships are managed through their personal knowledge and experience. Over time, they become the central hub for almost everything.

That's where the concept of a **Business Executor** comes in.

A Business Executor is a trusted person identified by the business owner to help manage the operational side of the business during a serious disruption. Unlike a legal executor who manages an estate, a Business Executor focuses on the day-to-day business responsibilities that need immediate attention.

This could include communicating with clients, coordinating with team members, managing urgent operational issues, and helping stabilize the business while longer-term decisions are made.

The goal isn't to prepare for the worst. The goal is to make sure the people around you aren't left trying to figure everything out in real time.

You've worked hard to build your business. Taking the time to identify a Business Executor and create a contingency plan is one of the most important ways to protect it.



yourbusinessexecutor.ca
info@yourbusinessexecutor.ca
(519) 755-2530
@yourbusinessexecutor



YOUR MOBILE LIFE

BY STEVE & LORRAINE GARNHAM

NEW CELL PHONE PLAN LEGISLATION IN CANADA

Starting June 12, 2026, phone and internet companies in Canada are no longer allowed to charge:

- Activation fees for new cellphone or home internet plans
- Plan change or "switching" fees when you modify your existing plan
- Cancellation fees just for ending your cellphone or home internet plan

This applies to most postpaid cellphone plans and home internet services used by individuals and small businesses.

You may still need to pay:

- Any remaining balance on a financed or subsidized phone or modem
- Any outstanding monthly charges up to your cancellation date

Example: If you got a \$1,000 phone on a payment plan and cancel early, you will not pay a cancellation fee on the plan itself, but you may still owe the remaining device balance.

These new rules are meant to:

- Make it easier to switch providers to get a better deal
- Let you change your plan (more data, less data, etc.) without one-time fees
- Give you more control over your monthly bill

You can now focus on the monthly price and features, instead of worrying about surprise setup or cancellation charges.

Other protections you should know

- Your provider must clearly notify you before a promo price or contract term ends, so you can review your options.
- You will receive alerts when data roaming charges reach certain levels, with info on how to manage or change your roaming options.
- By April 26, 2027, all providers must let you change or cancel plans using an easy, free self-service option (online or in-app) with written confirmation.

As always, if you have any questions about the new Cell Phone Plan Legislation changes contact us at CPR Cell Phone Repair Brantford.



185 King George Road Unit A2 Brantford
519.304.3550
cpr-brantford.com



EDUCATION

BY TIFFANY BERE

BUILDING STRONG READERS FOR LIFELONG SUCCESS

Reading is one of the most important skills a child can develop, forming the foundation for success in every school subject and grade level. Research continues to show that strong vocabulary and reading comprehension skills in the early years can help predict future academic achievement, including success in high school.

Understanding a wide range of words is essential for reading comprehension. The larger a child's vocabulary becomes, the easier it is for them to understand written texts, communicate effectively, and develop confidence in learning.

Strong reading skills support much more than language arts. Students rely on reading comprehension in math, science, social studies, and even writing assignments. Without a solid reading foundation, many areas of learning can become more difficult and frustrating.

For many young readers, learning to connect letters and sounds and decode words can feel overwhelming at first. With encouragement and the right support, however, children can strengthen their reading abilities, gain confidence, overcome hesitation, and discover a lifelong love of books.

Families can help nurture reading skills at home in simple and meaningful ways:

- Make reading for pleasure part of the daily routine.
- Visit local libraries and bookstores together.
- Talk about stories, characters, and new ideas after reading.
- Introduce new vocabulary words regularly to encourage language growth.

As children improve their reading skills, they also build imagination, dedication, self-esteem, and confidence that carries into every aspect of learning.

At Oxford Learning, reading development is a key focus. From early phonics and reading fluency to comprehension and essay writing, programs are designed to help students strengthen literacy skills across all subjects.

Summer can also be an ideal time for students to catch up, keep up, or get ahead academically. Even a few hours of active learning each week can help prevent summer learning loss and reduce stress during the school year.

Oxford Learning offers flexible scheduling along with a variety of reading and summer learning programs designed for students of all ages and skill levels.

Contact us for more information on our programs as well as our new Virtual Table™ Teaching Sessions!
All Ages. All Grades. All Subjects.



1084 Rest Acres Rd., Paris, ON N3L 0B5
519.302.0170 paris@oxfordlearning.com
#213 – 505 Park Road North Brantford, ON N3R 7K8
548.338.0200 brantfordnorth@oxfordlearning.com



BUSINESS SERVICES

BY SARA MCLELLAN GENERAL MANAGER

CANADA PROUD

Small businesses across Canada have always been powered by heart, grit, and community and in uncertain economic times, that spirit matters more than ever. Showing Canadian pride isn't just about waving the maple leaf; it's about strengthening local connections, celebrating identity, and inspiring confidence when it's needed most.

Start close to home by sourcing Canadian. Partner with local suppliers, feature homegrown products, and proudly highlight "Made in Canada" offerings in your store or online. Customers increasingly want to support businesses that invest in their own communities, and your commitment to supporting local business and Canadian business can become a powerful point of distinction.

There is no better time to tell your Canadian story than during July, Canada's birth month. Be loud and proud! Share what being Canadian means to your business through social media, newsletters, and in-store displays. Whether it's your origins, your values, or your connection to a specific region, authenticity resonates. Use vibrant visuals, local landmarks, and even a bit of humour to bring your brand's personality to life.

Community engagement is another way to show your loyalty. Sponsor local events, collaborate with neighbouring businesses, or host initiatives that celebrate Canadian culture, from food tastings to seasonal festivals. Supporting local can build goodwill while creating memorable experiences that keep customers coming back.

Include your team. Encourage employees to embrace Canadian pride through themed days, community volunteering, or storytelling campaigns. When your staff feels connected and energized, it naturally shines through in customer interactions.

Finally, stay optimistic and continue focus on the future. Canadians are known for resilience, and small businesses can embody that spirit by being innovative and adapting. Try introducing new services or enhancing the customer experience, every positive step reinforces confidence.

In challenging times, pride brings us together and small businesses are perfectly positioned to lead the way with energy, creativity, and enthusiastic Canadian spirit.

Enterprise Brant provides counselling and financing for start up and existing businesses in Brantford-Brant.

NEED HELP? CALL US! 519-752-4636.



Enterprise Brant 330 West St., Unit 10
enterprisebrant.com
communications@enterprisebrant.com
Office hours: 8:30 to 4:30, M-F



HOLISTIC HEALING

BY DR. ALFRED HAUKE, ND.

CREATING AN OWNER'S MANUAL FOR YOUR GOOD HEALTH

During our special Open House on Saturday, June 13th, Holistic Healing Arts celebrated three milestones with three of our team members. Dr. Singh has been our senior ND for over 25 years, Vanda Godfree has been our amazing clinic manager for over 25 years and Dr. Albano has been our senior women's health advisor for over 15 years.



Submitted photo

As our clinic name suggests, holism is built on effectively working together to bring the many parts of life into sync to generate optimum health. Whether we are speaking about our Naturopathic Doctors, Registered Massage Therapists, Manual Osteopaths, or Reflexologists, we use our many skills to maximize our patients' good health. Holism also realizes that many other parts of the health puzzle also need to be addressed. As health professionals we work together with other health experts in our clinic and also in our community; we support each other and refer to each other. We encourage our patients to work with their health professionals for the various skills required to address their health concerns. It is all about working together to do our part in creating a healthier community.

These are challenging times, and our health is often our best investment in overcoming any obstacles that face us. This allows us to support the life we deserve. Investing in our good health is a vital part of us being able to handle those challenges. We and our families benefit from early strategies of health promotion and disease prevention. This allows us to successfully address concerns such as energy, digestion, muscle and joint pain, focus, and so much more. Together we are here to help you get a good return on your investment in your good health and well being. People working together can accomplish great things.



Holistic Healing Arts
274 King George Rd.
Brantford, ON. N3R 5L6
519-751-3488.
www.ndoc.ca
f HolisticHealingArts

OPTIC HOUSE



A Family Run
&
Locally Owned Business
for Over 30 Years

Brantford's ONLY
Same Day Service

Largest Selection
of High Quality Eyewear
at Reasonable Prices

10 King George Road
Home Hardware Plaza
Brantford

519-752-5456 | www.optichouse.ca

BRANTFORD
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA BSO

2026 CONCERT SEASON 2027

AT THE SANDERSON CENTRE

TICKETS GO ON SALE JULY 2

at the Sanderson Centre box office and online at sandersoncentre.ca



WHEN ALL OTHER LIGHTS GO OUT:
BEETHOVEN & SHORE

with Guest Conductor Shawn Bennett

An evening of music evoking hope and tenacity in the face of uncertain times, featuring Howard Shore's Symphonic Suite from The Lord of the Rings, and Beethoven's exuberant Second Symphony.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026 | 7:30PM

CHRISTMAS CLASSICS

with Guest Conductor Dr. Francois Koh

Join us for a selection of beloved seasonal favourites, Broadway melodies, orchestral gems, and a community sing-along for the whole family.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2026 | 7:30PM



ROMANTIC HORIZONS

with Guest Conductor Samuel Tam

Celebrating the sweeping emotion and colour of the Romantic symphonic tradition, culminating in Dvořák's beloved Symphony No. 9, "From the New World."

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2027 | 3:00PM

HIS AND HERS with Guest Conductors Sharon Lee & Marcus Scholtes

Conducting duo Sharon Lee and Marcus Scholtes present a program of complementary works that reflect connection, contrast, and shared inspiration. Featuring a water theme in partnership with Grand River Conservation Authority.

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2027 | 3:00PM



Tickets: Adults - \$45 each, Students - \$10 each.
Children (Grade 8 and Younger) – FREE.

Season Subscription (all four concerts)
Adult - \$153 Students - \$34

Available at the Sanderson Centre box office
or online at sandersoncentre.ca

For more information go to: brantfordsymphony.ca

music is
alive

Scan for info about
our next event



COUTURE DE BEAUTÉ HAS ARRIVED

A NEW ERA OF BEAUTY, WELLNESS, & LIFESTYLE IN BRANTFORD

Brantford and Brant County now have a new destination for beauty, wellness, entrepreneurship, and luxury experiences. On Saturday, June 13, 2026, Couture De Beauté officially opened its doors at 125 Morrell Street, Brantford, Ontario, welcoming guests from across the community to celebrate the launch of this innovative, multi-purpose beauty and lifestyle hub.

Founded by entrepreneur Nicola Channer-Waite, Couture De Beauté was created with a vision to offer more than traditional salon services. The business combines beauty, wellness, education, retail, and community under one roof, providing residents with a unique destination unlike anything else currently available in the area.

At the heart of the business is a full-service unisex salon offering professional hair, beauty, and self-care services designed to help clients look and feel their best. The salon welcomes women, men, and families seeking quality service in a luxurious and welcoming environment.

