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The background of the image is a close-up photograph of several seashells and two pearls resting on a light-colored, textured surface, likely sand. The shells are white with prominent, concentric ridges. One shell in the center-right is open, revealing a single, round, white pearl inside. Another similar pearl is positioned in the lower center of the frame. The lighting is soft, creating gentle shadows and highlighting the textures of the shells and sand.

Opportunities

Business Awards VOTING OPEN



Now is your chance to recognize and celebrate the outstanding businesses, organizations, and individuals shaping our community!

- Voting is open from March 5 to March 24, 2025, at 11:59 PM.

Vote here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2025-Voting-Ballot-30thBusinessAwards>

Nominations were received from the public between Feb 18 – March 4 and include information provided by nominators. Show your support and help us celebrate local excellence!



BUSINESS AWARDS GALA APRIL 3RD

MUSKOKA LUMBER COMMUNITY CENTRE

This year, we're celebrating two incredible milestones—30th Annual Bracebridge Business Awards Gala, our Pearl Anniversary – and Bracebridge's 150th anniversary! The Pearls symbolize wisdom, resilience, and the beauty that emerges through growth over time. These qualities perfectly reflect our community and its businesses as we honor their contributions to Bracebridge's legacy and future.

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5 PM



MAY 15 2025



227 WELLINGTON ST, BRACEBRIDGE



AN AFTERNOON WITH

Avery Swartz

UNDERSTANDING AI FOR YOUR BUSINESS

SATURDAY APRIL 5, 2025 1:00-4:00PM



FUNDED BY:



An engaging presentation making AI clear and accessible for entrepreneurs with Avery Swartz, digital pioneer and founder of Camp Tech.

Muskoka Lumber Community Centre, 56 Salmon Avenue Bracebridge, ON P1L 1C1

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— DAY —



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SUNDAY, JULY 13 • 3:30-6:30PM
ABOARD THE WENONAH II

Join us for an afternoon of philanthropy aboard the historic Wenonah II.

This exclusive event invites you to explore the power of philanthropy and how leaving a gift in your will can make a lasting impact on local charities.

Enjoy live music, comedy, and scenic views as you connect with financial planners, and estate lawyers who can answer your questions about legacy giving.

Tickets: \$250 per person —limited availability!

Click the button below to learn more and reserve your spot on the Leave a Legacy Cruise.

Please note that your donation includes the cost of the ticket for the Wenonah Cruise. Tax receipts will be issued for the remaining amount (\$175).

CRUISE WITH US

HONKY TONK SUMMER JAM

Saddle Up and Partner with
Knight Hawks Entertainment for the
Honky Tonk Summer Jam!

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Saturday, July 19, 2025 – Bracebridge Fairgrounds
In Support of Andy's House

Join Us for the Honky Tonk Summer Jam!

Y'all are invited to be part of something special – the Honky Tonk Summer Jam! This is the kind of event folks circle on their calendars – a full evening of live music, line dancing, good ol' country food, camping under the stars, and true community spirit.

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Grants, Funds & Information

NEWS RELEASE

2025 Muskoka Community Grant Program

Stay Informed!

2025 Muskoka Community Grant Program - Now Open and Accepting Applications

The Community Grant Program funds local projects that strengthen the community and support Muskoka's most vulnerable residents.

Two grant opportunities are available in 2025:

Pay It Forward - Up to \$2,500 for community members or grassroots groups that support projects that bring people together, fill a community need and create positive change.

Community Enhancement Fund - Up to \$10,000 for non-profit community organizations and registered charities to fund projects that address poverty reduction, food security, housing, education and other community support programs.

Deadline: Friday, March 21, 2025

For full details visit: www.engagemuskoka.ca/muskoka-community-grants

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DEADLINE

Applications Now
Open!

