



The Chamber E-News

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September 1 – October 31, 2024



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to the Chambers Plan?

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under 48 hours, meaning you get
your money quickly!

And, if you submit your claim using
the my-benefits app, you'll save
even more time!

GET A FREE QUOTE





Opportunities



Castle Peak

RETIREMENT RESIDENCE

by **FIELDGATE**
Retirement Living

AFTER HOURS NETWORKING



Join host Castle Peak to see their space and meet your Chamber community!

RSVP at bracebridgechamber.com



9TH OCT 2024



56 DOUGLAS DRIVE,
BRACEBRIDGE



6 PM

You are invited to an evening networking event hosted in collaboration with Castle Peak Retirement Residence, and the Bracebridge Chamber of Commerce! Connect with fellow professionals and enjoy food, drink, and the chance to win a door prize draw.

Castle Peak Retirement Residence is a community dedicated to helping individuals enjoy an independent and active lifestyle. With a warm and welcoming environment, Castle Peak's staff and residents embody the heart of the community. They can't wait to show you around and make you feel at home the moment you walk through the door. Whether you're interested in learning more about their offerings or simply looking to network with like-minded individuals, this event is perfect for you. Chamber members, their guests, and those interested in joining the Chamber are welcome to attend.

RSVP required. Secure your spot at this free networking event.

RSVP

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, Oct 11 from 6 am - 6 pm for the annual 99.5 Moose FM Thanksgiving Radiothon in support of the South Muskoka Hospital Foundation!



This year, their goal is to raise \$100,000 for emergency care at the South Muskoka Memorial Hospital.

Support from multiple departments is crucial in an emergency, and they need your help to ensure that the hospital is well-equipped with everything they need to take care of you and your loved ones. Please be there for our healthcare teams so they can be there for you.

Visit HealthMuskoka.ca/MooseFM for more info and to make a donation.

Light It Up! For NDEAM® - October 17, 2024

ODEN started the Light It Up event in 2020, the first-ever Ontario-wide NDEAM event! Buildings, businesses, municipal signs, landmarks, and bridges will be lit in purple and blue for one night.

Light It Up For NDEAM recognizes National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) and the many ways people who have a disability contribute to businesses and communities across Canada, and help companies be successful and competitive.

Take the next step - submit your **Light It Up! locations today:**



YES, I am! I want to submit a location now

LEARN MORE - NDEAM FAQs

Current locations include:
Bracebridge Generation (Bracebridge falls)
Community Living South Muskoka
Bracebridge Chamber/Visitor Centre

WE ARE HIRING ENGAGEMENT & OFFICE MANAGER

If you are passionate about nature conservation, organized, outdoorsy, and have office administration experience, we want to hear from you!



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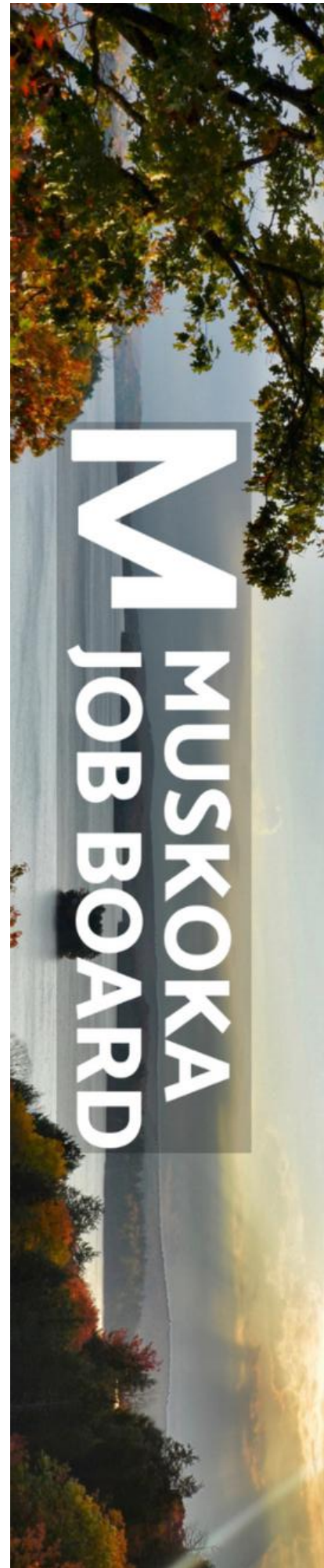
HAVE A QUESTION? Please email: syoung@muskokaconservancy.org

Now hiring for 2025

Check out our website for more details



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JOB BOARD





FREE EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR

Estate Planning - More Than Just A Will

Thursday, October 3rd from 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Reynolds Funeral Home
1 Mary Street, Bracebridge, ON

Looking after your arrangements in advance comes with many benefits.

