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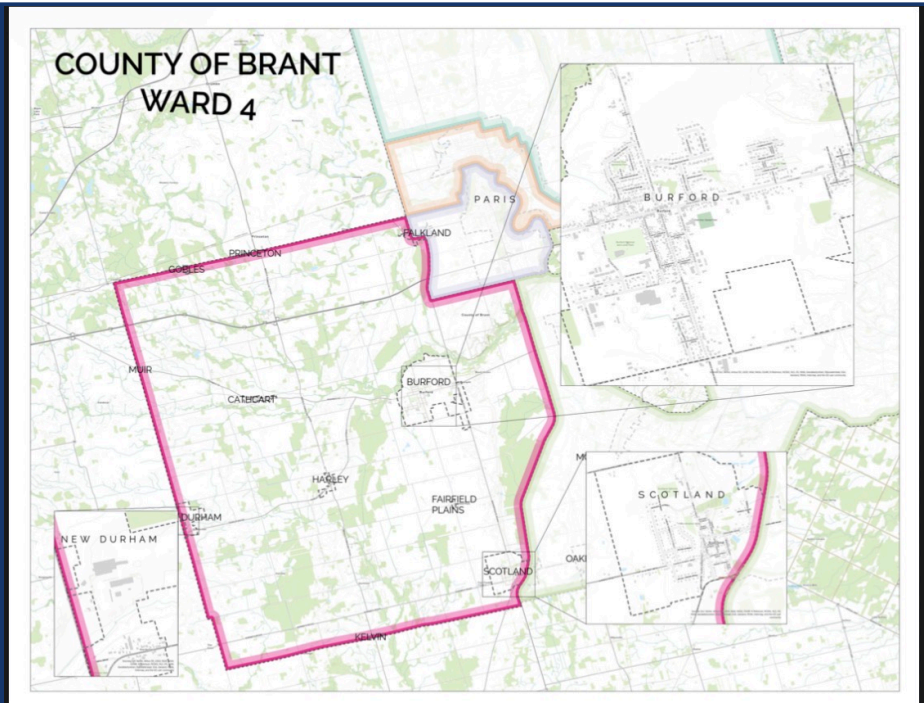
Good morning, Ward 4. The Ward Four Daily is a free community paper published every morning. Ward 4 news comes first, then news from across the County of Brant. Short, plain and checked against public sources.

WARD 4 / LAND USE

Contrans Bishopsgate proposal deferred

The County's Active Applications page now shows the October 20 Council consideration of 291 and 297 Bishopsgate Road (file ZBA17-OPA3-26-RC) as deferred at the applicant's request. A future Council meeting date will be posted once available.

The proposed expansion and its effects on farmland and truck traffic remain important issues for Ward 4. Glenn Hughes opposes rezoning agricultural land for this purpose. Note: the County's older PDF notice still lists October 20.



Ward 4: Burford, Scotland, Harley, New Durham

COUNTY-WIDE / ELECTION

Election day: October 26

The County's municipal and school board election is Monday, October 26. Online and phone voting runs from Monday, October 19 at 9 a.m. to Monday, October 26 at 8 p.m. The County says voter information letters were mailed and should have arrived by October 12. No letter? Call 519.44BRANT (442.7268) or email election@brant.ca.



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ABOUT US / COMMUNITY / ALL WARDS

OUR PURPOSE

A newspaper built for neighbours

The Ward Four Daily grows from the Community Council idea developed by Glenn Hughes and Ben Clement. Win or lose the municipal election, residents deserve accessible information and a voice in local decisions. This is a community news initiative, not an official County publication.

EDITORIAL PROMISE

What we'll cover

Ward 4 leads every edition, followed by relevant news from Wards 1, 2, 3 and 5. Expect reporting on Council votes, taxes, development, infrastructure, police and public safety, businesses and events. When an item is unverified, we will say so.

COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

Residents: have your say

Should farmland be rezoned for transportation or industrial operations? Would more trucks affect local roads or safety? What evidence should Council require? Join the discussion when the Ward 4 Facebook page launches, and share differing views respectfully.

VERIFICATION DESK

Police and public safety

No new Ward 4 police incident has been confirmed for this edition. We will not present reports or allegations as established fact. For emergencies, call 911.

ELECTION / WARD 1

Brant Votes: Dymont live today

Ward 1 candidate Denise Dymont is live on Brant Votes today at 1 p.m. Watch at brantvotes.ca.

COVERAGE NOTE

All five wards

This edition includes county-wide news, but does not claim a separate breaking story from every ward. We will expand ward-by-ward coverage as reliable reports and public notices become available.

LOOKING AHEAD

The next edition

A new edition every morning, starting with Ward 4 and including other County communities. Suggest topics and ask questions. Coverage will put first what can be documented.



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HOUSING / ROADS / INFRASTRUCTURE

HOUSING

Seniors' housing planned for St. George

A 35-unit affordable seniors' co-operative housing project is planned for 50 High Street in St. George, the County's first housing co-op. A drop-in open house is Monday, October 19, 6 to 8 p.m., at Gaukel Memorial Community Centre, 7 Gaukel Drive. Construction is expected to begin by spring 2027, subject to change.

ROADS

Dixon Bridge work starts October 19

Dixon Bridge on Big Creek Road closes from Monday, October 19 to Monday, November 16 for repairs. Detour signs will be on Brant Road 22, Baptist Church Road and Mulligan Road. Addresses 334 to 361 Big Creek Road use Mulligan Road. Addresses 370 to 476 use Brant Road 22.

SCOTLAND

Scotland roadwork ahead

Phase 2 of the County's Scotland road reconstruction is planned for 2027 to the end of 2028. It is expected to include Queen Street South, Elgin Street, Church Street East, Brant Street and Marcus Street, subject to a servicing study. The County plans a public open house this fall.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Powerline Road lighting

The County has finished installing 17 new decorative LED streetlights along Powerline Road near Mile Hill Road, Brewis Street, Hitchman Street and Whiting Drive, to improve visibility and nighttime safety.

PARIS

Paris street reconstruction

Grand River Street North upgrades run from fall 2026 to late 2028, backed by over \$9 million in provincial funding. Plans include four lanes, four roundabouts, a multi-use path, sidewalk and streetlights. Two-way traffic stays open. Watch County notices for closures and access changes.



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COMMUNITY DESK / EVENTS / SOURCES

COMING UP

Hazardous waste day Saturday

Household hazardous waste day is Saturday, October 17, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Mohawk Street Landfill, 20 Morrison Road, Brantford. ID may be requested. The last one this year is November 21.

CALENDAR

Community events

Oct. 15: County Sports Hall of Fame induction, 7 p.m., Syl Apps Community Centre, Paris.

Oct. 16: St. George firefighters' fundraising dinner, 4 to 7 p.m., St. George Fire Hall.

Oct. 17: a local concert. Confirm details with organizers.

Nov. 7: Thank-A-Vet Luncheon, Cainsville Community Centre. Veterans and spouses free, others \$45. Register at thank-a-vet.ca.

OUR STANDARDS

How stories are checked

We aim to identify reliable primary sources, separate proposals from approvals, and correct errors openly. ChatGPT assists with research, drafting and organization. AI output is not a substitute for source verification or editorial judgment.

REFERENCES

Source desk

Election and public notices: County of Brant, brant.ca. Planning: County Active Applications page. Roads and bridges: County construction notices. Each time-sensitive item is checked against its source before posting.

GET INVOLVED

Send a news tip

Questions, community notices, corrections and firsthand accounts are welcome. Tips are checked before publication. Email us at:

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