Couture De Beauté is also home to a beauty supply boutique featuring sustainable beauty products carefully selected to support healthy



Submitted Photo

beauty routines while promoting environmentally conscious choices. Customers can shop a variety of products that align with the company's commitment to beauty with purpose.

Beyond beauty services and retail, Couture De Beauté introduces The Couture Executive Room, an elegant, fully equipped space available for daily rental. The room is ideal for corporate meetings, workshops, training sessions, networking events, private consultations, and content creation projects. Local entrepreneurs, professionals, and organizations now have access to a sophisticated venue designed to inspire creativity and productivity.

Adding to the experience is The Couture Elixir

Bar, offering refreshing natural beverages and fresh juices made with quality ingredients. From tropical favourites to wellness-inspired blends, visitors can enjoy what is quickly becoming one of Brantford's most exciting destinations for healthy refreshments.

Guests can also explore the in-house boutique featuring home décor, books, branded merchandise, gifts, and specialty items curated to reflect the Couture De Beauté lifestyle.

"Our goal is to create a space where beauty, business, wellness, and community come together," says founder Nicola Channer-Waite. "We are excited to serve Brantford, Brant County, and the surrounding communities while providing an elevated experience that inspires confidence, creativity, and connection."

Couture De Beauté invites the public to visit, explore, and experience the future of beauty and lifestyle in Brantford.

For more information, visit:
Couture De Beauté
125 Morrell Street, Brantford, ON N3T 4J9.

BSCENE.ca

Entertainment & Community Guide

HAPPY CANADA DAY





HAPPY
Canada
DAY



Kiwaniis
CLUB OF BRANTFORD

Wishing our friends
and neighbours
a safe and happy
Canada Day!



Find a local
celebration at
brant.ca/events

SCAN ME

Free Swim!
July 1 at the Paris Community
Pool (80 Laurel Street, Paris)
from 12:30 - 3:30 pm

Note: County offices and
community centres will be
closed on Wednesday, July 1

COUNTY OF
Brant Simply Grand

brant.ca | info@brant.ca | 519.44BRANT (442.7268) |  



Coin Show
Buy | Sell | Appraise

pariscoinshow.ca
pariscoinshow@gmail.com

Admission \$5.
Draw for a Gold Coin
with admission

Sun. August 9
9am to 3pm

Paris Fairgrounds
139 Silver St.

HAPPY
Canada Day

HAPPY
Canada
DAY

TRUE NORTH STRONG AND FREE



LARRY BROCK MP
BRANTFORD—BRANT SOUTH—SIX NATIONS

LARRY.BROCK@PARL.GC.CA
LARRYBROCKMP.CA
519-754-4300

HAPPY
Canada Day

Today we celebrate the beauty of Canada - our diverse communities, welcoming spirit, and the opportunities that help children and families thrive.

Wishing our wonderful Providers, families, and community a happy & safe Canada Day.

From all of us at Wee Watch Brantford-Brant
Celebrating Canada's future, one child at a time.

Call us, let's talk: 519-758-2703
or visit, www.weewatch.com



Career Hub

The SNP Career Hub is here for ALL job seekers, including those experiencing financial pressures, limited experience, career transitions, or disabilities.

The SNP Career Hub Offers:

- Résumé and cover letter support
- Interview coaching
- Job search strategies
- Workshops on workplace expectations and communication

Visit us at the Athletic Building
411 Elgin Street, Brantford, ON

Walk-ins, referrals, and scheduled appointments are welcome.

Contact us  employmentservices@snpcareerhub.com
519-758-6339





SHOP LOCAL,
SUPPORT CANADIAN, EHI

HAVE A HAPPY
CANADA DAY

Interested in becoming a member or finding out more about what our Chamber can do for your business?
Reach out to us at info@brantchamber.ca or check us out at www.brantchamber.ca



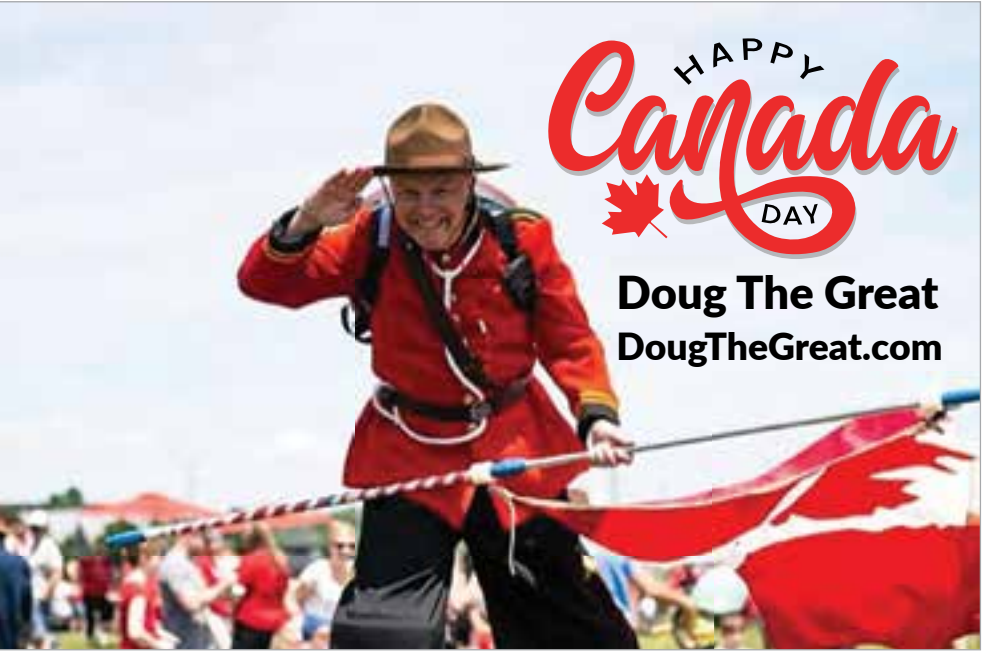
Delited
to wish you a
Happy Canada Day

@DaireeDelite
10 King George Road, Brantford



HAPPY CANADA DAY!
Let's celebrate the true north strong and free!

Dan Muys MP | St. George Office: 6 Main St S | 519-448-1483 | DanMuysMP.ca



HAPPY
Canada
DAY

Doug The Great
DougTheGreat.com

FROM LION'S PARK TO
DOWNTOWN PARIS

CELEBRATE, EXPLORE, AND
SUPPORT LOCAL THIS CANADA
DAY!

JULY 1, 2026 11:00AM-3:00PM

DOWNTOWN
PARIS





GRAND
FINANCIAL PLANNING
[Designed Securities Ltd.]

wishes you...

A GRAND
Canada Day!

Joy O'Donnell BA, CFP, RIS
Owner/Certified Financial Planner

519-753-2500

Happy
CANADA
DAY
from
Mario's
PIZZA WEST
SINCE 1988



242 COLBORNE ST. WEST,
BRANTFORD ON



BRANTFORD
GARDEN CLUB

Come Out and View
Brantford's "One and Only Flower Show"
Sat. July 18, 2:00 to 4:30pm
Lions Park Auditorium, Brantford
Free Admission | Everyone Welcome



BE SEEN WITH BSCENE *A Look Back Through the Eyes of Our Photographers*

28TH ANNUAL NPC SENIOR ART SHOW - LAYERS OF MEANING

June 9, 2026 • North Park Collegiate & V.S., Brantford ON • Photos: Jason Freeze



ONTARIO SINGS - A SAPPHIRE CELEBRATION (Brant Men of Song)

May 31, 2026 • Sanderson Centre, Brantford ON • Photos: Thomas Clare



ELBERTA FARMS
COUNTRY MARKET

353 Governors Rd. E. Paris
(519) 752-2047

Tuesday - Saturday 9-5
Sunday 9-4

Sweet Corn Ready Soon

Proudly Serving Our Community Local Farm Fresh Ontario Produce

Pathways to Education

Discover your future at Sheridan College

SIX NATIONS MONSTER HUNT!

Sunday, July 5th

Great food,
Good vibes
& Customer Giveaways

FEATURING TWO
\$20,000
MUST GO JACKPOTS!

SIXNATIONSBINGO.CA

Playful Fox Productions Presents

Book and Lyrics by David Lindsay Aalbre
Music by Jeanine Tesori

SHREK THE MUSICAL

AUGUST 7, 8 AND 9

SANDERSON CENTRE BRANTFORD
SANDERSONCENTRE.CA

LicenseD WITH PERMISSION THROUGH MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL

TRAIL MIX

Join us for Trail Mix Live! at the Brantford Farmers' Market on select Saturdays this May to September. Don't miss free entertainment and live performances by Trail Mix featured artists.

discoverbrantford.ca/TrailMixLive

A Playful Fox Productions Musical

MEAN GIRLS

OCTOBER 10 & 11 2026

Sanderson Centre for the Performing Arts
sandersoncentre.ca

MEAN GIRLS IS PRESENTED THROUGH SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL LTD. ALL AUTHORISED PERFORMING MATERIALS ARE ALSO SUPPLIED BY MTI WWW.MTIHQ.COM

Grand River Bookstore

Five Oaks Retreat Centre
1 Bethel Road, Paris ON
1-519-442-3366
1-888-668-0871
sales@grandriverbooks.com

Supplies for your Faith Community and Ministry needs

- book studies
- worship needs

OPEN

MON-TUES 4-9PM
WED-THURS 12-9PM
FRI-SAT 12-10PM
SUN 12-5PM

LIVE MUSIC FRIDAY & SATURDAY
TRIVIA MONDAYS
KARAOKE SELECT WEDNESDAYS

#4-111 SHERWOOD DR.
BRANTFORD, ON.

BRANTFORD
RETIREMENT MANOR
INSPIRED SENIOR LIVING

This Summer, Feel Right at Home !

Are you looking for a Comfortable, Caring and Vibrant Community for yourself
or a Family member ?

We understand how important this decision is, and we're here to
guide you every step of the way...



CALL TO BOOK YOUR TOUR AND FIND OUT MORE !

226-966-6151

Brantford@BawaGroup.net

www.BrantfordRetirementManor.ca

152 North Park Street, Brantford, ON

20
PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY

SUMMER CAMP 2026!

FOUR EPIC WEEKS. ENDLESS ADVENTURES.

JULY 13
WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE!
Monday-Friday

JULY 20
Journey Through Timelines!
Monday-Friday

JULY 27
Under The Sea!
Monday-Friday

AUGUST 4
Undercover Adventure!
Tuesday-Friday

QR CODE

AFTERCARE FROM 4-5PM + \$20

\$275
9AM-4PM

FOR REGISTRATION VISIT:
WWW.20PAA.COM

THE SYDENHAM HERITAGE UNITED CHURCH
120 SYDENHAM ST., BRANTFORD



Group-friendly cabins for the ultimate golf getaway

BOOK YOUR BASECAMP CHIEFSWOODPARK.CA



1037 Hwy 54, Ohsweken, ON

BSCENE
EVENT GUIDE

JULY 2026

Visit bscene.ca for a more complete listing of events, cancellations, postponements and new dates. Check with the Event Organizers for more details.

