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Things To Do

Four Winds Kite Festival
Kortright Centre – May 4th
Demonstrations
Hikes
Picnics
Make a Kite
[Click for more info](#)

DOORS OPEN ONTARIO
From April to October, many of Ontario's most unique & fascinating heritage sites are open to the public through **FREE** events! The program is called **Doors Open Ontario**. Click the logo to see where events are being hosted. Mouse over the location to see the events and their dates for that location. Have fun!!!

Saturday Yard Sale
"One man's trash is another man's treasure". Get baby things, toys, decorations and more.
[Click to see a yard sale near you!](#)

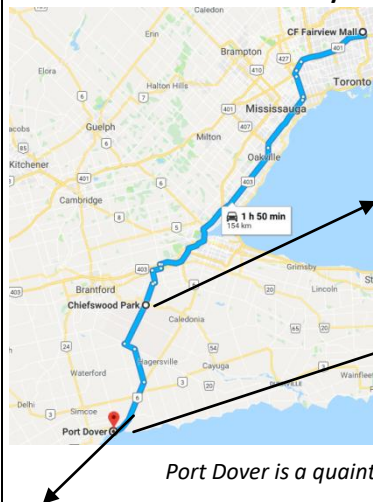
SPORT CARD & MEMORABILIA EXPO 2019
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"Cottage Country"
Escape city life by renting a private cottage or resort. Click the Muskoka chairs to learn more:
Stay at:
- luxurious hotels
- cottage resorts
- quaint inns
- historic B&B's
Click the OCR logo (Ontario Cottage Rentals) to rent a private cottage.

Are you looking for something unique to do this summer?

Take a drive to **Port Dover**, on the shore of Lake Erie!!

On your way there, experience a **Pow Wow**!!



On July 26-28 2019, you can experience the 40th Annual Champion of Champions Pow Wow at Chiefswood Park. Click the logo to go to their website.



If you're not travelling on that weekend, you can still book a cultural experience with the Six Nations of the Grand River. Click here to learn more. (Please note they request that you book at least 2 weeks ahead)



Port Dover is a quaint town on the shores of Lake Erie. (Just 2 hours from Toronto)

As you travel along highway 6, you may also see some antique stores. There are others in, and around Port Dover. Take some time exploring what is in these shops and maybe you will discover a treasure from Canada's past!

Important Dates in May and June:

Sunday May 12	Mother's Day	A day to celebrate our moms! Schools and most businesses are closed.
Monday May 20	Victoria Day	This day celebrates Queen Victoria's birthday. What was life like in Canada during her reign?
Sunday June 16	Father's Day	A day to celebrate our dads!
Friday June 21	Summer Solstice	First Day of Summer. It is also the day with the most daylight hours.

Yard Sales are also called, **garage sales** or **street sales**, if there are several families involved

Looking Back...
To learn more about **Mother's Day** and **Victoria Day**, take a look back at the **May/June 2016 Newsletter** by clicking here:



Canada became a country during Queen Victoria's reign. About 3.4 million people lived in Canada. Food had to be hunted or grown. Meals consisted of bison, caribou, or salmon, and vegetables like corn and squash. Jobs depended on where you lived. In Western Canada, people farmed. In central Canada people worked in the lumber industry. In Eastern Canada, most people worked in fishing. Sports such as lacrosse, hockey and curling were popular pastimes. Cities also had theatre and musical performances.

To learn more about Confederation go to page 2 of the March/April 2017 newsletter by clicking the leaf.



DID YOU KNOW?

Beginner

Every child needs to go to school.
Many countries are changing education.
Read more by clicking the image:



Intermediate

From 1945, Canada was a founding member of the United Nations. The United Nations promotes peace and co-operation to solve economic, social and human rights issues. In 2000, Canada committed to UN's **Education For All**. It gives all children equal access to education, including the disadvantaged and disabled.

Advanced

Because Canada has agreed to the UN's **Education for All** initiatives, more people with motor and cognitive disabilities are being included in mainstream schools. They have accommodations which are outlined in Individual Education Plans that teachers follow to help students to succeed. By educating everyone equally, all people can reach their potential. So, roughly 55% of Canadians have college or university degrees including 41% of women, 19% of First Nations people, 52% of immigrants, and 32% of refugees.

