



Puslinch Community Newsletter August 2020

Aberfoyle Farmers' Market

DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING COVID-19, the Aberfoyle Farmers' Market is closed for the 2020 season. Please consider supporting some of our vendors directly:

- Vandebroek Farms | Seasonal produce and preserves | 1557 Milborough Line, Carlisle
- Fresh Ayr Farm | Vegetable CSAs and pastured chicken | www.freshayrfarm.com
- Wagyu Sekai | 100% Wagyu beef | www.wagyuworld.com
- Top Market Family Farms | Meats, cheeses, milk, eggs and produce | 960 King St E, Cambridge
- Tigchelaar Farm | coffee, baked goods and apples | 268 Flamborough-Puslinch Townline
- The Burrs and the Bees | Honey and beeswax products | 4190 Sideroad 20 S, Puslinch
- Parker Family Farms | Seasonal produce | 4616 Watson Parkway S, Guelph

Find even more vendors on our website at www.afma.ca

Crieff Hills

SUMMER PICNICS. Starting June 25, we will be welcoming guests to enjoy our beautiful grounds! We have private picnic areas set up around the property with plenty of outdoor green space. Each one is equipped with 2 picnic tables, shelter from sun/rain, and access to a clean bathroom for your exclusive use. A number of sites have an outdoor fire pit with free firewood provided, some include a hike into the woods, and there are two barrier-free locations, too. The registration fee is \$10 per person, and will give you access to a large, clean, well-equipped space for the whole day, from 10 am to 3pm. Lunch is an additional cost. Chef Damien is offering two delicious lunch options for takeout, available from Thursday to Saturday. Each lunch serves one adult, and a children's option is available as well. Ingredients will vary slightly throughout the summer as we serve the freshest produce from our gardens. A clean and contactless payment and pickup will be set up at Maclean Hall. Picnic space must be reserved before arrival. Your picnic lunch will have everything you need packed in an insulated bag: utensils, napkins, plates, and glasses.

Mount Carmel-Zion United Church

DUE TO THE UNCERTAINTY OF THE COVID-19 THIS YEAR, we will not be holding a Senior's lunch or our yearly Christmas Bazaar. We do look forward to being able to hold these events in 2021 and seeing you again.

Puslinch Branch Library

WELLINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY: STAGE 3 REOPENING

- Beginning Tuesday, August 11, limited numbers of patrons are welcome into the Puslinch Branch. Our hours for public access are: Tuesday - Friday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm and Saturdays 10:00 am - 5:00 pm.
- Our curbside service will continue to be available Tuesday - Friday 4:00 – 6:00 pm and Saturdays 2:00 – 5:00 pm by appointment only. Please call the branch at 519.763.8026 to arrange pickup.
- Patrons will be restricted to 30 minutes in branch and are required to follow COVID-19 screening protocols.
- Masks are required for entry into all County facilities, including libraries.



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Puslinch Branch Library (cont.)

- Visitors are asked to frequently sanitize hands and only touch material they plan to borrow.
- Social distancing must be adhered to at all times.
- All materials accessed in branch and returned to the drop box will be quarantined for 72 hours.
- Computer access is by appointment only for 30-minute periods.
- Evening service is not available at this time.

JOIN SUMMER READING 2020 and read to enter amazing prize draws for kids, teen, and adults! Plus, pick up Take-and-Make activity bags for more fun at home. Online entry preferred. Programme ends Friday, September 4. Visit www.wellington.ca/Library for a complete list of services and programmes.

NEED SOME HELP FINDING A SUMMER READ? Check out these new books at the library.

Fiction

Green, Hank	A Beautifully Foolish Endeavor
Willams, Beatriz	Her Last Flight
Chakraborty, S.A.	The Empire of Gold
Barry, Jessica	Don't Turn Around
Patterson, James	Cajun Justice
Phillips, Susan Elizabeth	Dance Away with Me
Colgan, Jenny	500 Miles from You
Wiggs, Susan	The Lost and Found Bookshop
Thor, Brad	Near Dark
Kellerman, Jonathan	Half Moon Bay

