



YORKLANDS GREEN HUB
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Welcome to the Yorklands community update!

Yorklands Community Update: May 8, 2026

Please ignore the previous May e-blast already sent. This is the correct version.

May is here, and Yorklands is preparing for our Annual General Meeting, happening in less than two weeks. We also have a few other upcoming events and activities to share with you — scroll down for more information!

 Yorklands Bird Walk – May 9



This Saturday, come to Yorklands for our annual bird walk. Explore the site as you spot the birds soaring above and perching in the trees.

 YGH's Annual General Meeting (AGM) – May 14

Stay up-to-date with all things Yorklands by getting a free ticket for our AGM.

 Volunteer Coordinator Position

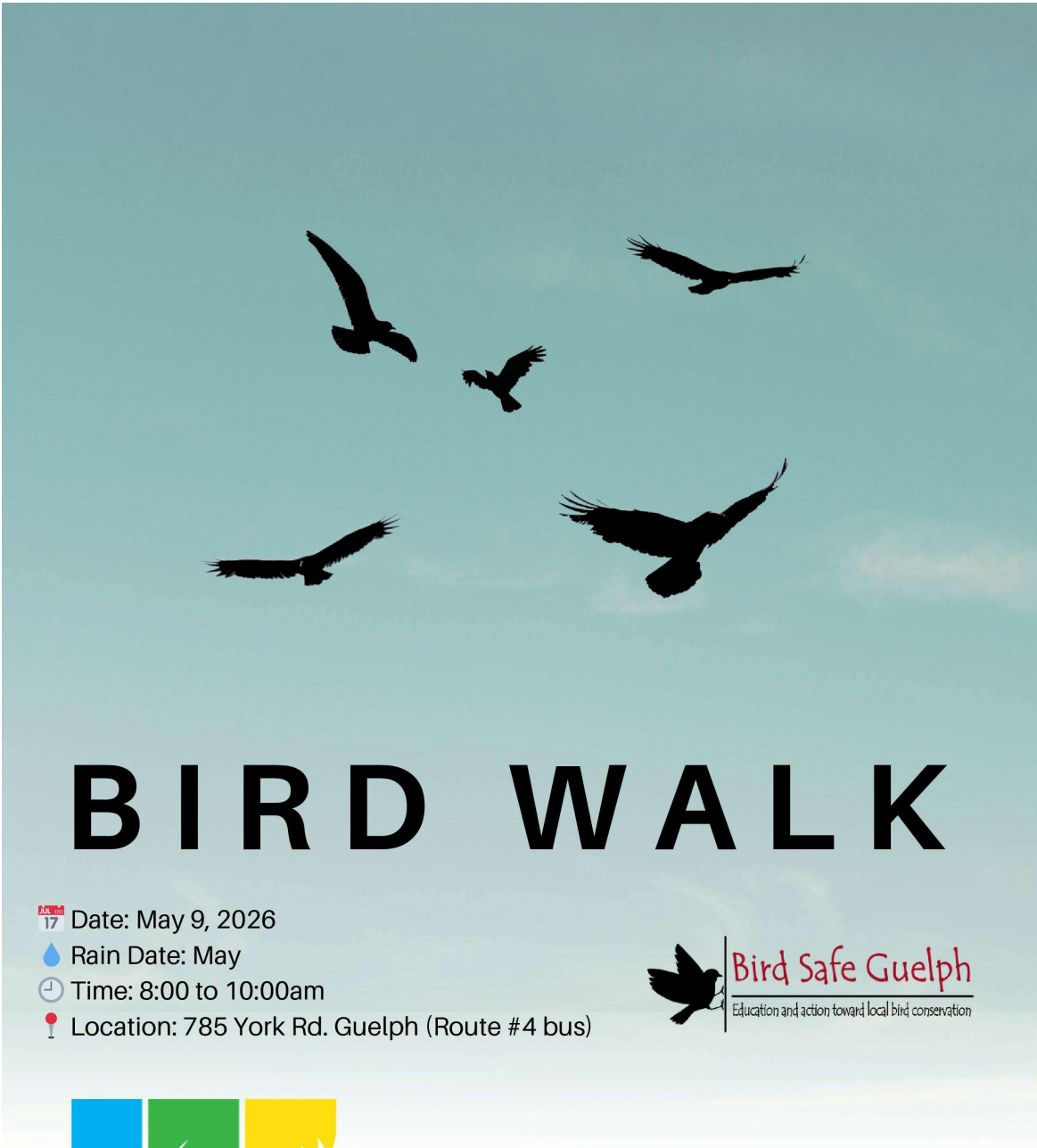
Want to join Yorklands and help build a greener community for Guelph? Learn more about our open volunteer positions below.

  Small Change Fund





Join us in protecting the Yorklands. Our partnership with SCF supports our work in urban conservation, biodiversity, and reconciliation.

