

Recipes for Life

by Judy Keeler

This is the perfect time and place to share 'recipes for life' and we invite you, the reader to do the same. Recipes for life are food for thought.



Speaking of libraries, did you know that Andrew Carnegie built many libraries in Ontario? Carnegie may have been a robber baron, but he was dedicated to the public library. Any community, any small town could approach Mr. Carnegie to build a library for them. Hand written requests were received by Mr. Carnegie's assistant and then passed on to the man himself. Mr. Carnegie would build a library as long as the community could maintain operating expenses. Hence

there are classic Carnegie libraries in Port Hope, Bracebridge, in Yorkville in Toronto and Annette St. in the Junction and many more. There is a book about these Carnegie libraries that you can find, guess where? The library. I got my first library card when I was ten, yet I constantly meet people that have never set foot in a library and it's free.

Carnegie was by most accounts a despicable man, but he was a philanthropist. You don't have to be rich to be a philanthropist. You can be as poor as a church mouse and still donate your time. You can lend a hand to someone who needs help, you can volunteer, give things away. You don't have to be rich to be a philanthropist. You just have to see opportunity as if you were, and grab it. Please share your recipes jkeeler2323@gmail.com Judy Keeler Writing Services

Library Strategic Plan Study for 2022-2026

Community Consultation, Farmer's Market, 30 Mill St, Thornbury Sunday, September 5th and 19th, 11am - 2pm

The Blue Mountains Public Library will be participating in the Thornbury Farmer's Market. Check out their booth to learn more about BMPL's Strategic Planning Process, and a chance to win coupons to local Blue Mountains businesses! Have a chat with one of their librarians and let them know what you want to see in the future of your GLAM! Don't forget to bring the kiddos! BMPL's tent will have a colouring station and live story times with their librarians.

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BMPL Town Hall, L.E. Shore Library

Wednesday, September 22nd, 4:30pm - 6:30pm

The Blue Mountains Public Library's Board will be holding their 3rd Town Hall. At this meeting the Strategic Planning working group (Laurey Gilles, Vice Chair; Sabrina Saunders, CEO; and Mary Dodge, Manager of Community Engagement) will present BMPL's Strategic Planning Process and discuss recommendations the community would like to bring forward for where and how to gather community feedback during the pandemic. Registration is required to arrange seating for physical distancing and contact tracing. Please register by household bubble. This event is planned for outside. Masks and physical distancing will be required. In the event of inclement weather, BMPL's Town Hall will be relocated into The Gallery at L.E. Shore and available seating will be based on GBHU physical distancing requirements at that time. Register on BMPL's Event Calendar. Contact: Dr. Sabrina Saunders, CEO, 519-599-3681 ext. 148

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On August 13, 2021, Tree Trust TBM held another tree-care event and celebration at the

Thornbury Clarksburg Union Cemetery. The focus of the event was a very special 100+ year old maple tree -- the fourth tree cared for as a result of donations contributed to Tree Trust TBM.

Many TBM residents had written to Tree Trust to nominate this particular tree and share stories about the role it has played in childhood adventures and lovely morning walks, so it was no surprise that more than 60 people attended this event.

Past president Colin Clarke of the Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary, a sponsor of Tree Trust TBM, kicked off the proceedings, highlighting how support of Tree Trust helps meet one of Rotary's official goals: Protecting the environment, by supporting activities that strengthen the conservation and protection of natural resources and advance ecological sustainability. Colin also introduced Elizabeth Kennedy, Rotary's new president, who introduced their unique and timely "Our Community Runs on Kindness" campaign.

Those in attendance were also treated to some tree-science talk by Tobias Effinger of Arboreal Tree Care, including an open Q&A. The aerial climbing feats and skilled pruning by the Arboreal team was, as always, a highlight of the event.

Betty Muise, lead volunteer for Tree Trust TBM, thanked Rotary, town staff, town council, and the many individual donors and interested residents for supporting the conservation tree-care work and the recently announced establishment of a local, native tree nursery.

TBM Councillor Andrea Matrasovs commented on how Tree Trust TBM demonstrates what can be done when citizens, service groups, skilled professionals, town staff and Council work together.

Planning is now underway for another Tree Trust tree and details will be available soon. Stay tuned!

Tree Trust TBM is a local charitable organization that collects and applies donated funds to look after older legacy trees in our community. Check out www.treetrust.ca (TBM community page) for more information or to get involved.

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