



THE WARD FOUR DAILY

FRIDAY EDITION

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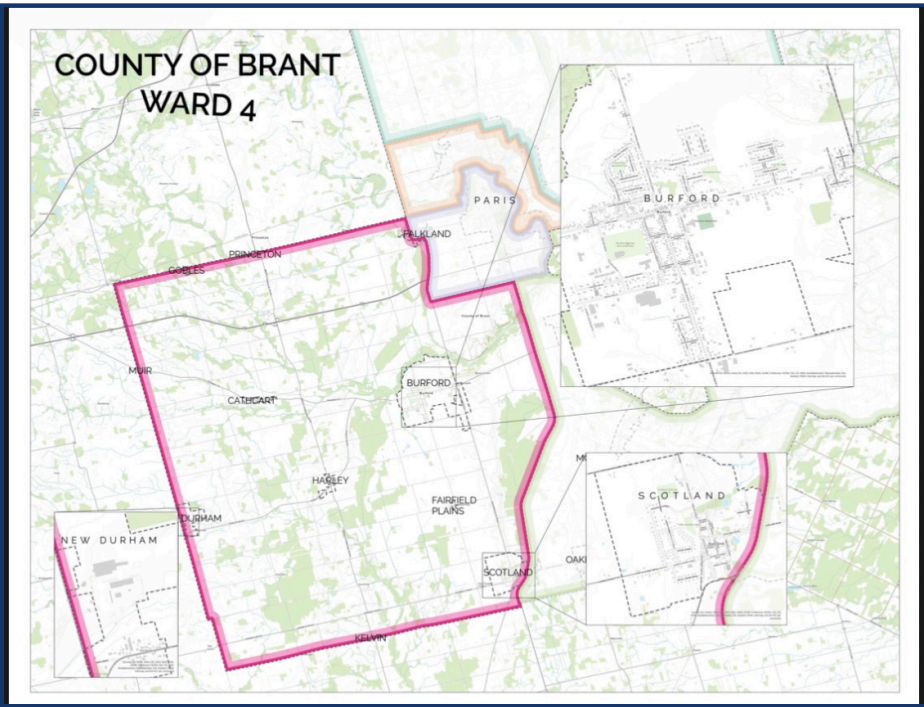
Good morning, Ward 4. Voting opens Monday, Dixon Bridge closes Monday, and the Riverhawks are home in Burford Saturday night. Ward 4 news comes first, as always.

WARD 4 / LAND USE

Bishopsgate decision still on hold

The County's Active Applications page, checked this morning, still lists the proposal for 291 and 297 Bishopsgate Road (file ZBA17-OPA3-26-RC) under the October 20 Council meeting, with this note: consideration has been deferred at the applicant's request, and a future Council meeting date will be posted once available.

So there is no decision on October 20. A December 7 date is tentative and unconfirmed. It is not on the County site yet.



Ward 4: Burford, Scotland, Cathcart, Harley, Fairfield Plains, New Durham, Falkland and Kelvin.
Source: County of Brant ward map.

WARD 4 / LEGION 100

Burford Legion marks 100 years

The Legion turns 100 this year. The County painted a crosswalk at Park Avenue and King Street and hung banners on Park Avenue for Branch 543 Burford, Cathcart and Harley.

Open house Saturday, October 24, 1 to 5 p.m., 4 Park Avenue.



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WARD 4 / FARM AND RURAL / PUBLIC SAFETY

FARM AND RURAL

Rural share of the County is shrinking

Councillor John Bell told Council on October 6 that when the County formed, it was 60 per cent rural and 40 per cent urban. He said it is about 50/50 today and could reach 65/35.

He said how money goes to areas outside Paris and St. George will be a real conversation at every budget. Staff said about one per cent of the County's farm land base has been redesignated to other uses since 1999.

WARD 4 / GROWTH

A new say in how Burford grows

The County's policy planning manager told Council the new provincial planning rules give Brant more flexibility on Burford. A servicing study for Burford is still under way. He said this will help the County take feedback from the community on what level of growth fits Burford.