Thank you for your support,

The Yorklands Team



BIRD WALK

-  Date: May 9, 2026
-  Rain Date: May
-  Time: 8:00 to 10:00am
-  Location: 785 York Rd. Guelph (Route #4 bus)



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Come discover the vibrant birdlife at Yorklands.

Participants are encouraged to meet on-site at 8:00am at the Route 4 Bus Stop (785 York Rd., Guelph). From there, we'll wander through the site, identify, and listen to the birds flying, perching, and singing through the greenspace.

Whether you're an experienced birder or simply curious, this walk offers a welcoming and informative experience.



The event is free, and registration is not required!

Event Details:

 Date/Time: May 9, 2026, 8:00am - 10:00am

 Meeting Location: 785 York Road, Guelph (Route #4 Bus)



  The City Nature Challenge (CNC): A Thank You from Yorklands!

Whether you went for a hike, attended a training session, or captured a photo of wildlife in the park, the Yorklands Green Hub wishes to thank everyone involved with the City Nature Challenge.

Yorklands is grateful to all the local organizations that led CNC events, including the Arboretum, Nature Guelph, Bird Safe Guelph, The Wildflower Society, Freshwater Conservation Canada, The Ignatius Jesuit Centre, Guelph Public Library, rare Charitable Research Reserve, Royal City Science, and more.

We also thank those who volunteered, hosted, or assisted with any of the events and training sessions. A special thanks to the Los Angeles County Natural History Museum and the California Academy of Sciences for selecting Guelph for the challenge — we are looking forward to sharing the results!

The CNC results will be announced during YGH's Annual General Meeting on May 14. Registration for the AGM and event details are listed below.

**The photos above were taken by the following primary students during a Focus on Nature program: Abbi N., Arlo V., Javier L., and Nathan C. **



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Join us as we reflect, reconnect and look ahead.



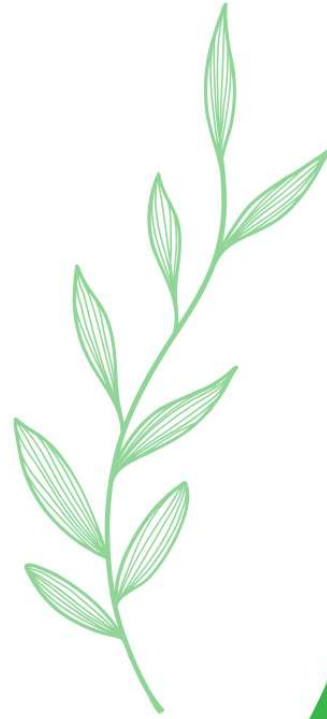
Date:
Thursday, May 14, 2026



Time:
7:00PM - 9:00PM



Location:
57 Watson Pkwy S, Guelph, ON N1L 0H8



Who wants to stay up-to-date with all things Yorklands?


Join us on May 14 for our AGM! We'll be sharing updates on YGH initiatives, financial highlights, and results from the City Nature Challenge and more.


We also have a special guest speaker coming, Gina Lammel from [Seniors for Climate Action Now](#) (SCAN). She will share with us what SCAN is up to and how it connects to our organizational goals and efforts.

Registration is free on Eventbrite!

Yorklands members are strongly encouraged to attend the meeting. This is your opportunity to participate in the future of YGH, as several motions will be presented for a vote. Please see our agenda for more information — [click here to access the agenda](#).

Event Details

 Date/Time: May 14, 2026, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

 Meeting Location: Royal Canadian Legion Branch 234, 57 Watson Pkwy S, Guelph, ON N1L 0H8.

 Registration: <https://yorklandsagm.eventbrite.ca>

Presenter Bio

Gina Lammel is a lifelong resident of Guelph, a mother of three, and a retired educator. She spent her career working with adults and young people, encouraging and supporting them through education. She now dedicates much of her time to

working with Seniors for Climate Action Now, a pan-Canadian group of older adults who educate and advocate for the health of the planet.



Bird Wathcing
FOR BEGINNERS
At the Arboretum

On Tuesday, May 12, from 9:30 AM – 11:30
AM, join Pedro Hernandez of Outdoor
Commute for an introduction to
birdwatching.



Join Pedro Hernandez of Outdoor Commute at the University of Guelph Arboretum for an introduction to birdwatching. A 30 minute lesson will be followed by a guided walk through the Arboretum learning to identify birds and their habitat. Binoculars are provided. All ages are welcome!

Please note that this event is being held at the University of Guelph Arboretum located at 200 Arboretum Road in Guelph, Ontario. This event will be entirely outdoors, so please dress accordingly. Please respect the Arboretum's code of conduct by parking only in designated areas, staying on trails and mowed areas, and being respectful of the wildlife and their homes.