DATE	EVENT NAME	LOCATION	START	FINISH	ADDITIONAL INFO
ONGOING EVENTS					
July 1 - July 31	Registration-20 Performing Arts Musical Theatre: Dear Evan Hansen	Rehearsals: South Dumfries Historical Society			For gr 9 to age 20. Reg. & info. https://tinyurl.com/RegDearEvanHansen
May 1 - July 31	Reg.-20 Performing Arts Musical Theatre: Matilda Jr.				For gr 5 - 8. Reg. & info. https://tinyurl.com/RegMatildaJr
Wed. July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29	Karaoke with KJ Keigh	Marvelous Lounge	6:00 pm	11:00 pm	
July 2 - Aug. 15	Tween & Teen Create	County of Brant Public Library (ALL Branches)			Ages 10+ Hours: https://tinyurl.com/ctybrantpubliclibraryhours
Thurs. July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30	Mahjong	County of Brant Public Library (Paris)	1:30 pm	4:00 pm	Free, drop in program.
Thurs. July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30	A Place 2 Be	Brantford Public Library (Main Branch)	2:00 pm	3:30 pm	Drop in for snacks and DIY activities of your choice.
May 20 - Sept. 15	Arnold Anderson Sport Fund Charity Golf Classic	Tornament Sponsorships available - contact us			Contact 519-759-8404 or email info@asportfund.com
Fri. July 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31	Community Connections	Brantford Public Library (Main Branch)	2:00 pm	4:00 pm	Adult drop-in programs.
Sat. July 4 - Sept. 5	HAC @ Shackbar Pop-Ups!	Shackbar, 390 Grand River Ave., Brantford	12:00 pm	5:00 pm	Pottery, woodwork, painting, glass, textiles & more available.
Sun. July 5 - Sept. 6	HAC @ Shackbar Pop-Ups!	Shackbar, 390 Grand River Ave., Brantford	12:00 pm	5:00 pm	Pottery, woodwork, painting, glass, textiles & more available.
Sat. July 4, 11, 18 & 25	Magic: The Gathering Drop-In	County of Brant Public Library (St. George)	12:00 pm	2:00 pm	All skill levels welcome. For tweens & teens ages 10+.
Sun. July 5, 12, 19 & 26	Sunday Singles Dances	Brantford Polish Hall (upstairs)	7:00 pm	11:00 pm	Admission \$15./person. Dress code - no jeans.
July 6 - Aug. 24 excl. Aug. 3	Fitness in the Square (High Intensity Interval Training)	Harmony Square	7:15 am	8:00 am	More info. http://Brantford.ca/FitnessInTheSquare
Mon. July 6 - Aug. 24	Roller Skate in the Square	Harmony Square	7:00 pm	9:00 pm	
July 6 - Aug. 17 excl. Aug. 3	Fun in the Sun Family Gatherings	Harmony Square	1:30 pm	3:00 pm	Info. http://Brantford.ca/HSQChildrensPrograms
Mon. July 6, 13, 20 & 27	Baby & Me Storytime	Brantford Public Library (Main Branch)	10:30 am	11:00 am	Ages 0-18 months
Mon. July 6, 13, 20 & 27	Social Services Outreach Worker Drop-In	Brantford Public Library (Main Branch)	2:00 pm	4:00 pm	
Tues. July 7 - Aug. 25	Character Meet and Greet	Harmony Square	10:00 am	11:00 am	Info. http://Brantford.ca/HSQChildrensPrograms
Tues. July 7, 14, 21 & 28	English Conversation Circle	County of Brant Public Library (Paris)	10:30 am	12:00 pm	
Tues. July 7, 14, 21 & 28	The Story Garden at St. Paul	Brantford Public Library (St. Paul Ave. Branch)	10:30 am	11:00 am	For ages 0 - 6 years.
Tues. July 7 - Aug. 27	Chess in the Square	Harmony Square	12:00 pm	1:00 pm	More info. http://Brantford.ca/ChessInTheSquare
Tues. July 7, 14, 21 & 28	Slow Stitching	County of Brant Public Library (Paris)	2:00 pm	4:00 pm	All ages & skill levels welcome to attend.
Tues. July 7, 14, 21 & 28	Application Support Program	Brantford Public Library (Main Branch)	2:30 pm	4:00 pm	Help with completing applications.
Tues. July 7, 14, 21 & 28	Tween Freeze Fest	Brantford Public Library (Main Branch)	2:30 pm	3:30 pm	For ages 8 - 12.
Tues. July 7, 14, 21 & 28	The Hangout	Brantford Public Library (Main Branch)	5:30 pm	6:30 pm	For ages 13 - 17. Snacks, games & book talk.
Tues. July 7 - Aug. 25	Fitness in the Square (Yoga)	Harmony Square	6:15 pm	7:00 pm	More info. http://Brantford.ca/FitnessInTheSquare
Tues. July 7, 14, 21 & 28	Tuesday Night Knitters	Cty. of Brant Public Library (Scotland-Oakland)	6:30 pm	8:00 pm	
Tues. July 7, 14, 21 & 28	Karaoke with KJ Neesha	Marvelous Lounge	9:00 pm	1:00 am	
Wed. July 8 - Sat. July 11	Brantford International Villages - Hungarian Village	104 Albion St., Brantford			More info. http://www.brantfordvillages.ca
Wed. July 8 - Sat. July 11	Village Polonaise	Brantford Polish Hall			For details & show times http://www.brantfordvillages.ca
Wed. July 8 - Aug. 26	Fitness in the Square (BodyFit)	Harmony Square	7:15 am	8:00 am	More info. http://Brantford.ca/FitnessInTheSquare
Wed. July 8 - Aug. 19	Playdate in the Square	Harmony Square	1:00 pm	2:00 pm	More info. https://Brantford.ca/HSQChildrensPrograms
Wed. July 8, 15, 22 & 29	Backyard STEAM	Brantford Public Library (St. Paul Ave. Branch)	10:30 a,	11:30 am	Ages 6 - 12.
Wed. July 8, 15, 22 & 29	Pages of Summer: Art Journaling for Kids	Brantford Public Library (Main Branch)	2:30 pm	3:30 pm	All ages.
Wed. July 8, 15, 22 & 29	Casual Knit & Chat	Cty of Brant Public Library (Paris)	6:30 pm	8:00 pm	Drop in program.
Wed. July 8 - Aug. 26	Roller Skate in the Square	Harmony Square	7:00 pm	9:00 pm	More info. https://Brantford.ca/RollerSkate
Thurs. July 9, 16, 23 & 30	STEAM Storytime	Brantford Public Library (Main Branch)	10:30 am	11:00 am	For ages 0 - 6.
Thurs. July 9 - Aug. 27	Chess in the Square	Harmony Square	12:00 pm	2:00 pm	More info. http://Brantford.ca/ChessInTheSquare
Thurs. July 9, 16, 23 & 30	Mahjong Club	County of Brant Public Library (Paris)	1:30 pm	4:00 pm	Free drop in program
Thurs. July 9, 16, 23 & 30	Gaming for Teens	Brantford Public Library (Main Branch)	2:30 pm	3:30 pm	For ages 13 - 17.
Thurs. July 9 - Aug. 27	Movies in the Square	Harmony Square	dusk		More info. http://Brantford.ca/MoviesInTheSquare
Fri. July 10 - Aug. 28	Fitness in the Square (CardioFit)	Harmony Square	7:15 am	8:00 am	More info. http://Brantford.ca/FitnessInTheSquare
Fri. July 10, 17, 24 & 31	Courtyard Concert Series	Harmony Square	12:00 pm	1:00 pm	More info. http://Brantford.ca/MusicInTheSquare
Fri. July 10 - Aug. 28	Music in the Square	Harmony Square	7:00 pm	8:30 pm	More info. http://Brantford.ca/MusicInTheSquare



Event Guide Sponsored by

Paris Dental
CENTRE

Smile. Eat Well.

Re-Discover the joy of food with dental implants!