At Reynolds, we believe that everyone should be properly educated on all their final arrangement options. This educational seminar will focus on estate planning, including pre-arranging your funeral.

Hosted By



Andrea Beattie
Funeral Pre-Planning Director
Reynolds Funeral Home

Special Guest



Jean Polak
Wills & Estates
Barriston Law

WHY ATTEND? Join the Reynolds team and special guest to discover:

- How to get your will in place and choose an executor.
- The steps involved to settle an estate.
- The important elements that go into pre-arranging your funeral.

YOU WILL ALSO RECEIVE:

- A complimentary guidebook to get you started on a pre-arrangement.
- Q&A Period to answer all your questions.
- Light refreshments will be served.

Scan this QR code or call us to reserve your seat.

We look forward to seeing you!



SCAN ME

www.reynoldsfuneral.com

Phone: 705-645-2257

Email: info@reynoldsfuneral.com

Shred-it!

Drive-Thru Fundraiser

Saturday, October 19, 2024
15 Depot Dr. Bracebridge
~ 9am - 1pm ~

We will professionally shred your unwanted paperwork; secure and efficient.

Minimum \$10/box donation recommended.

Donations to help provide food security for the people we support.



Professional & Personal Documents



Expired Credit & Debit Cards



Questions? info@clsm.on.ca

YWCA Muskoka Presents

Women in Business 2.0

Join us for a 6 week business tune up, all while connecting with other business owners in Muskoka. Facilitated by Allison Holder

Starts Oct 10, 2024
Thursdays from 7-9 pm
6 weeks | Cost: \$50
At YWCA Muskoka
4-205 Manitoba St. Bracebridge

This program is open to graduates of our Women in Business program, as well as those who are currently operating a business in Muskoka.

Register

www.ywcamuskoka.com or call 705 645 9827

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Port Sydney/Utterson & Area
Chamber of Commerce
PRESENTS

Guest Speaker:
Kyra Watters
Well Known
Marketing & Advertising
Agency

Mix & Mingle / Speed Networking
Silent Auction
proceeds to Chrysalis House & Muskoka Shoebox Project
Food & refreshments included
2 drink tickets included