Applications Close
April 11th.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA, AND
TO DOWNLOAD THE APPLICATIONS VISIT

WWW.IION.CA/SDPP

Applications are now open!
**Accelerate your growth project
with SDPP.**

Eligible, for-profit, innovative companies may apply to receive a competitive wage subsidy of \$13/hr to hire an individual full-time (37.5 hours/week) over a 16-week period (May 5th, 2025-August 22, 2025).

Participants will complete virtual workshops and attend an in-person innovation retreat that will bolster their personal and professional development.

Companies must be registered and operating within the Nipissing, Timiskaming, Parry Sound, or Muskoka region.

To learn more, and to apply please visit www.iion.ca/sdpp

Summer Company

Be your own boss this summer!

Students can start their own business this summer and receive:

- Up to \$3000 of funding
- Hands-on Training
- Mentoring from local business leaders

LEARN MORE and APPLY at:

form.jotform.com/MuskokaSBC/summercompany



Application Deadline: April 30th

Program Description:

Summer Company provides students aged 15 to 29 the opportunity to start their own small business venture over the course of the summer. Students can earn \$3,000 to assist with the start-up of their new business venture.

Through this program, you will:

- Receive start-up money to kick-off a new summer business (up to \$3000 in grant funding).
- Operate your business full-time (35 hours/week) through the summer.
- Work actively toward generating revenue.
- Participate in mandatory training sessions (10-12 hours total throughout program) with the MSBC and/or guest speakers.
- Work with the program providers to get the business up and running and receive guidance and support (6-8 hours total) throughout the summer.

You are eligible to apply if you:

- Go to high school, college or university in Ontario
- Are between 15 to 29 years old (if under 18: a parent or guardian must sign the agreement for the applicant)
- Are returning to school after the program ends
- Are an Ontario resident and Canadian citizen
- Are not already running a business
- Are not working more than 12 hours per week at another job during the program
- Have NOT received a Summer Company grant in the past
- Will be operating the business as 1 sole owner, not a partnership



Apply for a chance to receive
\$1,500

The Lakeland Networks Bursary

Lakeland Networks is offering a \$1,500 bursary to assist four graduating high school students from the Muskoka, Parry Sound, and Almaguin school districts in furthering their education at a university, college, or technical school.

Deadline
May 30, 2025

Send Your Application
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Who Should Attend:

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Register Now:

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 **April 10th, 2025**

 **12:00pm-1:30pm**

NEWS RELEASE

Community Survey on Housing and Homelessness Plan

Stay Informed!

District Launches Community Survey on Housing and Homelessness Plan

Tuesday, March 18, 2025 (Muskoka, ON) The District of Muskoka is asking residents to help shape the future of housing and homelessness services by participating in a community survey as part of its 5 Year Update to the 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan and a Homelessness System Review.

Housing affordability and availability remain key challenges in Muskoka. This review will assess current housing conditions, identify gaps, and develop solutions that align with provincial and federal strategies. It is part of the District's broader commitment to increasing housing options, improving affordability, and strengthening services for those in need.

How to Get Involved – Community Survey Now Open!

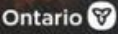
Residents, service providers, business owners, and community organizations are encouraged to share their experiences and insights through a community survey. The survey is open until March 31, 2025, and gathers input on housing challenges and opportunities.

Complete the survey now at the following link: [Housing and Homelessness Survey](#)



ADAPT 2025

A WEBINAR SERIES FOR TOURISM



Navigating the Uncertainty of Tariffs: Impacts on Northern Ontario Tourism

March 20th, 2025 at 1:00pm ET

Moderated by:

Karen Peacock, Senior Coordinator, Workforce Development and Industry Training, Destination Northern Ontario

Panelists:

Andrew Siegwart, President & CEO, Tourism Industry Association of Ontario
Nik Mills, Director Policy & Government Affairs, Tourism Industry Association of Canada
Rory Ring, President & CEO, Chatham-Kent Chamber of Commerce
David MacLachlan, Executive Director, Destination Northern Ontario

Join us for our March Nature Quest Introduction to urban nature!