WARD 4 / PUBLIC SAFETY

Impaired driving charge in Scotland

Brant OPP answered a complaint about a possible impaired driver on Augustus Street at Peter Street in Scotland at about 4 p.m. on Friday, October 9. A 66 year old Scotland man has been charged and is due in court in Brantford on November 19. Charges are not proven in court. If you see a driver you think is impaired, call 911.

WARD 4 / COMMUNITY

Hello, Brant! comes to Burford

The County's free Hello, Brant! family afternoon is Sunday, November 15, noon to 3 p.m., at the Burford Community Centre, 14 Potter Drive. Free skate from 1 to 2 p.m., face painting, popcorn and prize draws. Bring your questions for County staff.



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AGRO REPORT: WEATHER, PRICES, HARVEST

WEATHER / ENVIRONMENT CANADA

Wind and showers today, frost tonight

Brantford forecast issued 5 a.m. Friday, October 16. No warnings in effect. Today: cloudy with a 40 per cent chance of showers. Wind southwest 20 gusting to 40, becoming west 40 gusting to 60 this morning. Temperature falling to 11 this afternoon.

Tonight: a chance of showers this evening, then partly cloudy. Wind northwest 30 gusting to 50. Low minus 1. Saturday: sunny, high 10. Sunday to Wednesday: sunny, highs 15 to 18. Normal for now is a high of 14 and a low of 4.

CROP PRICES / GFO

Grain markets, Thursday, October 15

From the Grain Farmers of Ontario daily report. Futures in U.S. dollars, cash in Canadian dollars.

Corn: December futures \$4.78, down 2 3/4 cents. Burford cash \$6.23 a bushel old crop, \$6.19 new crop.

Soybeans: November futures \$12.63, down 14 1/4 cents. Burford cash \$16.78 a bushel. Brantford \$16.98.

Wheat: Chicago December futures \$6.70, down 3 1/4 cents.

LIVESTOCK / BFO AND ONTARIO PORK

Cattle and hogs

Beef Farmers of Ontario weekly report, week ending October 8, auction averages per hundredweight: fed steers \$299.82, fed heifers \$292.22, cows \$164.54, stocker steers 500 to 599 lb \$642.80. This was the latest report posted this morning.

Ontario Pork, Thursday, October 15: 100% formula price \$195.21 per hundred kilograms, dressed.

HARVEST / GFO

Field progress

Grain Farmers of Ontario harvest maps as of October 14: soybeans about 70 per cent harvested, corn about 1 per cent, and winter wheat about 81 per cent planted. GFO's October market report said soybean yields have been good, even above average in many parts of southwestern Ontario.

LOCAL FARM NEWS

Farm meetings

The County's Agricultural Advisory Committee meets Monday, October 19 at 9 a.m. in Council Chambers, Paris. Agendas at brant.ca/CouncilCalendar.

Barnyard to Backyard: Alpaca Farm, Wednesday, November 11, 6:30 p.m., Scotland-Oakland Library.

Ontario Federation of Agriculture annual meeting, November 24 and 25 in Toronto. Send farm meetings to yourvoicematterstomeward4@gmail.com



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FARM AND BUSINESS: TARIFFS

FARM AND BUSINESS

Tariffs reach our farms and shops

Trade trouble with the United States shows up first in costs and prices. For Ward 4, where so many families farm, that matters at harvest time.

ON THE FARM

Trailers still carry a tariff

Since 12:01 a.m. September 8, Canada has had counter tariffs on about \$27.6 billion in U.S. goods. The Ontario Federation of Agriculture said on September 11 that tractors, combines and repair parts are exempt, so farmers can still bring in machinery parts at harvest.

Farm and livestock trailers are not exempt. They carry a 25 per cent tariff. The OFA says farmers are price takers and cannot pass that cost on. It is asking Ottawa for relief.

ON THE FARM

Soybean and fertilizer worries

Earlier this year, Soy Canada's executive director told Grant Haven Media a record crop in Brazil puts downward pressure on prices, and tariffs are the next thing to watch. The CEO of Grain Farmers of Ontario said fertilizer is one of the clearest examples of the challenges farmers face. On Thursday, November soybeans fell another 14 cents.

