



YORKLANDS GREEN HUB
Opening green doors to the future.

Welcome to the Yorklands community update!

Yorklands Community Update: May 2, 2025

🌻 Thank-you to everyone who came out to our AGM on Tuesday! We have 5 new Board Members to celebrate and loads of inspirations from Chris Earley's keynote presentation! There's lots on the go right now. Here's what's happening this month:

📄 Open House - May 8 - Public open house to discuss the draft ORHCD Plan





🍃 Bird Day - May 10 - Guided bird-walks, hands-on activities, and informative tables

🐦 Bird Walk – May 15 – An informative evening with our friends from Bird Safe Guelph


We're looking forward to sharing sunny days with you all!

The Yorklands Team



-  Date: May 15, 2025
-  Rain Date: May 20, 2025
-  Time: 6:30 - 8:30 PM
-  Location: 785 York Rd. Guelph (Route #4 bus)



 There's nothing more peaceful than an evening walk through Yorklands. Join us for a informative guided walk as our partners from Bird Safe Guelph teach us all about the different species that call Yorklands home!

Register now: <https://birdsofyorklands.eventbrite.ca>





GUELPH BIRD DAY 2025

Saturday, May 10th
9 am - 1 pm

Arboretum Center
University of Guelph

Activities include:

- **Free Guided Bird Walks**
- **Arts and Crafts**
- **Wild Ontario Raptors**
- ...and more!**



Guelph Bird Day is back and birdier than ever!

Join us on Saturday, May 10th from 9 AM to 1 PM at The Arboretum Centre for a free, drop-in celebration of all things bird!

This all-ages event has something for everyone. Take part in free guided bird walks, check out hands-on activities, and connect with local nature-based groups at their tables. Plus, Wild Ontario will be there with their live raptors for an up-close look at some incredible feathered ambassadors.

No registration is required—just dress for the weather, bring your binoculars if you have them, and get ready for a morning full of sightings, surprises, and springtime birdsong. With migration in full swing, it's the perfect chance to spot a wide variety of species, especially warblers!



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**NATIONAL
VOLUNTEER
WEEK 2025**


VOLUNTEERS MAKE WAVES

APRIL 27 - MAY 3

We've decided National Volunteer Week is too short to celebrate all the wonderful people that make our work possible. Starting this week we'll be introducing you to some exceptional YGH volunteers in each bi-weekly e-blast, beginning with our new Board Members!

This week we're pleased to introduce you to our new Board Member, Ramzi!

"I'm Ramzi Al Halaby, an IT and business professional passionate about sustainability and community development. With experience in technology management and a strong commitment to fostering inclusive, resilient communities, I look forward to contributing my skills and enthusiasm to support Yorklands Green Hub's environmental initiatives in Guelph."

#volunteersmakewaves 



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Join our team and make a difference in our community!

We're Looking for Volunteers!

Want to get more involved with Yorklands Green Hub? We're currently seeking volunteers to support our numerous events, as well as help behind the scenes as our Volunteer Coordinator or E-blast Coordinator. Whether you love connecting with the community or organizing communications or events, we'd love to hear from you!

Interested? Email us at info@yorklandsgreenhub.ca to learn more or apply here: <https://yorklandsgreenhub.ca/volunteer-form/>.



We need your support!!!

Join us for a public open house to review and discuss the released draft OR HCD Plan and Guidelines on Thursday May 8, 2025 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Guelph Legion (57 Watson Parkway South). This is the final public review of the draft OR HCD Plan and Guidelines before going to Council for their decision.

Let's tell the City the cultural and natural heritage of this property needs to be maintained and preserved for future generations.

Visit <https://haveyoursay.guelph.ca/en/projects/reformatory-district/9> for more information

Breaking News - Ontario Announces Bill 5, the “Protect Ontario By Unleashing Our Economy Act

The Ford government introduced perhaps its most horrific bill yet, the Protect Ontario By Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025. This draconian new legislation will give the provincial government sweeping powers to designate special zones where existing laws and environmental protections can be overridden with little due process to enable immediate development.

Special Economic Zones (SEZs) could vary significantly in size, from a small parcel of

land to a large area. Within the SEZ, the Lieutenant Governor can enact regulations to override existing municipal and provincial rules including exemptions from environmental assessments, zoning laws, and species at risk protections - expediting development but greatly reducing transparency and public accountability.

For more information see the attachment to this email.

Required Action - Speak up! Watch for more news and analysis on this breaking announcement and ensure our democracy, environment, agriculture, and communities aren't destroyed by misguided development efforts of the provincial government.



BUY A MEMBER-SHIP TODAY!

To be clear it's not an actual *ship*...it's better!
Our members enjoy exclusive rewards and benefits! Sail towards a greener future with us by becoming a member today!

VISIT:
[HTTPS://YORKLANDSGREENHUB.CA/
BECOME-MEMBER/](https://yorklandsgreenhub.ca/become-member/)



By now you've heard about the launch of our new membership model, designed to offer enhanced benefits and flexibility to our valued members!

As we continue our mission to promote environmental sustainability and community engagement, we believe that this new model will better serve the diverse needs and interests of our members. As current memberships expire, we will be gradually transitioning all members to the new membership model. Rest assured, we will provide ample communication and support throughout this process to ensure a seamless transition for all members.

We invite you to explore our new membership tiers and consider renewing your membership at your preferred level. Your continued support enables us to drive positive change in our community and beyond.

For more information about the new membership model or to renew your membership, contact Kim Wakeford at yghmembershipsecretary@yorklandsgreenhub.ca

A special thank you to our sponsors at the Guelph Museums and The Neighbourhood Group for supporting our membership programs!



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