

BELLEVILLE updates

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WELCOME

There are many things happening at the City and we continue to find ways to share this information with our community. We believe this newsletter helps to provide you with additional ongoing information. Welcome to the March edition of Belleville Updates!

GRAND OPENINGS

We were pleased to welcome three new business to Belleville this past month. Congratulations to the teams at Wild Bird Unlimited (170 North Front St.), Gong Cha Bubble Tea (305 North Front St., Unit 5A) and The Golf Lounge (272 Front St.) on the official grand openings of their businesses. We wish them all the best with their new ventures!



CITY RECEIVES BUILDING FASTER FUNDS

In 2023, Belleville built 644 new housing units, exceeding the target set by the Province by over 400. On March 1, Premier Doug Ford visited City Hall to present a cheque for \$1.24 million from the Building Faster Fund for reaching our housing target. These funds will be reinvested into the \$55 million Avonlough Pump Station and delivery system, allowing us to open up lands in the city's west end which will accommodate more than 20,000 additional residents. Read the full release: ow.ly/EE4850QK2ZA.



ARTS & CULTURE/SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS

Applications for our Arts & Culture and Social Infrastructure Grants are open! Applications for the Arts & Culture stream close tomorrow (March 29)! The Social Infrastructure stream applications will remain open until April 30. Find out if you or your organization qualifies and apply today at: Belleville.ca/Grants.

INTERIM TAX DUE DATE

A reminder that the second instalment for property taxes is due April 26. Payments can be made online, by phone, through your financial institution, by mail, through the City Hall drop-box or in person. Learn more: Belleville.ca/PropertyTaxes.

CELEBRATING 'WOMEN IN WATER' ON #IWD

On International Women's Day, we took the opportunity to highlight some of the incredible women that work in water services in Belleville. Learn about what Sarah, Janelle, Joanne, Shannon, Amy and Olivia do, how they got into the industry and their advice for young women interested in the field: Belleville.ca/WomenInWater.



DISABILITIES & TAXES WORKSHOP

Our Accessibility Advisory Committee and the Belleville Public Library held a free tax information session for those with disabilities and caregivers on March 7. We had a great turnout for the presentation by Tom Muir of Disability Dreams Group. An online version is now available on the [City's YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) for those who were unable to attend in person.

LEAF & YARD WASTE DEPOT NOW OPEN

The City's Leaf & Yard Waste Depot located at 75 Wallbridge Cres. is now open for the season. The 2024 curbside collection schedule is also available and will run from May 21 to June 3. For depot hours and to find your collection date, visit: Belleville.ca/YardWaste.

OLG RECOGNITION EVENT

On March 21, the City held an event to recognize the impact that the Municipal Contribution Agreement with Ontario Lottery and Gaming (OLG) has had in our community over the past year. In 2023 alone the City received a total of \$3,462,716 that was allocated to a number of infrastructure projects and over 20 non-profit organizations in our community through the Social Infrastructure Grant Program. Find out more about the impact the funding has had on our community by watching the [2023 City of Belleville OLG Funding Highlights video](#).

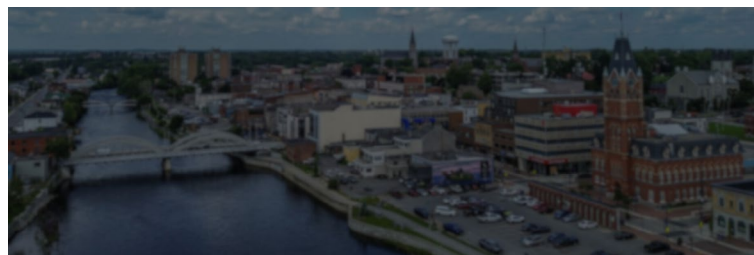


NOW SEEKING ART PROPOSALS

Calling all local artists! We are now seeking proposals for a unique piece of art that can be gifted as a memento to distinguished guests who visit Belleville. Submissions can be in any medium of art and must capture and reflect Belleville. Learn more and make a submission by April 10 at: Belleville.ca/ArtProposal.