CLOSE TO HOME

Brant farm groups working together

The Brant Federation of Agriculture held a roundtable with 28 people from 10 farm sectors, five industry partners and County economic development staff. The goal is shared priorities and a three year plan for local farming.

FOR LOCAL BUSINESS

Jobs at risk, some help

The Chamber of Commerce Brantford Brant said in April that wider U.S. tariffs on steel, aluminum and copper products put about 15,000 jobs in southwestern Ontario at risk. In July, seven Brantford and Brant businesses shared \$8.9 million in federal support toward projects worth \$28.1 million. The Chamber lists help programs at chamberbrantfordbrant.com. Is your farm or business feeling the tariffs? Tell us at yourvoicematterstomeward4@gmail.com



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AROUND THE WARDS: 1, 2, 3 AND 5

WARD 1 / ST. GEORGE

First housing co-op for seniors

A 35 unit affordable seniors' co-op is planned for 50 High Street in St. George, behind Russell Heights. It will be the first co-op housing in the County. The County is giving the land and \$950,000.

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 by spring 2027 and move-in by fall 2028, subject to change.

WARD 2 / PARIS

A home for the new central library

The library board says the new Central Branch will be built at 199 Grand River Street North in Paris, a 3.7 acre site the County bought. The current Paris branch dates to 1904.

Construction is projected for late 2027 to 2028, pending future Council approvals, with opening expected in winter 2029. The budget is estimated at \$23 million to \$28 million.

WARD 3 / PARIS

New lights on Powerline Road

The County has finished installing 17 new LED streetlights along Powerline Road near Mile Hill Road, Brewis Street, Hitchman Street and Whiting Drive, for better visibility and safety at night. Questions go to operations@brant.ca.

WARD 5 / CAINSVILLE

Industrial building approved on Prince Charles Road

On October 6, Council approved four setback variances so a one storey industrial building of about 2,560 square metres can go on an odd shaped 1.85 acre lot at 63 Prince Charles Road. Staff said it should hold about 30 jobs. No objections were received.



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AROUND THE WARDS: SPORTS HALL OF FAME

WARD 4 / BURFORD

Burford champions in the Sports Hall of Fame

The County's Sports Hall of Fame held its Burford ceremony on October 7 at the Burford Community Centre. It honoured the 2006 to 2007 Burford Minor Hockey Novice Rep team, which won the Ontario Minor Hockey Association Novice C championship.

WARD 1 / ST. GEORGE

Lions Club and hockey builders honoured

The St. George ceremony was September 15 at Gaukel Memorial Community Centre. It honoured the St. George Lions Club, which has backed local recreation for more than 80 years and helped fund the arena.

Doug Robb was honoured as a player, official and builder. He officiated in the 1974 Summit Series and helped build sledge hockey in Hamilton and Brant. Dean and Sue Morrison were honoured for decades of work in minor hockey and recreation.

PARIS / WARDS 2 AND 3

Paris inductees include an NHL player

The last ceremony was October 15 at Syl Apps Community Centre. It honoured Marilyn McCulloch for work on local recreation sites, Sandy Boyd, who helped Canada win gold at the first World Women's Hockey Tournament in 1987, and Zac Dalpe, who played for six NHL teams and reached the 2023 Stanley Cup Final.

The 2002 Paris Minor Hockey Bantam Rep Wolfpack was honoured for its International Silver Stick C title. Nominations for 2027 close November 30 at brant.ca/sportshall.



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AROUND THE WARDS: PARIS COMMUNITY NEWS

PARIS / WARDS 2 AND 3

Paris Food Bank adds evening hours

The Paris Food Bank, run by the Salvation Army, adds evening hours from 6 to 8 p.m. starting Monday, October 19, on top of its Monday and Thursday hours of 1 to 3 p.m. From November 2 it will be open Mondays 6 to 8 p.m. and Thursdays 1 to 4 p.m. It reports 25 per cent more households than a year ago. Most needed are school snacks, pancake mix, canned fruit, peanut butter, canned soup and toiletries. Drop off at 25B Dundas Street West.