Whole Mouth for Whole Health

519-442-4452 | Smiles@ParisDentalCentre.com
ParisDentalCentre.com

EVENT NAME	LOCATION	START	FINISH	ADDITIONAL INFO
WEDNESDAY JULY 1 - CANADA DAY				
Brantford's Canada Day	Lion's Park Steve Brown Sports Complex	11:00 am	10:00 pm	Details: http://Brantford.ca/CanadaDay
Green Team Brantford - Canada Day Waste Audit	Lions Park	6:00 pm		Help sort the waste generated at Canada Day for proper disposal
Brantford Red Sox Professional Baseball	Arnold Anderson Stadium/Cockshutt Park	2:00 pm		Tickets: https://www.showpass.com/o/brantford-red-sox/
THURSDAY JULY 2				
Take-and-Make: Wildflower Seed Bomb	Brantford Public Library (Both Branches)	9:30 am	8:00 pm	Pick up a wildflower seed bomb kit at both Library branches.
Green Team Brantford - Canada Day Waste Audit	Lions Park	9:00 am	4:00 pm	Help sort the waste generated at Canada Day for proper disposal
Connect Adventure Summer Camp (AM Group)	Willowbridge Community Services	9:00 am	12:00 pm	For 6-9yrs. w autism or developmental disabilities. Reg. autismservices@willowbridge.ca
Connect Adventure Summer Camp (PM Group)	Willowbridge Community Services	1:00 pm	4:00 pm	For 6-9yrs. w autism or developmental disabilities. Reg. autismservices@willowbridge.ca
Come Play! - EarlyON	Brantford Public Library (Main Branch)	1:30 pm	4:00 pm	For children up to age 6 with caregivers.
Brant Writes Writing Club	County of Brant Public Library (Burford)	2:00 pm	3:30 pm	For all writers and aspiring writers.
Crafternoons!	Cty. of Brant Public Library (Scotland-Oakland)	3:00 pm	4:30 pm	Drop in program. Bring your project or use provided supplies.
Booked and Busy: Adult Summer Reading Challenge Launch	Brantford Public Library (Main Branch)	5:30 pm	7:30 pm	Create your own personalized reading gear - tote bags, mugs, bookmarks.
Fiction Writing Drop-In	County of Brant Public Library (Paris)	5:30 pm	7:30 pm	Writing prompts provided.
St. Paul Crafters Circle	Brantford Public Library (St. Paul Ave. Branch)	6:00 pm	7:30 pm	Drop in and chat with other crafting enthusiasts.
Pourly Done Trivia Night	Brantford Polish Hall (downstairs)	7:00 pm		Free to play. Prizes to be won.
FRIDAY JULY 3				
Connect Adventure Summer Camp (AM Group)	Willowbridge Community Services	9:00 am	12:00 pm	For 6-9yrs. w autism or developmental disabilities. Reg. autismservices@willowbridge.ca
Green Team Brantford - Canada Day Waste Audit	Lions Park Brantford	9:00 am	4:00 pm	Help sort the waste generated at Canada Day for proper disposal
Ask a Tech	Brant Skills Centre, 446 Grey St. 109, Brantford	12:30 pm	3:00 pm	Reg. call 519.758.1664, text 226.920.8071 or info@brantskillscentre.org
Wellness Drop-In with SAC Brant	County of Brant Public Library (Scotland-Oakland)	3:00 pm	5:00 pm	Learn about wellness in this fun, interactive drop-in!
Connect Adventure Summer Camp (PM Group)	Willowbridge Community Services	1:00 pm	4:00 pm	For 6-9yrs. w autism or developmental disabilities. Reg. autismservices@willowbridge.ca
Friday Night Band - John Atlee	Brantford Polish Hall (upstairs)	7:00 pm	11:00 pm	Admission \$8./person.
SATURDAY JULY 4				
Church Garage Sale	Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church	8:00 am	12:00 pm	Houseware, furniture, clothing, jewelry, books
Garage Sale	Fairview Community Centre	8:00 am	1:00 pm	Cash only.
Green Team Brantford - Canada Day Waste Audit	Lions Park	9:00 am	4:00 pm	Help sort the waste generated at Canada Day for proper disposal
Français a Paris	County of Brant Public Library (Paris)	10:00 am	12:00 pm	Drop in program. All levels of French welcome.
Brantford Red Sox Professional Baseball	Arnold Anderson Stadium/Cockshutt Park	2:00 pm		Tickets: https://www.showpass.com/o/brantford-red-sox/
Voodooo Kingz	Brant Artillery Gunners Club	2:00 pm	6:00 pm	\$5. cover charge.
Music Trivia by Ross McGuinness	Dunsdon Legion	7:30 pm	10:30 pm	Contact mcguinness9535@rogers.com to register, no cover charge.
SUNDAY JULY 5				
Brantford Red Sox Professional Baseball	Arnold Anderson Stadium/Cockshutt Park	2:00 pm		Tickets: https://www.showpass.com/o/brantford-red-sox/
St. Paul's Chapel, Middleport Cemetery Decoration Service	St. Paul's Chapel, 1159 Hwy 54 between Caledonia & Brantford	2:00 pm	3:30 pm	In memory of the ppl interred in Middleport Cemetery. Offerings to support cemetery upkeep.
Outdoor Gospel Music Concert with By Stillwater	Burtch Baptist Church, 352 Cockshutt Rd.	7:00 pm	8:30 pm	Bring a lawnchair. Free will offering. Everyone welcome. Indoors if raining.
MONDAY JULY 6				
Skills for Success: Personal Finance	Brant Skills Centre, 446 Grey St. Unit 109, Brantford	9:30 am		Reg. required: call 519.758.1664, text 226.920.8071, info@brantskillscentre.org
Skills for Success: Point of Sale - Customer Service	Brant Skills Centre, 446 Grey St. Unit 109, Brantford	1:00 pm		Reg. required: call 519.758.1664, text 226.920.8071, info@brantskillscentre.org
Marvelous Mondays: Brantford International Villages Performance	Brantford Public Library (Main Branch)	2:30 pm	3:15 pm	All ages family event.
Jewelry Making Drop-In	Brantford Public Library (Main Branch)	5:30 pm	7:30 pm	Design your own handmade jewelry.
TUESDAY JULY 7				
Youth Volunteer Group	Brantford Public Library (Main Branch)	5:30 pm	6:30 pm	Ages 13 - 17.
Board Game Night	Cty. of Brant Public Library (St. George)	6:00 pm	8:00 pm	Drop in program.
Hot Summer Nights	Princess Anne Park, 17 Helen Ave. Brantford	6:00 pm	7:30 pm	Fire truck sprinkler, learn more about fire safety, free freezies while they last.
Learn About the Library MakerSpace	Cty. of Brant Public Library (St. George)	6:00 pm	7:30 pm	Registration: http://brantlibrary.ca/calendar
WEDNESDAY JULY 8				
Learn About the Elder Law Project	online	10:00 am	11:00 am	To Register, email admin@grcoa.ca or call 519.754.0777 ext. 439.
The Hobby Hub: Intro to Flying	County of Brant Public Library (Burford)	6:30 pm	8:00 pm	Registration required: http://brantlibrary.ca/calendar
THURSDAY JULY 9				
Digital Desk - Bridging the Basics	Brant Skills Centre, 446 Grey St. Unit 109, Brantford	9:30 am	12:00 pm	Reg. required: 519.758.1664, text 226.920.8071, email info@brantskillscentre.org
Art in the Park: Iron Scrubber Art	Mt. Pleasant Nature Park	10:00 am	11:30 am	Supplies provided.
Men's Probus Club of Brantford	Walter Gretzky Municipal Golf Gourse	10:00 am	12:00 pm	Come join us.
History Club	County of Brant Public Library (Paris)	2:00 pm	4:00 pm	Drop in program. All welcome.
3D Sketch and Create	Cty. of Brant Public Library (Scotland-Oakland)	3:00 pm	4:30 pm	Drop in program for tweens & teens 8yr+.
Fun in the Sun Drop-In	County of Brant Fire Administrative Building	4:30 pm	6:30 pm	
Paint Tea & Tarot	Pawtastic Pottery	6:00 pm	8:00 pm	www.pawtasticpottery.com/events
Diamond Dots	Brantford Public Library (Main Branch)	6:00 pm	7:30 pm	Adult craft program.
The Paint Lounge	Brantford Public Library (Main Branch)	6:00 pm	7:30 pm	For adults.
FRIDAY JULY 10				
Wellness Drop-In with SAC Brant	County of Brant Public Library (St. George)	10:00 am	12:00 pm	Learn about wellness in this fun, interactive drop-in!
Family Flick Favourites: The Goonies	Brantford Public Library (Main Branch)	2:30 pm	4:30 pm	All ages.
Elvis in the Square	Harmony Square	7:00 pm	8:30 pm	Information: http://Brantford.ca/ElvisTributes
Brantford Red Sox Professional Baseball	Arnold Anderson Stadium/Cockshutt Park	7:07 pm		Tickets: https://www.showpass.com/o/brantford-red-sox/

Visit bscene.ca for a more complete listing of events, cancellations, postponements and new dates. Check with the Event Organizers for more details.

EVENT NAME	LOCATION	START	FINISH	ADDITIONAL INFO
SATURDAY JULY 11				
Garage Sale	Fairview Community Centre	8:00 am	1:00 pm	Cash only.
Paris Street Market	downtown Paris	10:00 am	5:00 pm	Local vendors, handmade goods, music, vintage finds.
Christmas in July	Pawtastic Pottery	10:00 am	8:00 pm	Support the Brant County SPCA by painting a Christmas ornament
DuckFest	Harmony Square	11:00 am	2:00 pm	Support Woodview Mental Health + Autism Services. Sponsor duck at www.duckfest.ca
Elvis Returns - A Crown Production Event	Sanderson Centre for the Performing Arts	8:00 pm	10:00 pm	Tickets: https://tinyurl.com/ElvisReturnsJuly11 , 519.758.8090 or Box Office
SUNDAY JULY 12				
Christmas in July	Pawtastic Pottery	10:00 am	6:00 pm	Support the Brant County SPCA by painting a Christmas ornament
DuckFest	Brants Crossing Park	11:00 am	2:00 pm	Support Woodview Mental Health + Autism Services. Sponsor duck at www.duckfest.ca
Outdoor Gospel Music Concert w Front Porch Gospel	Burtch Baptist Church, 352 Cockshutt Rd.	7:00 pm	8:30 pm	Bring lawnchair. Indoors if raining. Free will offering. Everyone welcome.
MONDAY JULY 13				
20 Performing Arts Musical Theatre Summer Camp	Sydenham-Heritage United Church			4 weeks. Registration & info. https://20paa.com/summer-camp/
Connect Adventure Summer Camp	Willowbridge Community Services	9:00 am	4:00 pm	July 13 to 17. For children 9-12yrs. with autism or developmental disabilities.
Marvelous Mondays: Mad Science	Brantford Public Library (Main Branch)	2:30 pm	3:15 pm	All ages.
TUESDAY JULY 14				
Ontario Works Information Pop-Up	County of Brant Public Library (Paris)	1:00 pm	3:00 pm	Drop-In program, all welcome
Business After Hours	Kiwana's	4:30 pm	6:30 pm	Free registration: https://tinyurl.com/BusinessAfterHoursMeeting
Hot Summer Nights	Devon Down Park, 70 Abigail Ave., Brantford	6:00 pm	7:30 pm	Fire truck sprinkler, learn more about fire safety, free freezies while they last.
WEDNESDAY JULY 15				
Cyber Safety	Brant Skills Centre, 446 Grey St. 109, Brantford	1:30 pm	3:30 pm	Reg. call 519.758.1664, text 226.920.8071 or info@brantskillscentre.org
Barnyard to Backyard Farm Series: The Lavender Farm	County of Brant Public Library (Paris)	6:30 pm	8:00 pm	Discover the stories, skills, and knowledge behind local farming
THURSDAY JULY 16				
Brant Writes Writing Club	County of Brant Public Library (Burford)	2:00 pm	3:30 pm	For all writers and aspiring writers.
3D Sketch and Create	County of Brant Public Library (St. George)	2:00 pm	4:30 pm	An exciting drop-in program exploring the world of 3D art using 3D pens.
Fun in the Sun Drop-In	County of Brant Fire Administrative Building	4:30 pm	6:30 pm	
Fiction Writing Drop-In	County of Brant Public Library (Paris)	5:30 pm	7:30 pm	Writing prompts provided.
St. Paul Crafters Circle	Brantford Public Library (St. Paul Ave. Branch)	6:00 pm	7:30 pm	Drop in and chat with other crafting enthusiasts.
Pourly Done Trivia Night	Brantford Polish Hall (downstairs)	7:00 pm		Free to play. Prizes to be won.
FRIDAY JULY 17				
Wellness Drop-In with SAC Brant	County of Brant Public Library (Burford)	10:00 am	12:00 pm	Learn about wellness in this fun, interactive drop-in!
Tie-Dye Party at St. Paul	Brantford Public Library (St. Paul Ave. Branch)	10:30 am	11:30 am	For ages 6 - 12.
Family Flick Favourites: Mrs. Doubtfire	Brantford Public Library (Main Branch)	2:30 pm	4:30 pm	For all ages.
Brantford Ukulele Festival 2026	St. Andrew's United Church	5:30 pm	9:30 pm	More info. & tickets: http://brantfordukulelesociety.org
Brantford Red Sox Professional Baseball	Arnold Anderson Stadium/Cockshutt Park	7:07 pm		Tickets: https://www.showpass.com/o/brantford-red-sox/
Dunsdon Legion 100th Anniversary	Dunsdon Legion	7:30 pm	10:30 pm	Dinner and Dance Tickets \$10 in Advance / \$15 at the Door.
SATURDAY JULY 18				
Annual Community Yard Sale	Myrtleville & Mayfair Neighbourhoods	7:00 am		Rain Date: Sat. July 25
Garage Sale	Fairview Community Centre	8:00 am	1:00 pm	Cash only.
Brantford Ukulele Festival 2026	St. Andrew's United Church	8:15 am	9:30 pm	More info. & tickets: http://brantfordukulelesociety.org
Drive-Through Food Drive	St Marks Anglican Church	10:00 am	12:00 pm	donation of non-perishable food and/or cash to the Brantford Food Bank
ALTERED Book Launch & Meet the Author - Natalie Reinelt	Brantford Polish Hall (downstairs)	11:00 am	1:00 pm	Book signing, opportunity to purchase a copy. Admission Free.
Friends 4 Kindness Unbirthday Party	Mohawk Park	1:00 pm	4:00 pm	More info. http://www.friends4kindness.com
Brantford Garden Club Flower & Garden Show	Lions Park Auditorium (Brantford)	2:00 pm	4:30 pm	Free admission. Everyone welcome.
Grand Rivermen	Brant Artillery Gunners Club	2:00 pm	6:00 pm	\$5. cover charge.
Ladies Night Pottery Painting	Pawtastic Pottery	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Register at https://www.pawtasticpottery.com/events
50's Brothers	Dunsdon Legion	7:00 pm	11:00 pm	no cover charge.
SUNDAY JULY 19				
Brantford Red Sox Professional Baseball	Arnold Anderson Stadium/Cockshutt Park	2:00 pm		Tickets: https://www.showpass.com/o/brantford-red-sox/
Outdoor Gospel Music Concert w Eduard & Christine Klassen	Burtch Baptist Church	7:00 pm	8:30 pm	Bring lawnchair. Free will offering. Indoors if raining. Everyone welcome.
MONDAY JULY 20				
Marvelous Mondays: Songs in the Key of Sea w The Mighty Ship	Brantford Public Library (Main Branch)	2:30 pm	3:15 pm	For all ages.
TUESDAY JULY 21				
Smartphone Basics 102: Android	Brant Skills Centre, 446 Grey St. 109, Brantford	10:00 am	12:00 pm	Reg. call 519.758.1664, text 226.920.8071 or info@brantskillscentre.org
Craft & Create Club	Cty. of Brant Public Library (St. George)	6:00 pm	8:00 pm	Drop in program. Bring your craft project or use provided supplies.
Hot Summer Nights	Cedarland Park, 160 Ashgrove Ave., Brantford	6:00 pm	7:30 pm	Fire truck sprinkler, learn more about fire safety, free freezies while they last.
WEDNESDAY JULY 22				
Retirement Living Simplified	online	10:00 am	11:00 am	To register, email admin@grcoa.ca or call 519.754.0777 ext. 439.
Ask a Teck	Brant Skills Centre, 446 Grey St. 109, Brantford	12:30 pm	3:00 pm	Reg. call 519.758.1664, text 226.920.8071 or info@brantskillscentre.org
Barnyard to Backyard Farm Series: Thistle House Farm	County of Brant Public Library (Burford)	6:30 pm	8:00 pm	
THURSDAY JULY 23				
Photography Club with the Library	County of Brant Public Library (Paris)	2:00 pm	4:00 pm	Drop in program. All welcome.
MakerHours: Discover the World of 3D Printing	County of Brant Fire Administrative Building	4:00 pm	7:00 pm	Drop-in program for all ages
An Intimate Night of Music & Storytelling - Songwriters Circle	Brantford Polish Hall	5:00 pm		Downstairs lounge.
Stained Glass Paw Prints	Pawtastic Pottery	5:00 pm	8:00 pm	register at www.pawtasticpottery.com/events