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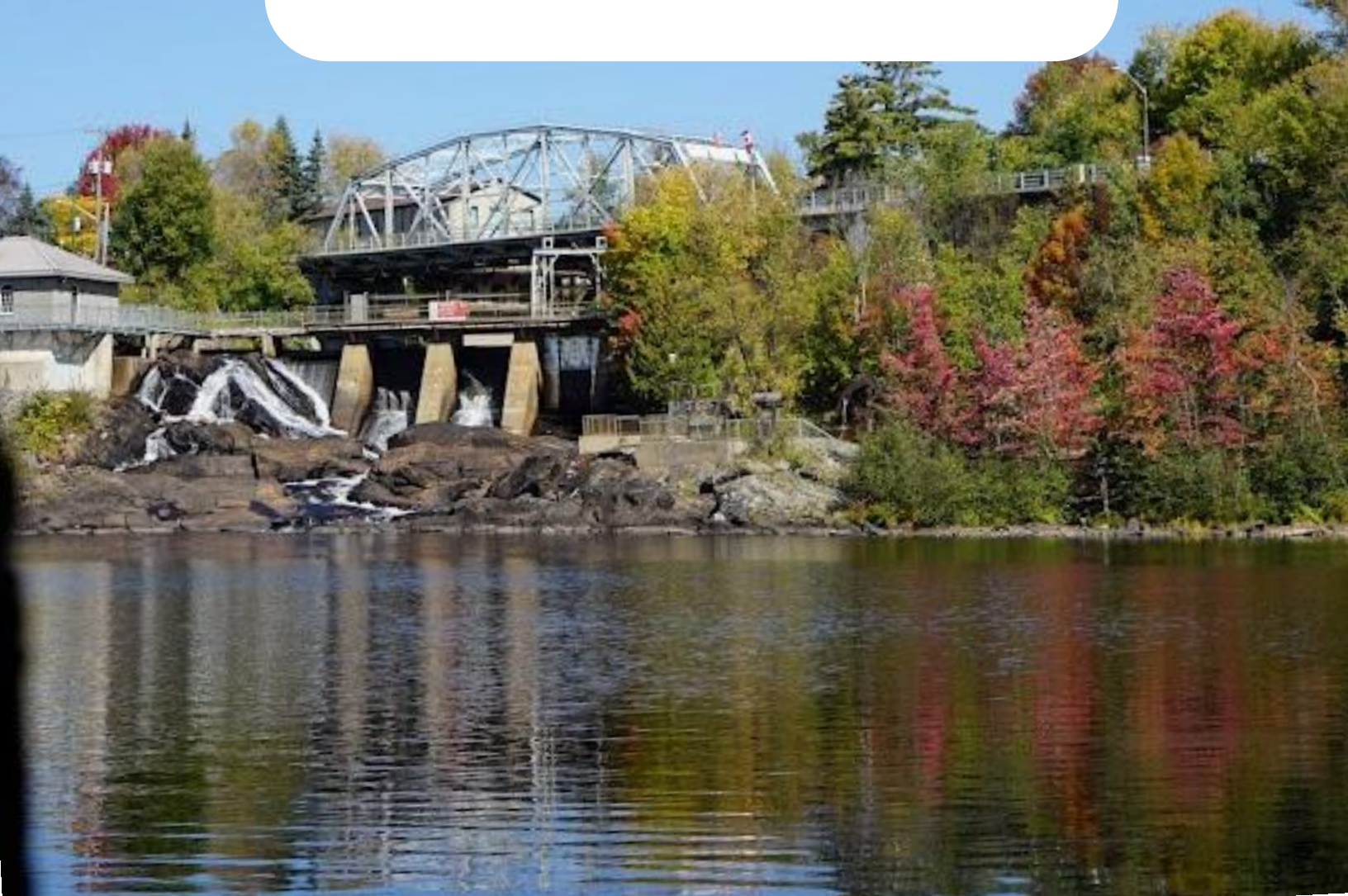
**CONNECT
LEARN
GROW!**

\$45 registration

**WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 23 2024
5:30-9 PM**

**PORT SYDNEY
COMMUNITY HALL**
<https://portsydneycoc.com>

Grants, Funds & Information





Grow grant application period opens in early October

Organizations can apply for funding to expand, improve or adapt an existing program or service. The programs must be in one of four sectors: sports and recreation, arts and culture, environment, and human and social services. Submit your Grow grant application between October 9, 2024 and November 6, 2024, at 5 pm ET.

[Visit the new Grow grant page](#)

Webinar

Living Your Plan: Moving From Strategy to Action (in English only)

Join Charity Village for a free engaging and interactive webinar designed for nonprofit leaders and teams looking to transform their strategic plan into actionable results. The webinar takes place Thursday, October 24 at 1PM ET.

[Register for the Living Your Plan webinar](#)



Making Bookkeeping A Breeze

Patriquin Virtual Office is celebrating our 30th year in business! Making Bookkeeping a Breeze!

Patriquin Virtual Office is a boutique bookkeeping firm, based in Bracebridge, serving clients from Toronto to Parry Sound.

We have a client portfolio that contains many satisfied, long-term clients. As a result of our business experience, we have developed procedures, over the years, that meet our clients' needs, while at the same time enabling us to manage our own business operation in the most efficient manner. This also keeps our client billing lower. We try to remain flexible while understanding we are in a deadline driven industry that requires attention to detail, and transparency. Bookkeeping is a serious business. So, we enjoy our light-hearted relationships with our clients, our associates, and amongst PVO staff.

We look forward to welcoming new clients to our firm and continuing to work with our many, valued, long-term clients.

Wendy Patriquin, Owner

Follow us on our Facebook page, Patriquin Virtual Office, for Bookkeeping pointers, and community posts.