PARIS / WARDS 2 AND 3

Record crowd for Garba Night

More than 350 people came to the fourth annual Navratri Garba Night at the Paris Fairgrounds on Saturday, October 10, the biggest turnout yet, organizers told the Brant Beacon.



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COUNCIL WATCH

COUNCIL WATCH / OCT 6

Powerline Road industrial lands approved

Council approved zoning and a plan of subdivision for 986 and 1034 Powerline Road in Paris, about 267.7 acres, by a 9 to 1 vote. The plan creates four large industrial blocks. Councillor Ella Haley voted against. Councillor Robert Chambers was absent.

Councillors raised traffic, noise, the aquifer and a new road across from a home. Councillor Jennifer Kyle said the lands need to come online "so we can start getting more people working closer to home."

ELECTION

Voting opens Monday

Online and phone voting opens Monday, October 19 at 9 a.m. and closes Election Day, Monday, October 26 at 8 p.m. Have your Voter Information Letter handy. No letter? Call 519.442.7268.

COUNCIL WATCH / NEXT

Council meets October 20

Tuesday, October 20 at 6 p.m., 7 Broadway Street West, Paris. Open to the public and streamed at brant.ca/live. No agenda was posted as of this morning.

ELECTION / WARD 4

Help with voting near you

Staff will help you vote at the Burford Community Centre, 14 Potter Drive, and the Scotland Community Centre, 85 Simcoe Street. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. from October 19 to 25, and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day. The new Council term begins November 15.



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ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

ROADS / BRIDGE

Dixon Bridge closes Monday

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

ROADS / BRIDGE

S. Hodge Bridge work wrapping up

The County's closures list shows S. Hodge Bridge work on Sixth Concession Road, between East Quarter Townline Road and Middle Townline Road, ending today. Check municipal511.ca before you head out.

ROADS / SCOTLAND

Scotland roadwork ahead

Phase 2 of the Scotland road rebuild 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 later this fall. Date not yet posted.

ROADS / PARIS

Grand River Street North upgrades

Work runs 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.

COUNCIL WATCH / HOW WE REPORT

Votes, not spin

Council Watch reports what Council decided, the vote count and what councillors said on the record. We separate approvals from proposals. If we get something wrong, we will correct it here.



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ROAD AND CLOSURE WATCH / COUNCIL IN PLAIN WORDS

ROAD AND CLOSURE WATCH

Closures and detours at a glance

Dixon Bridge, Big Creek Road: closed Monday, October 19 to Monday, November 16.

Powerline Road in Brantford, Old Farm Road to Park Road North: closed Monday, October 19 to Friday, November 13 for school water and sewer work, weather permitting. This is just over the line in the City.

Park Avenue, Burford: closed briefly at East Andrew Street and Rutherford Street for the November 8 and November 11 Remembrance marches.

Brant Mill Road, Oakland: closed permanently. Cleaver Road Bridge: closed until further notice.

Paris: Grand River Street North work under way with two way traffic. East Flats rebuild to Friday, December 4. Broadway West and West River rebuild starts this month and runs to 2028.

COUNCIL IN PLAIN WORDS

What zoning means

Zoning is the rule for what can be built on a piece of land. On October 6, Council changed the zoning on two Powerline Road properties in Paris so they can become industrial blocks. Site plans still come later.

COUNCIL IN PLAIN WORDS

What a variance means

A minor variance is a small exception to the rules. In Cainsville, Council let a building sit closer to the lot lines than the rules allow. The use of the land did not change.

COUNCIL IN PLAIN WORDS

A report received

Council also received a growth report on October 6. Receiving a report means Council heard it and took no vote to change anything.

COUNCIL IN PLAIN WORDS

What deferred means

Deferred means put off to a later meeting. Nothing was approved or refused. The Bishopsgate file waits for a new date from the County.



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SPORTS / BUSINESS / COMMUNITY NOTICES

SPORTS

Riverhawks home in Burford Saturday

The Brant County Riverhawks, the County's new Senior A men's team in the NPHL, host the Tilbury Bluebirds on Saturday, October 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Burford Community Centre Arena. The team lost 6 to 3 in Strathroy on October 2, then 10 to 6 to Alvinston in Burford. Next road game is Saturday, October 24 in Alvinston.