CITY SIGNS NEW DOCTOR RECRUIT

During the March 26 meeting, Council approved the signing of Western University Student Mike Ding to the City's Doctor Recruitment Program. Mike will be the 44th physician to be recruited through the program. We are eager to welcome him to Belleville when he completes his studies. Read the full release: bit.ly/3IPPK9o.



SPECIAL UPCOMING GARDENING PRESENTATIONS

Lindsay Nash of Quinte Conservation will be at the Belleville Public Library from 6-7 p.m. on April 10 to talk about the importance of pollinators & how you can support them. Register for this free event at 613-968-6731 ext. 2037 or infoserv@bellevillelibrary.ca.

Then on April 20 from 2 to 3 p.m., join landscape architect Victoria Taylor at Glanmore National Historic Site to discover how heritage, community and landscape stewardship play a role in the restoration of the gardens around Glanmore and gain inspiration you can apply to gardens of your own. Advance tickets are required. Learn more and register for the event at: Glanmore.ca.

FIND YOUR NEXT JOB AT THE QUINTE CAREER FAIR

Are you looking for a new career? Join us for the upcoming Quinte Region Career Fair at the Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre on April 24 to network and connect with local employers looking to hire! No registration required. Learn more at: WorkinQuinte.ca/CareerFair.

SOLAR ECLIPSE TAKING PLACE APRIL 8

Have you heard? The total solar eclipse is coming April 8! The eclipse will begin at 2:08 and end at 4:33 p.m. with a brief period of totality between 3:21 and 3:23 p.m. This is an extremely rare event that won't happen in the area again for over 370 years and a large influx of people is expected. Be prepared and protect your eyes! For more information and safety tips, visit: Belleville.ca/Eclipse.

EASTER WEEKEND SERVICE CHANGES

We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Easter! Please note the following changes to City services this weekend:

- City Hall – Closed March 29 to April 1.
- Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre – No recreational swims or programs & Customer Service Desk is closed March 29 & April 1. Special schedule March 30 & 31. For details, visit QSWC.ca.
- Transit – Regular & mobility transit will NOT run March 29.
- Leaf & Yard Waste Depot – Closed March 29 & April 1.
- Thurlow Landfill – No change to regular public hours.
- Glanmore National Historic Site – Closed March 29 to April 1.
- Belleville Public Library – Closed March 29, 31 & April 1.
- Community Archives – Closed March 29 to April 1.

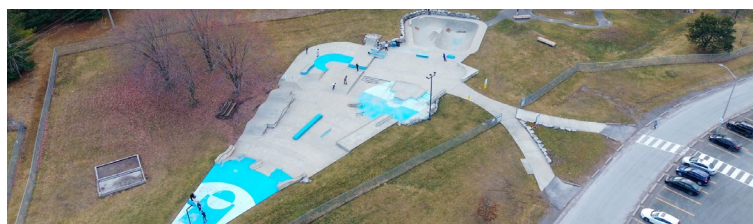
There will be no changes to curbside garbage, green bin, recycling or bulky items collection.

QUINTE TRASH BASH RETURNS APRIL 20

The Trash Bash is back on Saturday, April 20! Team up with your friends, family and the community in cleaning up our streets, parks and outdoor spaces. Find more information on pre-registration, supply kit pick-up and day of drop-off at: QuinteTrashBash.ca.

CITY PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS NOW OPEN

Spring had sprung! The Riverside Park Skatepark, Mary-Anne Sills turf field, Bruce Faulds Track and all of the playgrounds are now open for the season! As the weather gets warmer and days get longer, be sure to get out and enjoy the beautiful green spaces Belleville has to offer. Please note all grass fields will remain closed until further notice.



REMINDER OF NEWSLETTER CHANGES

Starting next month, the Belleville Updates Newsletter will look a little different as we transition to a new distribution system. If, between now and April 29, you would like to unsubscribe to stop receiving the newsletter, please email us at communications@belleville.ca to be removed from our subscriber list.

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