EVENT NAME	LOCATION	START	FINISH	ADDITIONAL INFO
THURSDAY JULY 23 continued				
MacKenzie Creek Music Festival	South Brant Legion, BR#90	7:00 pm	11:00 pm	Details on Facebook @Mackensie Creek Music Festival or call 519-755-0557 or 519-446-0011
FRIDAY JULY 24				
Wellness Drop-In with SAC Brant	County of Brant Public Library (Paris)	12:00 pm	2:00 pm	Learn about wellness in this fun, interactive drop-in!
Family Flick Favourites: Home Alone	Brantford Public Library (Main Branch)	2:30 pm	3:30 pm	All ages.
MacKenzie Creek Music Festival	South Brant Legion, BR#90	6:30 pm	11:00 pm	Details on Facebook @Mackensie Creek Music Festival or call 519-755-0557 or 519-446-0011
Friday Night Band - The Dorks	Brantford Polish Hall	7:00 pm	11:00 pm	Admission \$8./person. In main hall, upstairs.
SATURDAY JULY 25				
BAJC Show & Shine	Silver Lake Park, Port Dover	10:30 am	3:00 pm	Reg. \$20. in advance bajcshowshine@gmail.com or \$25. at the gate.
Telfer Place Summer Showcase	Telfer Place Retirement Community	1:00 pm	4:00 pm	Live music, local vendors, guided tours, refreshments.
MacKenzie Creek Music Festival	South Brant Legion, BR#90	12:00 pm	11:00 pm	Details on Facebook @Mackensie Creek Music Festival or call 519-755-0557 or 519-446-0011
Mike Thorpe	Brant Artillery Gunners Club	2:00 pm	6:00 pm	\$5. cover charge.
Brantford Red Sox Professional Baseball	Arnold Anderson Stadium/Cockshutt Park	5:00 pm		Tickets: https://www.showpass.com/o/brantford-red-sox/
80's New Wave Summer Video Dance Party	Royal Canadian Legion Branch 29,	7:00 pm	11:00 pm	\$10 Cover at the door • Licensed Legion Bar.
Karaoke with Murray Mclean	Dunsdon Legion	7:00 pm	11:00 pm	no cover charge.
SUNDAY JULY 26				
MacKenzie Creek Music Festival	South Brant Legion, BR#90	9:00 am	12:00 pm	Food Truck Brunch
Brantford Food Bank Fundraiser Chess Tournament	Harmony Square	10:00 am	6:00 pm	Registration required: email brantchessca@gmail.com
Stained Glass Paw Prints	Pawtastic Pottery	1:00 pm	4:00 pm	Register: http://www.pawtasticpottery.com/events
Outdoor Gospel Music Concert w Mission Hill	Burtch Baptist Church, 352 Cockshutt Rd.	7:00 pm	8:30 pm	Bring lawnchair. Indoors if raining. Free will offering. Everyone welcome.
MONDAY JULY 27				
Marvelous Mondays: The Magic of Scott Dietrich	Brantford Public Library (Main Branch)	2:30 pm	3:15 pm	For all ages.
TUESDAY JULY 28				
Free Men's Counselling Walk-In Sessions	Willowbridge Comm. Services, 54 Brant Ave., Brantford	12:30 pm	3:00 pm	16 yrs.+ Free, no registration, just walk in.
Lemonade Book Club	County of Brant Public Library (Burford)	3:00 pm	4:00 pm	Registration https://brant-ca.libcal.com/calendar/public
Hot Summer Nights	Silverbridge Park, 75 Dante Cres., Brantford	6:00 pm	7:30 pm	Fire truck sprinkler, learn more about fire safety, free freezies while they last.
WEDNESDAY JULY 29				
Typing Tutor	Brant Skills Centre, 446 Grey St. 109, Brantford	1:30 pm	3:30 pm	Reg. call 519.758.1664, text 226.920.8071 or info@brantskillscentre.org
Sunset Scribbles: An Evening of Writing in Nature	Sunny Hill Park	6:30 pm	8:00 pm	Registration https://brant-ca.libcal.com/calendar/public
Black Community Heritage Walk	starting at Alexandra Park.	6:30 pm		Difficulty: easy but long approx. 90 min.
THURSDAY JULY 30				
Paint Tea & Tarot	Pawtastic Pottery	6:00 pm	8:00 pm	Register: http://www.pawtasticpottery.com/events
Pourly Done Trivia Night	Brantford Polish Hall (downstairs)	7:00 pm		Free to play. Prizes to be won.
St. Paul Crafters Circle	Brantford Public Library (St. Paul Ave. Branch)	6:00 pm	7:30 pm	Drop in and chat with other crafting enthusiasts.
FRIDAY JULY 31				
Family Flick Favourites: Spy Kids	Brantford Public Library (Main Branch)	2:30 pm	4:30 pm	For all ages.
Brantford Red Sox Professional Baseball	Arnold Anderson Stadium/Cockshutt Park	7:07 pm		Tickets: https://www.showpass.com/o/brantford-red-sox/
SUNDAY AUG. 2				
Brantford Red Sox Professional Baseball	Arnold Anderson Stadium/Cockshutt Park	2:00 pm		Tickets: https://www.showpass.com/o/brantford-red-sox/
Outdoor Gospel Music Concert w Dave Randall	Burtch Baptist Church, 352 Cockshutt Rd.	7:00 pm	8:30 pm	Bring lawnchair. Indoors if raining. Free will offering. Everyone welcome.
MONDAY AUG. 3				
HAC @ Shackbar Pop-Ups!	Shackbar, 390 Grand River Ave., Brantford	12:00 pm	5:00 pm	Pottery, woodwork, painting, glass, textiles & more available.
TUESDAY AUG. 4				
Hot Summer Nights	Parsons Park, 160 Ontario St., Brantford	6:00 pm	7:30 pm	Fire truck sprinkler, learn more about fire safety, free freezies while they last.
FRIDAY AUG. 7				
1st Annual Charity Golf Tournament	MontHill Golf & Country Club			Register, sponsor, or donate contact Claire crahija@brantfordnativehousing.com or 905-515-5603
Brantford Ribfest	Mohawk Park	4:00 pm	11:00 pm	Vendors, children's entertainment, beer tent, live entertainment.
Brantford Red Sox Professional Baseball	Arnold Anderson Stadium/Cockshutt Park	2:00 pm		Tickets: https://www.showpass.com/o/brantford-red-sox/
SHREK: The Musical	Sanderson Centre for the Performing Arts	7:00 pm		Tickets: https://purchase.sandersoncentre.ca/ChooseSeats/1420



SUPPORT LOCAL! Visit patreon.com/BScenePaper.



Joe Persia Msc.
Founder & Principal

Changing the way we think...
Professionally, Personally,
and Developmentally.

"See a child differently, see a different child."

~ Dr. Stuart Shanker

See a person differently, see a different person.