BUSINESS

Jobs closer to home

Two Council approvals on October 6 point to more local jobs. The Cainsville building is expected to hold about 30 jobs. The Powerline Road lands are planned for large industrial blocks, with site plans still to come.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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 Saturday, November 21.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Nominate a volunteer

Nominations for the County's 2026 Volunteer Recognition Awards are open until Thursday, November 12. Apply at brant.ca/Volunteer or call 519.442.7268, ext. 3254.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Thank-A-Vet Luncheon

The 29th Thank-A-Vet Luncheon is Saturday, November 7 at the Cainsville Community Centre. Doors 11 a.m. Veterans and spouses free, others \$45. Register at thank-a-vet.ca or 548.885.1510.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Fields closed for the season

All County outdoor sports fields and ball diamonds are now closed for the season.



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KIDS AND SCHOOLS / REMEMBER WHEN / NEIGHBOURS / CLASSIFIEDS

KIDS AND SCHOOLS

School board notes

Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic board:
October is Kindergarten Registration Month for children born in 2023, starting school in September 2027. Grade 9 students can take part in Take Our Kids to Work Day on Wednesday, November 4.

Grand Erie board: secondary teachers are scheduling Flexible Periods between October 1 and November 27 so students can finish work or plan credit recovery.

Library: Let's Get Ready for Kindergarten, Fridays at 10:30 a.m., Burford Library, through November 27.

REMEMBER WHEN

1837: the rebels gather at Scotland

In December 1837, Dr. Charles Duncombe of Burford Township led a rising in the London District. His homestead was the site of the village of Bishopsgate. About 300 men gathered at Scotland. On December 13, word came that Mackenzie had been beaten at Toronto and a loyalist force was coming, and Duncombe sent them home.

Source: Dictionary of Canadian Biography.
Have an old photo of Ward 4? Send it to yourvoicematterstomeward4@gmail.com

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOUR

Who should we feature?

Know a neighbour who quietly makes Ward 4 better? A volunteer, a farm family, a coach? Send us a name and a few lines to yourvoicematterstomeward4@gmail.com

LOST AND FOUND PETS AND CLASSIFIEDS

Free community listings

Lost a dog? Found a cat? Selling hay or looking for help? Listings are free for residents. No listings came in for today. Send a short note to yourvoicematterstomeward4@gmail.com



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR: OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

OCTOBER Ward 4

Sat Oct 17, 7:30 p.m. Riverhawks vs Tilbury, Burford Community Centre Arena.

Oct 19 to 26. Voting help, Burford and Scotland Community Centres.

Tue Oct 20, 1:30 p.m. Fall Wooden Sign, Burford Library.

Thu Oct 22, 6:30 p.m. Book Club, Burford Library.

Sat Oct 24, 1 to 5 p.m. Legion 100 Year Open House, 4 Park Ave, Burford.

Tue Oct 27, 6:30 p.m. Custom Sticker Workshop, Scotland-Oakland Library.

Wed Oct 28, 6:30 p.m. Tasty Treats library program, Burford United Church.

Weekly: Knitters, Tuesdays 6:30 p.m., Scotland-Oakland Library. Knit, Crochet and Connect, Thursdays 6:30 p.m., Burford Library.

OCTOBER Ward 1

Fri Oct 16, 4 to 7 p.m. Firefighters' drive thru dinner, St. George Fire Hall, 72 Main St N.

Mon Oct 19, 6 to 8 p.m. Seniors' co-op open house, Gaukel Memorial Community Centre.

Thu Oct 22, 2:30 p.m. Tech Coach, St. George Library.

OCTOBER Wards 2 and 3, Paris

Sat Oct 17, 2:30 p.m. Halloween Party, Paris Library.

Tue Oct 20, 6 p.m. County Council, 7 Broadway St W.

Sat Oct 24 and Sun Oct 25, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fall Market and Buttermilk Festival, Paris Fairgrounds. \$6, cash.