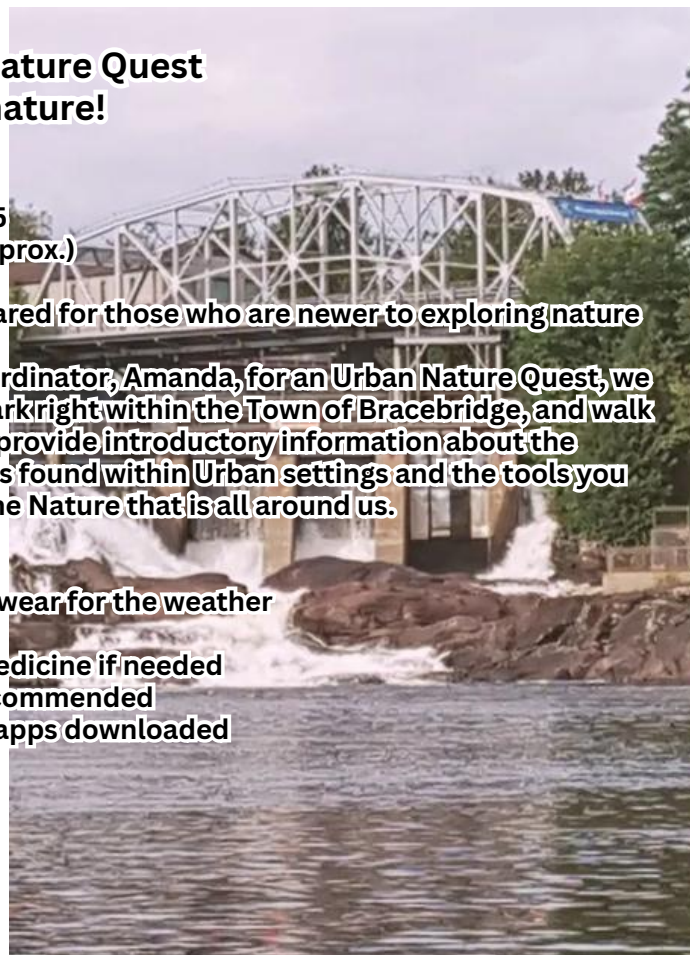
Date: Saturday March 29, 2025
Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00PM (approx.)

Who – This Nature Quest is geared for those who are newer to exploring nature

What – Join Conservation Coordinator, Amanda, for an Urban Nature Quest, we will get started at memorial Park right within the Town of Bracebridge, and walk a route through town. We will provide introductory information about the plants, animals, and waterways found within Urban settings and the tools you can use to learn more about the Nature that is all around us.

What to bring –
 Appropriate clothing and footwear for the weather
 Water and a snack
 Allergy or other emergency medicine if needed
 Binoculars or a camera are recommended
 Cell phone with the following apps downloaded
 Merlin Bird ID
 eBird
 iNaturalist

Click [here](#) to register!



Announcing our March

NATURE QUEST

Intro to Urban Nature

**Saturday March
29, 2025
10 AM - 12 PM
(approx.)**

Limited spaces available.
 For a full description please visit the Events & News page on our website and sign up today!

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CONSERVANCY



A festive graphic for a community news announcement. The background is dark blue with scattered gold and silver confetti. In the upper left, a gold medal is partially visible, featuring a laurel wreath and the word 'EMPER'. A blue ribbon is draped across the bottom right. The word 'WINNER' is spelled out in white letter tiles in the center.