PATRIQUIN VIRTUAL OFFICE

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Coulson Family Bracebridge Library



Bracebridge Library begins new era inside Muskoka Lumber Community Centre

Just over three months after leaving its long-time home on Manitoba St., the Coulson Family Bracebridge Library inside the Muskoka Lumber Community Centre is ready to be unveiled.

With 23,000 sq. ft. to play with – almost triple the size of the Carnegie Library building – and a wealth of new activities to complement the returning programs, the Coulson Family Bracebridge Library truly is Anything but the Ordinary.

The facility is located inside the Muskoka Lumber Community Centre at 34 Salmon Ave., behind Stevens' Your Independent Grocer.

An opening day celebration will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 8 with activities for kids and tours of the new space throughout the day.

Children's programming will include a scavenger hunt that will take participants through the expanded youth area, drop-in stories during the day and crafts after school, along with decorative leaves for children to write their names on to be temporarily displayed.

The expanded space allows for new opportunities for the library to provide more programming to complement its existing activities.

The new features include a recording studio, a makerspace with a 3D printer and laser printer among the other tools, a dedicated local history room, multiple spaces available to be booked by the public, and plenty of space for everyone who steps foot in the library to relax.

Crystal Bergstrom, CEO and Chief Librarian, shares how library staff have spent countless hours ensuring everything is in place for opening day.

"It's no small feat that we're only days away from opening and it's a credit to the hard work of the library's staff," she says. "The journey to get to this point has certainly been stressful, but it will all be worth it when we see patrons' excited reactions when they step through our doors."

Ahead of opening day, two book drops have been opened at the new library allowing patrons to return material they borrowed over the summer.



Mathew Reisler

Marketing & Communications Coordinator



Diversity and Inclusion Training for Small Employers

Sponsored by the District of Muskoka's IDEA Advisory Group

Complimentary workshops include:

Safer Spaces: 2S-LGBTQ+ Cultural Competency
with The Gilbert Centre

September 10 12:30 - 4:30pm
September 12 12:30 - 4:30pm

Indigenous Awareness
with Kelly Brownbill

October 9 1:00-4:00pm

Bystander Intervention
with Julie S. LaLonde

October 29 1:00 - 3:00PM
November 6 1:00 - 3:00PM
November 14 1:00 - 3:00PM

**All workshops are conducted virtually over Zoom, spaces are limited.*

Visit www.engagemuskoka.ca/idea to register your team.