More Things To Do



Ontario farmers grow many different kinds of fruits and vegetables. Many of these crops will be ready in June.



Click the logo to see when crops are available for harvest near you.

You can visit a local Farmer's Market to find locally grown foods.



Click the logo to see a map of all farmer's markets in Ontario. Zoom in to find a market near you. Get more details about the market by clicking a location.

Or, many farms allow you to "pick your own". This is a great outing for families.



Click the barn to see a list of pick-your-own farms. It includes their addresses and the crops they grow.

Giving Around the World

In the past month, have you...

- Helped a stranger
- Donated money
- Volunteered

INDONESIA

is the
TOP country
in the CAF

World Giving Index

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act of charity
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Education for Special Needs Children

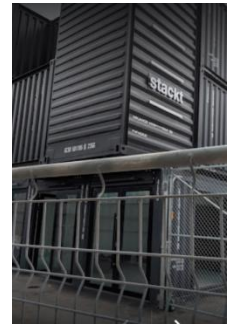
In Ontario, the government is committed to educating everyone equally. That means that children with special needs due to emotional, behavioural, visual, intellectual, language, speech or hearing issues, are integrated into mainstream schools. It means that they may need teachers and support staff to accommodate them differently. There are many programmes for assistance with costs for medicine, clothes and equipment. A Resource Consultant will observe all children in the school and may recommend the child get physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, or special home assistance, usually paid for by the Ontario government. Click here for more information:



stackt

A brand new market that has been created out of shipping containers on unused land in downtown

Toronto. There are unique shops, galleries and experiences to be discovered. It is located at 28 Bathurst Street at the corner of Front St. and Bathurst St. To go to their website, click on their logo.



Iran Plaza

Kiekavoss Hosseinzadeh came to Canada as an immigrant from Iran. He bought a hot dog cart. He made some money and bought 3 more. Soon, he wanted a store front. He rented a space at the strip mall at 6105 Yonge St at Steeles Ave. His friends said he would lose his money. The mall was neglected. But Kiekavoss persisted. He spoke to the other store owners and asked them to let him manage the strip mall. They agreed and he made more and more improvements. Today, you can get anything Persian at the Iran Plaza. Visit Today!



Cherry Blossoms in Toronto

A breathtakingly magical sign of spring is the blooming of the cherry blossoms.

Toronto has several locations where you can see these delicate blossoms.

Click the Toronto logo for a full listing of the cherry blossom locations in Toronto.

High Park is celebrating a special anniversary this year! Many of the cherry trees in the park are celebrating their 60th anniversary. In 1959, the Japanese ambassador to Canada gave 2,000 cherry trees to Toronto. The gift was to the people of Toronto from the people of Tokyo to thank them for accepting many relocated Japanese-Canadians after World War II.

Click the cherry blossoms to go to the cherry blossom watch page for High Park.

Hanami by Mr. S who is now living in California-thank you!

Japanese hold a Hanami party when the cherry trees bloom in the spring.

Hanami is people enjoying food and drinks under the cherry blossoms.

Many people go crazy for finding the perfect spot. If some company is planning to Hanami, the incoming employees have to find and hold the ideal spot for the boss and the other employees. But I cannot hold Hanami in Ontario as I do in Japan. The reason is, you can still enjoy, but in Ontario, it is prohibited to drink alcohol in a public place.

(Soon, this may change- please watch the news!)

A favourite activity of Canadians is to **go camping** and to take advantage of Canada's beautiful landscapes and warm summer weather. Do you want to try but don't know where to begin? No worries! Ontario Parks has a **Learn to Camp Program** for you!! They offer an overnight camping experience with on-site instruction on how to set up your tent, how to set up a kitchen and how to start a campfire. The tent and equipment is provided and your camping site has flush toilets, showers and safe drinking water. This is the best way to give camping a try and discover one of Ontario's many provincial parks.



Click the picture to see a brief video !

Click the logo to go to their website and learn more. Registration opens 9:00 a.m. on May 6th, so don't delay!!!