Sat Oct 31, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Halloween Tree Planting, Watts Pond, 113 Hartley Ave.

OCTOBER Ward 5

Thu Oct 22, 4 to 7 p.m. 3D Pens, Onondaga Mobile Library, 734 Highway 54.

OCTOBER County-wide

Sat Oct 17, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hazardous waste day, 20 Morrison Rd, Brantford.

Mon Oct 19, 9 a.m. Agricultural Advisory Committee, Council Chambers, Paris.

Mon Oct 19 to Mon Oct 26, 8 p.m. Online and phone voting. Election Day is Monday, Oct 26.

NOVEMBER Ward 4

Sun Nov 8, 1 p.m. Remembrance parade from the Burford Legion. Service 2 p.m., Agricultural Hall.

Wed Nov 11, about 10:30 a.m. Burford Remembrance Day procession. Service 11 a.m.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR: NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

NOVEMBER

Ward 4, continued

Wed Nov 11, 6:30 p.m. Alpaca Farm talk, Scotland-Oakland Library.
Sat Nov 14, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Christmas Bake and Craft Sale, Legion, 4 Park Ave.
Sun Nov 15, noon to 3 p.m. Hello, Brant! Burford Community Centre.
Sat Nov 21, 5 to 7 p.m. Owl Prowl, Lions Park, Burford.
Sat Nov 21 and 28, 7:30 p.m. Riverhawks home games, Burford Arena.
Burford Library: History Club Nov 12, 2 p.m. Writing Café Nov 19, 7 p.m. Seed Pod Art Nov 24, 1:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER

Ward 1

Wed Nov 11. St. George Remembrance Day. Time not posted (unconfirmed).
Sun Nov 22, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Hello, Brant! Gaukel Memorial Community Centre.

NOVEMBER

Wards 2 and 3, Paris

Wed Nov 11, 11 a.m. Remembrance service, Paris Cenotaph.
Fri Nov 13 to Sun Nov 15. Christmas in Paris Artisan Show, Paris Fairgrounds. \$2.
Sat Nov 14, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pokémon FanFest, Paris Library.

NOVEMBER

Ward 5

Sat Nov 7, 11 a.m. Thank-A-Vet Luncheon, Cainsville Community Centre.

NOVEMBER

County-wide

Thu Nov 12, volunteer award nominations close. Sun Nov 15, new Council term begins. Sat Nov 21, last hazardous waste day.

DECEMBER

Ward 4

Fri Dec 4, 7 p.m. The Nutcracker evening, Burford Library.
Sat Dec 5 and 12, 7:30 p.m. Riverhawks home games, Burford Arena.
Burford Santa Claus Parade. No 2026 date found (unconfirmed).

DECEMBER

Ward 1

Sat Dec 12, 6 p.m. St. George Santa Claus Parade, downtown.

DECEMBER

Wards 2 and 3, Paris

Sat Dec 12, 2:30 p.m. Holiday Ornament Workshop, Paris Library.
Paris Santa Claus Parade. No 2026 date found (unconfirmed).

DECEMBER

Ward 5 and County-wide

Ward 5: nothing verified for December yet.
Mon Dec 7. First meeting of the new Council, tentative.
Fri Dec 25 and Sat Dec 26. Library branches closed.

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SUBMISSIONS AND RUMOURS / STANDARDS / TIPS

UNCONFIRMED: SUBMISSIONS AND RUMOURS

What neighbours are asking

This column shares what readers send in. Items here are NOT confirmed. We print them so we can check them together, and we will say plainly when something turns out to be true or false.

No reader submissions came in by 6 p.m. Thursday, so there is nothing to share today. Send yours by 6 p.m. to yourvoicematterstomeward4@gmail.com to make the next morning's paper.

OUR PURPOSE

A newspaper built for neighbours

The Ward Four Daily was created by Glenn Hughes and Ben Clement. It grew from their Community Council idea. This is a free community initiative, not an official County publication.

HOW STORIES ARE CHECKED

Our standards

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.

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Tell us what you know

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