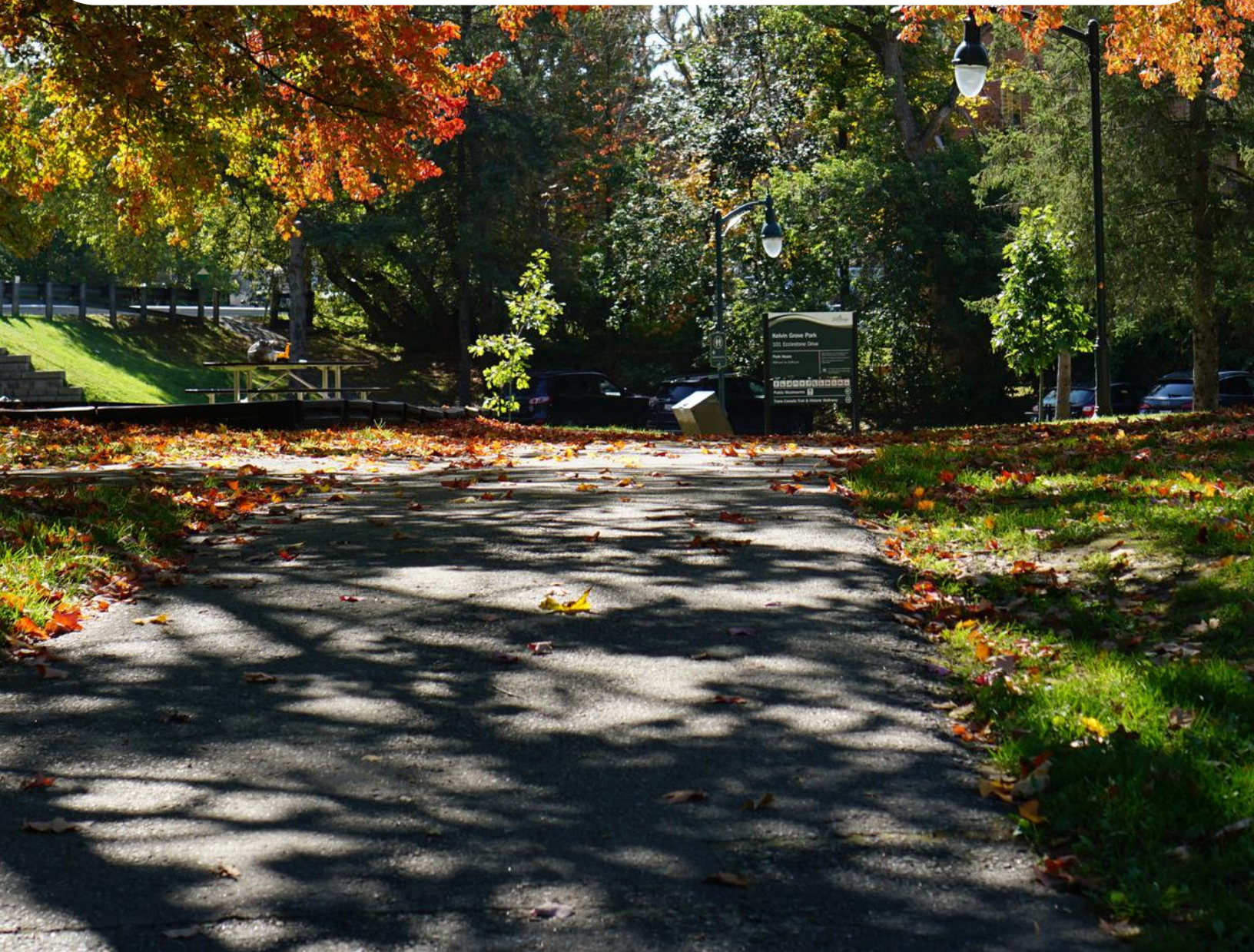


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Community News



Savour the flavour of Oktoberfest with Santa's Village!

Enjoy a delicious Bavarian buffet, cold beer
and live music!



Friday
October
25th



6pm
to
11pm



Santa's
Yule
Lodge



\$ 49.95 ticket
includes
buffet

For more information and to purchase tickets
call 705-645-2512 or email
events@santasvillage.ca or visit our website!

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Oktoberfest
2024



FRIDAY OCTOBER 25 @ MUSKOKA FOUNDRY

BRACEBRIDGE HALL



NOON TO 5

FAMILY FRIENDLY GAMES

Head to Bracebridge Hall for live music by The Hopheads, Family Friendly games and Oktoberfest flavours from Saucy Muskokan October 26th from Noon - 5 PM!



MUSKOKA OKTOBERFEST 2024



TALL PINES PRESENTS



BOSSTON LEVIN

WITH
ALEX KAYE BLACK

FRI, OCT 25 | 8:00PM | \$30 ADV AT BBHALL.CA

BRACEBRIDGE HALL



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BREW BUS

Oktoberfest Muskoka

GET ON THE BUS. THE... **BREW BAUS!**

Join us for a ride around town with stops at
FOUR of our local breweries!
INCLUDES: Oktoberfest Muskoka Camping Mug &
a fill at each of our participating breweries!

SEATS ARE LIMITED!
VISIT WWW.OKTOBERFESTMUSKOKA.CA

PROST!

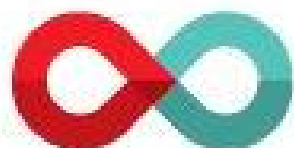


CLEAR LAKE BREWING

LOB BARRELHOUSE

SAWDUST CITY

MUSKOKA BREWERY



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Your donation matters

It matters to every patient across Canada.
Because it's something we can do today to
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**Muskoka Lumber Community
Centre - NEW LOCATION**

56 Salmon Avenue, Bracebridge

Monday, October 21

3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - NEW TIME

Book on blood.ca or at 1-888-2DONATE



FREE

Spaghetti Dinner

FREE SPAGHETTI DINNER

→ OCTOBER 3RD @ 6:30PM ←

LIONS HALL - 325 FRASERBURG RD, BRACEBRIDGE



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.*