Registration is required for each person (adult or child) who wishes to attend. Let us celebrate spring by welcoming back the birds. This program is for those who are new to birdwatching or just beginning their journey.

Event Details



Date/Time: Tuesday, May 12, 2026, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM



Meeting Location: 200 Arboretum Road Guelph ON, N1G 0C2



Registration: [Click Here](#)



Plein Air!

Come and be inspired!



Where?

Yorklands Green Hub is inviting all artists to the Old Reformatory, 785 York Road, Guelph

When?

Saturday June 6 2026 - 11am - 4pm

Rain date Sunday June 7 2026

You are also invited to come any time in June!

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How?

Check in at the main gate

Guelph city buses stop at the gate.

No washrooms on site but Tim Hortons close by.

Art will be displayed and offered for sale at the East Side Branch of the Guelph public library in December 2026.

Please Note:

Yorklands volunteers present only on June 6 or 7.

World Environment Day is Friday June 5 - come and celebrate the land and reflect on how we can protect nature.

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Completed art will be displayed and offered for sale at the East Side Branch of the Guelph Public Library in December 2026!

Our rain date is on Sunday, June 7. No washrooms are on site but there is a Tim Hortons close by. Guelph city #4 bus stops at the gate.

Event Details

 Date/Time: Saturday, June 6, 2026 from 11am - 4pm

 Meeting Location: Old Reformatory, 785 York Road, Guelph

 Registration: <https://pleinairyorklands.eventbrite.ca>



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Help steward the
Yorklands for future
generations. Don't miss
out and join today.

Collaborate. Conserve. Contribute.

yorklandsgreenhub.ca/volunteer



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 Volunteer Coordinator Position!

We are looking for volunteers to take on the Volunteer Coordinator and Membership Secretary roles.

As a Volunteer Coordinator, you will:

- Conduct outreach to recruit new volunteers.
- Screen and interview potential volunteers.
- Schedule volunteers for programs and events.
- Assist in planning appreciation strategies to foster retention and satisfaction.
- Gather feedback on occasion.

Who we're looking for:

- Community-minded individuals who enjoy working with others with diverse backgrounds.
- Access to and comfort with computer use and learning new computer tasks.
- Training provided.


As a Membership Secretary, you will:

- Manage our membership database
- Communicate regularly with our members
- Prepare monthly reports for the board

Who we're looking for:

- Someone who is committed to our mission and vision
- Strong organizational skills
- Comfort level with customer relations management software
- Excellent communication skills and problem-solving skills
- 1-2 hour commitment per week

How to get involved:

 If you're interested or have questions, please reach out to info@yorklandsgreenhub.ca

 **Apply here:** <https://yorklandsgreenhub.ca/volunteer-form/>.

BREAK THROUGH

THE CLIMATE
SILENCE



Canadians care deeply about the climate crisis. But too often, it goes unspoken. We can change that. Seniors for Climate's new campaign aims to rekindle the conversation around climate - **Find an event near you at SeniorsforClimate.org**

**CANADIAN ENVIRONMENT WEEK
JUNE 1 - 7**

**SENIORS
FOR
CLIMATE**



HELP PROTECT YORKLANDS

Keep this green space open for everyone

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  Small Change Fund Partnership

We have joined forces with Small Change Fund on a fundraising campaign called [Revive the Yorklands: A Community Vision for Nature and Belonging](#).

We need to keep the momentum on advocating for the protection of this beautiful gem in our city and for building a generation of caring stewards.

A place where nature, learning, and community thrive for everyone.

Funds drive our efforts to keep the Ontario Reformatory lands protected as public greenspace. Your donations will also support year-round community programming focused on stewardship activities for both young and old. If you donate to our joint project, you will receive a tax receipt through the charitable organization, Small Change Fund.

Join us in bringing this vision to life — watch the video and visit our website to learn more!

 Website: [Revive the Yorklands: A Community Vision for Nature and Belonging](#)

 Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=o3CoEPyiREw>

For further information, please contact us at: info@yorklandsgreenhub.ca

Don't leaf us behind!



Become a member today!

Join our community of members dedicated to preserving the Yorklands site and cultivating a greener, more sustainable future for all. **Don't leaf this opportunity behind! Scan the QR code to join!**



Scan & Learn More!



Members are the heart of Yorklands. **Their contributions fuel initiatives aimed at creating a more environmentally conscious community.** These initiatives protect

the historic Yorklands site, connect people to nature, uphold Indigenous collaboration, and champion environmental education.

We offer both monthly and annual memberships with several tiers of support. Members can select the tier that best fits their interests and capacity. As a token of appreciation, every membership tier comes with exclusive rewards.

Don't leaf this opportunity behind! Become a member and be part of YGH's vision for a greener future!

Email Kim Wakeford at yghmembershipsecretary@yorklandsgreenhub.ca, scan the QR code above, or click “become a member” below.

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



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