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MUSKOKA RIVER

Sunday, April 6


Bagels n' Bunnies

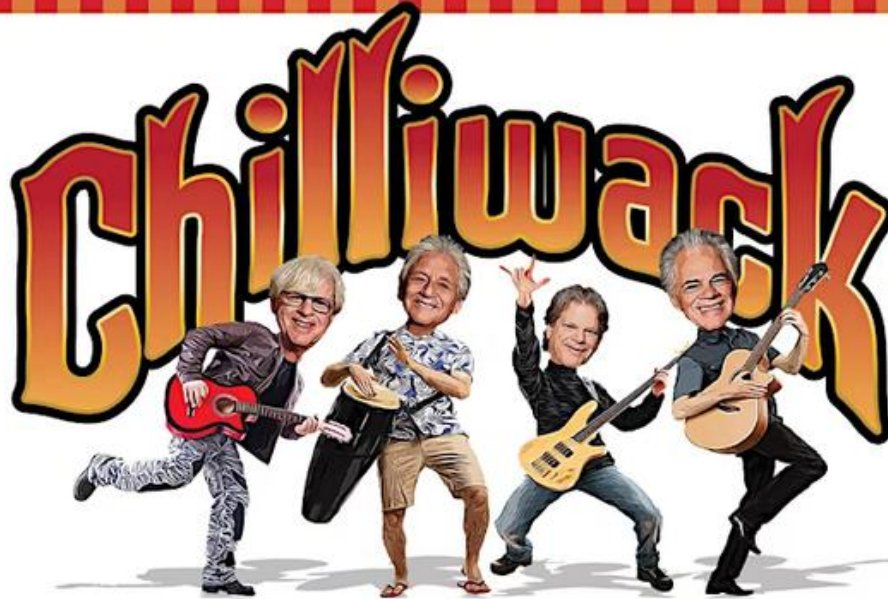
Come join us for a 1.5 hour paint event that includes a delicious spring themed charcuterie for each guest!

Date and time

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Location

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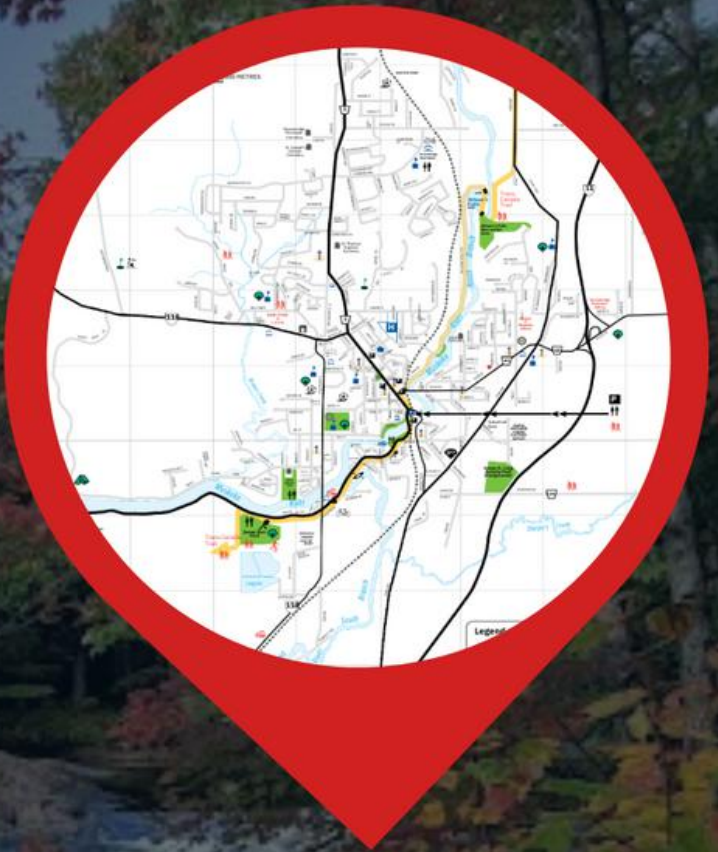
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About the Bracebridge Chamber of Commerce

The Bracebridge Chamber of Commerce is a membership-based, politically independent, not-for-profit organization that supports businesses of all sectors to convene, collaborate, advocate and create solutions for the regional economic prosperity of Muskoka. We enable this by providing our members with exclusive business opportunities, networking events, a united voice for improving business competitiveness across all sectors, and access to innovative insight and relevant solutions. The Bracebridge Chamber of Commerce knows that vibrant competitive & economically sustainable business communities are the foundation for a *prosperous Muskoka.*

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