See a situation differently, see a different situation.

Public speaking engagements, training & development sessions range from 1-2 hours, half-days, whole-days, and/or entire series. We provide follow-up and further mentoring to meet individual, group and/or organizational needs.

To learn more visit us at cognitivedynamics.ca



519.758.7044
cognitivedynamics.ca
thrive@cognitivedynamics.ca
CognitiveDynamx
CognitiveDynamx

THE ART & SCIENCE OF GOING BEYOND THE BIOMARKERS: HUMAN CLUES MATTER MOST



JOE PERSIA MSC.

cognitivedynamics.ca

CognitiveDynamx

@CognitiveDynamx

Are you someone who monitors your biological indicators on devices like a smart watch or ring? Even though modern science provides us with these remarkable tools to measure the stress level experienced by individuals, indicators such as heart rate, blood pressure, oxygen saturation, cortisol levels, skin conductance, and even pupil dilation provide physiological evidence that a person is experiencing significant stress. These biomarkers reveal what Stuart Shanker describes as a shift into "limbic-braking," where the brain's emotional and survival systems effectively override the reasoning functions of the prefrontal cortex. Daniel Kahneman American psychologist and author referred to this as System1 thinking (reflexive), taking over for System 2 (reflective) thinking. He found that he could pinpoint when an individual subconsciously felt the cognitive workload was too demanding and shutdown would occur. Remarkably, it occurred when the pupils dilated.

The good news is we now have a much better physiological understanding of what it looks like when effort collapses in a student/child. The bad news is that schools are not equipped with desks that have heart rate, and blood pressure monitors, and/or iris scan devices. BUT! Nor should they be!

Despite the sophistication of these devices, teachers possess something that no wearable sensor can replicate: the ability to recognize meaningful behavioural tells through trusted, prosocial relationships.



A heart rate monitor can tell us that a child's pulse has increased. It cannot tell us that the unusually quiet student who normally greets everyone with enthusiasm has suddenly withdrawn, stopped making eye contact, or abandoned their typical curiosity. A blood pressure cuff cannot detect the subtle humour that has disappeared, the increased perfectionism, the unexpected irritability, or the child who suddenly asks to visit the washroom five times before lunch.

These behavioural hints become visible only through relationship and familiarity. Teachers who know their students well develop a mental baseline of what typical looks like for each individual.

This relational knowledge also shapes intervention. Rather than interpreting behaviour as defiance or lack of motivation, educators can ask a more productive question: "What is this behaviour telling me about this child's stress level?" The answer can then lead to co-regulation, connection, a reassuring presence instead of discipline.

While technology may continue to improve our ability to measure physiological stress responses, the compassionate observations of adults who have invested in authentic relationships remain one of our most sensitive and effective assessment tools.

In the end, the most powerful "sensor" is not attached to a wrist or finger—it is the caring adult who knows the child well enough to notice when something is no longer quite right.



Peace of
mind just
for you!

Stay close to the one you love!

When life changes for one of you, it changes for both of you.

At our campus communities, couples don't have to face those changes apart. With both retirement living and long-term care under one roof, you can remain close, connected, and supported every step of the way. **Because after a lifetime together, staying close matters more than ever.**

Available senior living options:

• Independent Living • Assisted Living • Memory Care • Respite Care

Email Jamie.Frye@aspiralife.ca or call 548-338-0893



Aspira
Brants Landing
Retirement Living

166 Lynden Road, Brantford, ON

aspiralife.ca

COMMUNITY CARE IN EVERY BACKPACK



Sponsored by



JUSTINE LEMAICH

 crs-help.ca/foodbank
 [brantfordfoodbank](https://www.facebook.com/brantfordfoodbank)
 [@crsbrantford](https://twitter.com/crsbrantford)

For many children, the first day of school is filled with excitement, anticipation, and even some natural nervousness. But for families facing financial hardship, the back-to-school season can also bring significant stress as they try and afford the new clothes, shoes, and school supplies their children need to succeed.

Through our Back-to-School Backpack Program, Community Resource Service is helping to ensure that no child in our community starts the school year feeling unprepared. Each year, the program provides more than 300 local children with a new backpack filled with age-appropriate school supplies specific to their grade level. From the youngest students learning to print their names to teenagers preparing for another year of high school, each backpack is packed with care and compassion.

A backpack may seem like a simple thing, but for a child it can mean so much more. It means walking into the classroom



Stock Photo

with confidence, knowing they have the same tools as their classmates. It means feeling included, accepted, prepared, and ready to learn. For caregivers who are doing everything they can to provide for their families, it offers reassurance and relief during the start of a very stressful time of the year.

No child should have to worry about whether they have the supplies they need to participate and learn at school. Thanks to the generosity of our community, we can help remove this barrier and give children the opportunity to begin the school year with confidence, excitement, and hope for their upcoming year.

If you are interested in donating new backpacks, school supplies, or even making a financial contribution to support this program, please call 519-751-4357 ext 240 or email jlemaich@crs-help.ca. Your kindness can ensure that every child starts the school year feeling supported, valued, and ready to reach their full potential.

Trusted, Seamless Services

Keep your business connected, secure, and efficient with Cozzmic.

-  Phones & VoIP
-  Intercoms & Paging
-  Cell Boosters
-  CCTV & Alarm Monitoring
-  Access Control
-  Structured Cabling
-  Wireless & Network Solutions



Your Trusted Partner

1-800-521-4837 • cozzmic.com

Scan the QR code to get started

AFFINITY CONFERENCE CENTRE AT TOWNEPLACE SUITES BY MARRIOTT, BRANTFORD

Your Perfect “I Do” Starts Here !

CELEBRATE YOUR LOVE STORY AT
AFFINITY CONFERENCE CENTRE, BRANTFORD.

FROM ELEGANT CEREMONIES TO UNFORGETTABLE
RECEPTIONS, OUR BEAUTIFUL SPACES AND
DEDICATED TEAM ENSURE EVERY DETAIL IS JUST
RIGHT.

519-720-2771

EVENTS@BAWAGROUP.CA

WWW.AFFINITYCONFERENCECENTRE.CA
30 FEN RIDGE COURT, BRANTFORD, ON





Friday, August 7th | 4pm - 11pm
Saturday, August 8th | 11am - 11pm
Sunday, August 9th | 11am - 7pm

Mohawk Park
51 Lynnwood Drive, Brantford

brantfordribfest.com

Tunes In The Park

Since 1996

Victoria Park

Market St & Darling St Brantford



EVERY Friday, noon to 1:00 pm

June 26	Bob'd Wire Band	country
July 3	Monique Hunsley	country
July 10	The Hive	contemporary fusion jazz
July 17	Mary Simon	covers/originals
July 24	Tia McGraff	folk/country/pop
July 31	Moorhouse & Scott Duo	variety
Aug. 7	Jesse Murphy Band	funk/blues/soul
Aug. 14	Nicole Christian	blues/folk
Aug. 21	Sharp Dogs	jazz/blues/originals
Aug. 28	The DiFelice Band	variety
Sept. 4	Michael Maguire	swing & jazz
Sept. 11	Boom Babiez	classic rock, R&B, country

Bring your lunch, lawn chair & a friend to enjoy a **FREE** outdoor concert
Sponsored by the Brantford Downtown BIA & the Music Performance Trust Fund
Organized by Brantford Musicians' Association



Scan to view report





GrandBridge
ENERGY

Discover how GrandBridge Energy is
Delivering Sustainable Progress
by turning commitment into action.

View our 2025 Corporate Responsibility Report at grandbridgeenergy.com/report.



BILLIE MACDONALD-MOORE WINS 2026 TERRY FISHER MEMORIAL AWARD



Sponsored by



TAMARA BOTTING

 lansdownecentre.ca
 [lansdownechildrens](https://www.facebook.com/lansdownechildrens)
 [lansdownechildrens](https://www.instagram.com/lansdownechildrens)

IV caps. An insulin pen. A COVID-19 test. These are some of the medical supply items Lansdowne Children's Centre client and artist Billie MacDonald-Moore used to create a map of Canada.

The piece and the artist were celebrated on June 15, when Billie was named as the 2026 recipient of the Terry Fisher Memorial Award for art student of the year at Lansdowne's annual general meeting (AGM).

"Lansdowne has always been a place where I can be me ... a place that became my second home," Billie said. This fall, she will be studying Environmental Sustainability and Resource Management.

The Terry Fisher Memorial Award was established in 1988 to honour the memory of Terry, who had been a client at Lansdowne; He loved art and was known for his joyful spirit and creativity. Each year, Lansdowne staff nominate a client who shows the same passion for life and art.

As she was presenting the award, Tiffany Morgan, SmartStart Hub and Quality Assurance Supervisor, said, "Billie brings a calm, creative energy to everything she makes."

Additional exceptional contributors to Lansdowne were also recognized for their efforts and achievements.

Local realtor and past Lansdowne Foundation board member,



Submitted Photo

Lansdowne Supervisor Tiffany Morgan (left) stands with youth client and Terry Fisher Award winner Billie MacDonald-Moore, at the organization's recent annual general meeting.

Julie Neal was presented with the Bob Caissie Community Care Award, honouring her dedication to supporting Lansdowne through various events and initiatives, including spearheading her own fundraiser, the Magic of Giving Holiday Market. (Caissie was the founder of the Great Northern Ride and Charity Motorcycle Ride for Lansdowne Kids fundraisers).

Lloyd St. Amand was recognized and thanked for his time on the board of directors, and retiring staff member Lorraine DeJong's 38-year career with the agency was celebrated. There were 17 additional staff who were presented with awards for their service milestones of 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years with Lansdowne.

Additional stories from the event, and Lansdowne's 2025/26 annual report, are available online at LansdowneCentre.ca

Business Technology. Simplified.

Keep your business connected, secure, and efficient with Cozzmic.

-  Phones & VoIP
-  Intercoms & Paging
-  Cell Boosters
-  CCTV & Alarm Monitoring
-  Access Control
-  Structured Cabling
-  Wireless & Network Solutions
-  And Additional Services



Communications + Technology + Security

Your Trusted Partner

1-800-521-4837 • cozzmic.com

Scan the QR code to get started



brant.ca | info@brant.ca
519.44BRANT (442.7268) |  

Brant Cares

Saturday, July 25
11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Paris Lions Park
60 Laurel Street, Paris

Join us for this **family-friendly** event featuring local community partners, service providers, cultural groups, food trucks, live performances and more!



The **2026 Municipal Election** is Monday, October 26
visit brant.ca/elections for important dates, candidate information and more!



The **2026 Downtown Dig** continues in Downtown Paris this summer! Follow the Downtown Dig on Facebook and Instagram for project updates, detours, summer events, and more!