Non-Fiction

Crawford, Matthew B.	Why We Drive: Toward a Philosophy of the Open Road
Anan, Madhur	This Red Line Goes Straight to Your Heart
Rodgers, Diana/Wolf, Robb	Sacred Cow: The Case for (Better) Meat: Why Well-Raised Meat is Good for You and Good for the Planet
Trump, Mary L.	Too Much and Never Enough
Johnson, Harold R.	Peace and Good Order: The Case for Indigenous Justice in Canada
Bock, Halley	Life, Incorporated: A practical guide to wholehearted living
Brown, Elaine	A Taste of Power: A Black Woman's Story
Fulop, Lily	Wear, Repair, Repurpose: A Makers Guide to Mending and Upcycling Clothes
Moss, Stephen	Highlands: Scotland's Wild Heart
Furman, Richard	A Healthy Brain for Life: How to Prevent Alzheimer's, Dementia and Memory Loss



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Puslinch Minor Soccer Club

WONDERING WHERE SOCCER WENT THIS SUMMER? On June 8th, the Government of Ontario announced the directive that Outdoor Amateur Team Sports could begin “training”. Late July, Ontario Soccer announced it's phased-in Return to Play Plan - Pitch In, Play On! The approach was developed to ensure the soccer system transitioned as governmental health authorities modify their health and safety standards over time and as our communities return to the new normal of life as well as sport and recreational participation. The priority at all times is to preserve public health, minimizing the risk of community transmission. The approach consists of three stages:

Phase 1: Return to Train - which allows for individual training but no contact or games.

Phase 2: Return to Train and Modified Games - training with minimal physical contact, modified inter-club scrimmages.

Phase 3: Return to Soccer - Social distancing restrictions lifted, return to regular training and competition.

TIMBITS SUMMER PROGRAM. Puslinch Minor Soccer had to make the difficult decision to cancel our Timbits summer program. With the limits on social gathering and the difficulties in monitoring social distancing at the youngest age groups, it did not allow for us to run our program in a traditional format. In July, the Escarpment Soccer League, where our Recreational teams play, also decided to cancel the season due to the uncertainty around timelines for when Ontario Soccer would get to Phase 3. Our Competitive teams held on though and mid-July, the district soccer community entered Phase 1: Return to Train. With a successful few weeks of Phase 1, Clubs in our District are able to move into Phase 2, and our PMSC teams will begin to scrimmage in the month of August.

When will Ontario Soccer enter into Phase 3? That is uncertain, but we will be considering programming options for the fall and winter as we get a handle on how each Phase unfolds. Please check www.puslinchsoccer.com regularly and we will keep our community up to date.

The Donkey Sanctuary of Canada

WEEKLY “VIRTUAL VISITS” The Donkey Sanctuary of Canada (DSC) announces its Virtual Visit series. Although the Sanctuary is currently closed to the public, due to COVID-19 restrictions, they can get to know the 100 donkeys, mules and hinnies through this series, visiting a different paddock each week. The Virtual Visits will premier every Sunday at 10 AM, beginning May 24, 2020. The series will continue throughout the summer. Individuals can donate here: <https://www.thedonkeysanctuary.ca/events/virtual-open-days> to receive their Virtual Visit video link. Each Sunday at 10:00am, a new link will go live. DSC will be available during the premiere to answer any questions viewers have. Monthly donors will receive access to all the Virtual Visit links. For more information please visit www.thedonkeysanctuary.ca



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Township of Puslinch

PROPERTY TAX INSTALLMENT DUE DATE – August 31, 2020. Final property tax bills will be mailed by August 1, 2020. The installment due dates are August 31, and October 30, 2020. Please contact services@puslinch.ca if you have any questions.

TOWNSHIP FACILITY CLOSURE UPDATES Township outdoor facilities and multi-use fields including baseball diamonds and soccer fields can now be booked and used for games (washroom, change-rooms and seating areas remain closed). Township playgrounds are now open. Failure to comply with all federal, provincial, and local health unit requirements may result in the Township being directed to close these outdoor facilities. The following Township closures remain in effect to September 8, 2020:

- All washrooms and change rooms
- Puslinch Community Centre
- Gymnasium at the Optimist Recreation Centre
- Municipal Office

The decision to extend closures and cancellations will be continually reviewed, in conjunction with direction from the Province, guidance from Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health, and the Chief Medical Officer of Health to determine if an earlier opening is possible or if a further extension is required. Any changes in operations will be communicated and posted to the Township's website at www.puslinch.ca

DOG CONTROL AND DOG CATCHING. The Township of Puslinch is now using the Cambridge Humane Society for dog control and dog catching. Please call the Cambridge and District Humane Society at (519) 623-6323 or (519) 623-7405.