Introducing the **NEW! Downtown Paris Promenade**, a vibrant pedestrian space designed for gathering, relaxing, and experiencing downtown in a whole new way. This summer, the promenade will come alive with games, entertainment, comfortable seating, and programming for all ages. Learn more at brant.ca/DowntownDig

The County of Brant **Tourism Magazine**
#GoodTimesinBrant [BRANT.CA/LOCALE](http://brant.ca/LOCALE)



summer is here in the County of Brant!

MOVIES IN THE PARKS

Upcoming events

Canada Day Kidsfest | Thursday, July 2
Paris Lions Park | 6:00 pm

Free Public Swim | Saturday, July 25
Paris Community Pool | 12:30 - 3:30 pm

Salute to Brant Business Awards
Thursday, September 24 | Cainsville
Tickets on sale July 13 - visit brant.ca/salute

Ontario Culture Days
September 18 to October 4, 2026

Follow @BrantCommunity for event updates

Friday, July 10 | Hoppers
Mount Pleasant Park, 555 Burtch Rd, Mt. Pleasant

Friday, August 21 | Bad Guys 2
King William Park, 52 King William St, St. George

Friday, September 18 | Toy Story 5
Scotland Community Centre, 85 Simcoe St, Scotland

Movies begin at dusk

MUSIC in the PARK

6:00 PM | PARIS LIONS PARK

CANADA DAY KID'S FEST
AVERY RAQUEL
EUNICE KEITAN

JULY 2
WITH THE COUNTY OF BRANT PUBLIC LIBRARY
JULY 16
JULY 30



Want to learn about construction projects taking place in the County of Brant? Visit brant.ca/Construction for project timelines, updates and more.

SUMMER AT THE GATHERING PLACE

The Gathering Place by the Grand is a stunning wedding, conference and special events venue offering your guests the experience of a lifetime. Located just moments from the Heritage Grand River, in the heart of Six Nations’.

Our venue is a hidden gem, ready to host your next event! Constructed with our natural surroundings in mind, the Gathering Place by the Grand is tailored to host your team with finesse and style. Surrounded by the Carolinian Forest, this event space exudes an aura of sophistication and accomplishment from the moment you step foot inside.

The Gathering Place by the Grand is where people gather, fun is had and memories are made! Join us for an unforgettable experience at some of our upcoming shows and events.

The Music of Dolly & Kenny – July 21/22

Doors open: 11:30am • Show starts: 12:00pm
Lunch Buffet: 1:00pm • Show ends: 3:00pm

Blending heartfelt renditions with high-energy fun, celebrating the musical partnership of Kenny Roger and Dolly Parton that captivated millions. Includes a delicious hot lunch buffet!

Elvis Through The Years - August 25/26

Doors open: 11:30am • Show starts: 12:00pm
Lunch Buffet: 1:00pm • Show ends: 3:00pm

Celebrating the life and legendary career of the King of Rock ‘n’ Roll—Elvis Presley. Experience the iconic sounds of Elvis through the years, from rockabilly roots to legendary Las Vegas. Featuring a delicious hot lunch buffet!

Timeless Gentlemen of the Opry Tribute - September 21/22

Doors open: 11:30am • Show starts: 12:00pm
Lunch Buffet: 1:00pm • Show ends: 3:00pm

Enjoy a hot buffet lunch and the musical stylings and voices of Johnny Cash, Conway Twitty, Randy Travis, George Jones, Marty Robbins, Hank Williams Sr., Jerry Lee Lewis & Charlie Rich.

2593 Chiefswood Rd. Ohsweken, ON
Just 15 minutes from Brantford!

 gatheringplacebythegrand.ca

 [GatheringPlacebytheGrand](https://www.facebook.com/GatheringPlacebytheGrand)

 [gpbythegrand](https://www.instagram.com/gpbythegrand)



 *Happy* 
CANADA DAY



Will Bouma MPP Brantford-Brant
519-759-0361
www.willbouma.ca
will.bouma@pc.ola.org

DETOUR TO DELICIOUS: DIG IN & ENJOY DOWNTOWN BRANTFORD



DOWNTOWN
BRANTFORD BIA

Downtown Brantford is serving up more than great meals, unique shopping, friendly service, and local charm. Now, every eligible downtown purchase could also give you a chance to win.

The Detour to Delicious contest, hosted by the Downtown Brantford BIA, is a fun and simple way to support local businesses while entering for a chance to win monthly prizes.

Participating is easy. Make a purchase at any participating Downtown Brantford BIA business, keep your receipt, and upload it online at downtownbrantford.ca. Once your receipt is submitted, you'll be entered into that month's prize draw.

Each month, winners will be drawn from eligible receipt submissions, with

prizes changing throughout the contest. The more you shop, dine, explore, and support downtown businesses, the more opportunities you have to be entered.

Whether you're grabbing lunch with friends, picking up something special, booking a local service, enjoying a coffee, or trying a new favourite spot, every purchase helps strengthen the heart of the city. Supporting local business owners keeps Downtown Brantford vibrant, welcoming, and full of delicious discoveries.

So take a detour downtown. Shop local, dine local, discover something new, and upload your receipt for your chance to win.

Visit downtownbrantford.ca for our business directory, full contest details and to enter to win!

 downtownbrantford.ca

 DowntownBrantford

 @downtownbrantfd

 downtown_brantford

The 2nd Annual
BRANTastic!
SMALL BUSINESS

Awards Show

Nominations Now Open!

For all details visit the BScene Facebook & Instagram

Proudly Presented By:

BSCENE.ca
Entertainment & Community Guide

Award Sponsors:



Want to sponsor the Awards Show?
Contact Jason Freeze for details.

jason@bscene.ca

A late-night talk show-style **awards night**.
Honouring the **heart** of our local economy.
A **high-energy** evening for everyone.

Live from the **Affinity Conference Centre** on October 8th, 2026
Townplace Suites Marriott

OUTDOOR MOVIES

FREE MOVIES AT DUSK, WEATHER PERMITTING.
DON'T FORGET TO BRING A LAWN CHAIR.



Movies in the Square

HARMONY SQUARE, 89 DALHOUSIE STREET

- Thursday, July 9, 2026: *Despicable Me 4*
- Thursday, July 16, 2026: *Dog Man*
- Thursday, July 23, 2026: *Inside Out 2*
- Thursday, July 30, 2026: *Zootopia 2*
- Thursday, August 6, 2026: *SpongeBob Movie*
- Thursday, August 13, 2026: *Paddington in Peru*
- Thursday, August 20, 2026: *A Minecraft Movie*
- Thursday, August 27, 2026: *How to Train Your Dragon (2025)*

MOVIES in the Park

- Wednesday, August 5: *Cool Runnings* at Cedarland Park
- Saturday, August 8: *Bad Guys 2* at Greenbrier Park
- Wednesday, August 12: *Beethoven* at Princess Anne Park
- Saturday, August 15: *Wicked: For Good* at Mayfair Park
- Wednesday, August 19: *The Princess Bride* at Tutela Park
- Saturday, August 22: *Hitpig* at Dufferin Park
- Wednesday, August 26: *Sonic the Hedgehog 3* at Pleasant Ridge Park
- Saturday, August 29: *Space Jam (1996)* at City View Park
- Wednesday, September 2: *Elio* at Recreation Park

www.Brantford.ca

Splash in
for fun
this summer!

Outdoor pools are open daily, including all summer holidays.
Find details at Brantford.ca/Swimming



51st State in 1814



ZIG MISIAK

canadianauthoreducation.com
[zigmundmisiak](https://www.facebook.com/zigmundmisiak)
[canadianauthorzig](https://www.instagram.com/canadianauthorzig)

The Grand River could have been the border between then Upper Canada, and the United States had invading American General McArthur decided to occupy the west side of the Grand River after failing to cross it and accomplish his bigger plan and mission. He knew that a peace-treaty had begun in August of 1814 and a land-grab for the Americans was very possible before it was concluded.

The purpose of the American invasion, to and through the Grand River Six Nations Territory, in November of 1814 was to destroy mills, bridges, livestock, foodstuffs and demoralize the British allies across western Upper Canada (present-day southeastern Ontario), thus rendering the region incapable of supporting British troops. They also wanted to isolate the Niagara Peninsula, between Lakes Ontario and Erie, and force the British to abandon Upper Canada west of York (present-day Toronto).



Skirmish along the Grand River, November 5/6 1814

Everything west of the Grand River was void of a British military presence. Late in 1813 the British fleet on Lake Erie was defeated. British held Fort Malden was abandoned. Tecumseh was killed at the Battle of the Thames and loyalists, allied First Nations and remaining British soldiers escaped over the Grand to the safety of British stronghold at Burlington Heights. Even though loyalty to Britain was strong there were an undetermined number of settlers in this area that were wavering leaning toward an American victory. The First Nations



In 1812 – General Brock rallying Six Nations allies, and local militia.
John Brant, John Norton, General Brock, Tecumseh, Six Nations Chiefs.

allies fought against the Americans, but they too were watching and weighing treaty considerations for their own survival after having suffered greatly during and after the American Revolution.

While settlers dotted the landscape in and around the Six Nations Territory everyone was hoping to avoid

being subjects of American violence. Many had moved toward Ancaster and Burlington Heights. Most of the British fighting forces, armed militia and First Nations allies were stretched thinly across the Niagara Peninsula and not able to provide any significant military force to threaten McArthur.

American General McArthur led about 600 skilled but wild Ohio and Kentucky mounted volunteers, 50 American rangers and 70 western First Nations warriors galloping over 200 miles (320 km) reaching Burford in 10 days and along the way taking what they wanted from the settlers and destroying the rest.

Necessary strategic military related information was greatly delayed but now, of course, we do know that on his arrival in this area on November 5th the Americans at Fort Erie were already abandoning it after a siege by the British. This new information coupled with the fact that he now felt vulnerable deep in enemy territory as well considering the approaching winter months he decided to veer south engaging a large force of militia at what is known as the Battle at Malcolm's Mills. Outnumbering the militia, he defeated them and pushed all the way to the Dover area pillaging and destroying everything that could be found. This battle was the 'last' significant battle of the War of 1812 north of the Great Lakes.

The last significant historic plaque Brantford has been discussed for the D'Aubigny Creek area where a skirmish began. We have all the information outlining McArthur's path of destruction, his plan to cross the Grand and the connections to other historic markers in our city and county.



McArthur's route to the Grand River, Nov. 1814

The view in the west end of Brantford is quite pristine when looking over the Grand and would have looked like that over 200 years ago.

There have been some writings about American soldiers buried in that area and the site and foundation of an

old grist mill called the Indian Mill. Much more information is available to make this project viable, relevant in schools and interesting to all citizens of our community and visitors.

In conclusion. I do believe that we came very close to losing Upper Canada and even closer to having the Canadian American border demarked along the Grand River. I do believe that this situation would have jeopardized our current neighbours, friends and allies from the Grand River Six Nations and Mississauga's. The entire face of Canada would be different today because of a series of engagements in November 1814 in our current city and county. This is a story that needs to be told.

I have written a book, War of 1812: Western Hooves of Thunder, as well as supplemented this event on my website with articles and images.
canadianauthoreducation.com

BE SEEN WITH BSCENE

A Look Back Through the Eyes of Our Photographers

15TH ANNUAL PRIDE IN THE PARK

June 20, 2026 • Mohawk Park, Brantford • Photos: Jason Freeze



TASTE OF GLENHYRST - THE WILD WEST

June 18, 2026 • Glenhyrst Gardens, Brantford • Photos: Jason Freeze





A LOOK BACK



JACK JACKOWETZ

www.jjackowetz.com

Painting of Kentucky Mounted Militia riflemen attacking British troops at the Battle of the Thames.

Source: Sketch by Ken Riley, public domain



ARMED CONFLICT

Upper Canada did not experience many armed conflicts. While there were street brawls, fights amongst neighbours, and the occasional skirmish between settlers and First Nations, actual armed confrontations were rare. Two notable conflicts were the American invasion of 1812-14 and, later, the 1837 revolt against the Government's ruling elite.

McArthur's Raid

In October 1814, Brigadier General Duncan McArthur left Fort Detroit with about 720 Kentucky mounted riflemen bound for the British army base at Burlington Heights. His mission was to destroy mills, bridges, livestock, and foodstuffs across western Upper Canada, rendering the region incapable of supporting British troops. He had hoped to isolate the Niagara Peninsula and force the British to abandon the western District.



United States Brigadier General Duncan McArthur was born on 14 June 1772 in Dutchess County, New York and raised in western Pennsylvania. He was poor growing up and had no formal education. He later moved to Kentucky. He grew wealthy investing in land around Chillicothe, Ohio. He served a term in the United States House of Representatives (1823-1825) and one term as the Governor of Ohio (1830). Source: Ohio History Connection

On 5 November 1814, McArthur arrived at Grand River Ferry (Brantford). The bridge was out, and the ferry was destroyed, so McArthur could not easily cross the river. He was met by a large force of Haudenosaunee warriors, a detachment of the 19th Light Dragoons and Canadian militia. A skirmish ensued with shots being fired across the river. One of McArthur's men was killed, and two or three Haudenosaunee were wounded. Learning that the Americans had vacated Fort Erie and that the British sent a detachment of the 103rd Regiment to engage McArthur, he had his men turn south.

Battle of Malcolm's Mill

The Battle of Malcolm's Mill was the last battle of the War of 1812-14, fought in Canada. It was fought on 6 November 1814 in Oakland. McArthur's men encountered 550 Canadian militia at Malcolm's Mill. The Canadian unit was outmanoeuvred by the Americans and driven from their position. The unit suffered eighteen dead, nine wounded, and 123 were taken prisoner. The remaining troops scattered. The Americans lost one man, and six were wounded. McArthur and his men then burned the mills at Oakland, Waterford and Port Dover. With his mission accomplished and with eleven hundred British regulars from the 103rd Regiment speeding to Port Dover, McArthur raced back to Fort Detroit, two hundred and twenty-five miles away. British troops never managed to get any closer than eight miles to McArthur.

McArthur's Raid destroyed most of the mills and farms in the Western District on which the British army depended for flour, bread, vegetables, and meat.

Family Compact

Family Compact was a term used to describe a close-knit group of men who controlled Upper Canada's legislative, bureaucratic, business, religious, and judicial spheres. Emerging from the War of 1812-14, they believed American radicalism was dangerous and promoted British values as virtuous, asserting their right to govern because they had protected the colony from Americans. They supported conservative and loyalist ideas and opposed responsible government. Their dominance started to decline after the 1837 Rebellion.

The Compact originated from political appointments to two unelected branches of government in Upper Canada, the Executive Council and the Legislative Council, during John Graves Simcoe's tenure as Lieutenant-Governor. Simcoe aimed to recreate British society, believing an aristocratic class was essential. Limiting leadership to connected individuals was intended to establish a hierarchical class structure. These branches were answerable only to the Lieutenant-Governor, rendering the elected Legislative Assembly powerless. The term Family Compact was first used in 1828 and popularised in 1833. It was meant to describe the close relations between members. This included marriage and business ties, as well as their preferential treatment of each other.

Nearly half of the Family Compact members were second-generation Loyalists who moved to British North America during and after the American War of Independence. The American Revolution reinforced their view that democracy was a risky form of mob rule.

The American invasion during the War of 1812-14 intensified their opposition to democratic reforms and responsible government.

Members of the Compact frequently held multiple social, political, and economic positions at once. They managed appointments and land grants based on partisan loyalties. Their power was rooted in institutions like the Church of England, the Bank of Upper Canada, the Canada Company, and the Law Society of Upper Canada. Control over these institutions allowed them to exert financial, spiritual, legal, and administrative influence across the colony. Violence was often directed at political opponents during elections, meetings, and marches. Since they dominated the magistracy and judiciary, their actions rarely faced punishment. Nonetheless, the Compact was not always unified, as members sometimes clashed over personal and political concerns.

Upper Canada Rebellion of 1837

The Rebellion of 1837 was an armed uprising against British colonial rule, fuelled by calls for political reform and responsible government. Public dissatisfaction grew with the Lieutenant-Governor and his advisers, the Family Compact, for their abuse of power, patronage, and public resources without regard for the elected Assembly's views. William Lyon Mackenzie emerged as the leading advocate for reform.

The reluctant leader in this area was Dr. Charles Duncombe. He was one of the earliest doctors in the area. He was elected a member of the Legislative Assembly for Oxford in 1830 and 1834. Writing about the impending rebellion



Charles Duncombe (28 July 1792 - 1 October 1867), circa 1840. He was born in Stratford, Connecticut, and grew up in Stamford and Middleburg, New York. He moved to Delaware, Upper Canada, in 1819, to St. Thomas in 1822, then settled in Burford Township in 1828; his homestead became the site of the hamlet of Bishopsgate. Initially, he was a moderate and generally voted with the Conservatives. William Lyon Mackenzie thought Duncombe was content with the status quo. He didn't believe Duncombe wanted change. He tried to sabotage his reelection in 1834. By the mid-1830s, Duncombe's views became clearer to Mackenzie: he wanted political reform and for executives to be responsible to the elected house. However, Duncombe was not as radical as Mackenzie, and his involvement in the failed rebellion was marked by reluctance. He spent a few years in Cleveland after his escape. He moved to Rochester, New York, in 1841, and in 1849, he moved to Sacramento, California. He was pardoned by the government of the Province of Canada in 1843, but he never returned to Canada. He served on the Sacramento City Council and in the California State Assembly.

Source: Library and Archives Canada MIKAN 2895907, no d'acc 1959-54-1

in a letter dated 24 October 1837, Duncombe wrote:

...that it is high time for the reformers to be up and doing ... the only interest our oppressors have in the Province being the plunder they can amass and carry away with them. I think anyone not willfully blind, not interested in the continuance of the abuses, must see that while this baneful denomination continues, we have not the slightest chance for prosperity, and that if we will be governed we must govern ourselves. Our oppressors have shown us more clearly than ever before that their great object is to make the rich richer and the poor poorer, for if the people should become wealthy they would become intelligent and unwilling slaves... 'A Nation never can rebel', those only are rebels who resist the will of the people.

Supporters of Mackenzie thought there should be an uprising in the townships of Burford and Oakland to coincide with the uprising in Toronto. Meetings were held, arms were collected, and a gathering of some three hundred men actually assembled at Oakland Plains under the reluctant leadership of Duncombe, who had no military experience. Hearing of Mackenzie's defeat in Toronto and that Colonel Allen McNab had a force of nearly 650 men to quell the uprising in this area, Duncombe ordered his men to disperse and flee to avoid capture and imprisonment. The Lieutenant-Governor offered a reward of five hundred pounds for Duncombe's capture. Soldiers, militia men, and Haudenosaunee were on the



William Lyon Mackenzie led an ad hoc army of men armed mostly with farming implements to defeat at Montgomery's Tavern on 7 December 1837. Source: Sketch, circa 1921, by C.W. Jefferys, Govt of Ontario Art Collection

lookout. Agents were stationed along the border. If Duncombe could get to the United States, he would escape prosecution. He made his way to the border with help from friends disguised as an elderly farmer's wife. His party crossed the frozen St. Clair River with the assistance of an Army officer who didn't recognise him.

The rebellion failed; the government had not been overthrown. However, it did make the British Government realise that something was seriously wrong in British North America, and prompted them to send Lord Durham to investigate. Lord Durham's *Report on the Affairs of British North America* led to the *Act of Union 1840*, which resulted in the merger of Upper and Lower Canada into the Province of Canada and introduced

major changes, including responsible government.

Demise of the Family Compact

The Durham Report led to political reform, and increased immigration from the British Isles had diluted the Compact's influence. An emerging industrial and commercial class of businessmen thwarted the adoption of British class structures. Some members adapted to the changing times and kept their places in society; others saw their influence fade.

The Family Compact in Upper Canada can be compared to today's oligarchs as both represent small, powerful groups that exert significant control over political and economic systems, often prioritizing their interests over democratic principles.



Dragoon - A mounted infantryman armed with a short-barrelled, lightweight musket. Denoting a kind of carbine or musket, thought of as breathing fire, i.e. fire-breathing dragon.

Roots of Eagle Place Symposium presented by the Canadian Industrial Heritage Centre takes place on Saturday morning, 11 July 2026, between 9 AM and NOON at the Brantford & District Labour Centre, 1100 Clarence Street South.

This event traces the development of the Eagle Place, an industrial powerhouse during the 20th century. You will learn about the neighbourhood's evolution and development, the businesses that operated in the neighbourhood, and what it was like to live and grow up in Eagle Place. There will be displays and presentations. Speakers include Dave Leave, Sarah Clarke, Murray Angus, and Jack Jackowetz.

This is a free event.

left: 19th Light Dragoons officer, 1792. Source: Public Domain, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=51265130>



World-class tribute entertainment coming to
SANDERSON CENTRE



PRINCE
THE ULTIMATE EXPERIENCE
1999

7 JUL, 8PM

**FIRST TIME EVER
IN CANADA!**



THE UNOFFICIAL TRIBUTE SHOW
TAYLOR
A TRIBUTE TO THE ERAS
OF TAYLOR SWIFT MUSIC

8 JUL, 7PM

**BACK BY POPULAR
DEMAND!**

*FAN-SPONSORED EVENT - NOT ENDORSED BY OR AFFILIATED WITH TAYLOR SWIFT'S RIGHTS MANAGEMENT



QUEEN
IT'S A KINDA MAGIC

7 OCT, 8PM

**BACK BY POPULAR
DEMAND!**

BOOK NOW! Online or at sandersoncentre.ca or ph 519 758 8090

Showtime

