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Welcome to the Yorklands community update!

Yorklands Community Update: 3 July 2026

Yorklands welcomes you to July! With the new month comes a fresh series of updates, events, and community activities to enjoy. Come discover what's in store.

McQuillan's Bridge Update

Great news. Guelph City Council has voted to rehabilitate and strengthen the bridge. Scroll down to learn more about this win for Yorklands and for the community.

Foodsters/Pollinator Power School-Based Programs Recap

The YGH extends a big thank you to all our volunteers who made our school programs a success. Read on to learn about the impact of these programs.

Small Change Fund

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

Thank you for your support,

The Yorklands Team



UPDATE

MCQUILLAN'S BRIDGE



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On Tuesday, June 23, Guelph City Council voted in favour (8-5) of rehabilitating and strengthening McQuillan's Bridge.

Yorklands extends sincere thanks to those who advocated for the preservation of the bridge.

Whether you wrote to or called your local ward councillors, or delegated at the City Council meeting, we're grateful for all the behind-the-scenes efforts made to preserve this important piece of Guelph history.

 **Please read the Guelph Today article for more information: [McQuillan's Bridge to be restored](#)**



🏠 Foodsters/Pollinator Power School-Based Programs Recap

We are so proud of our volunteer facilitators, Greg Stojanovski, Seana Dawon, Amy Ellard-Gray, Ramzi Al Halaby, and Meg Lewis, for delivering our school-based stewardship-focused programs, Foodsters and Pollinator Power. With fantastic guidance from our Environmental Education Advisory Committee (EEAC), this spring's programming was a great success.

We have been providing this type of programming to schools for over 6 years to teach students about nature, its importance, and hopefully to instill a love of nature in the children we reach.

Foodsters engages grade 3 students with hands-on activities to learn about growing food in an urban setting, the importance of soil composition, composting and how to maintain healthy soil. With the help of our donors and supporters we were able to deliver Foodsters to five Guelph schools and to a local homeschooling group.

Pollinator Power, developed with a grant from Pollination Guelph, was delivered to grade 5 students at six local schools. The programming focuses on pollinator insects, the components of flowers, and how pollination happens as well as threats to pollinators.

Overall, our facilitators reported high engagement among the approximately 300 student participants. Also, the number of schools participating in these programs increased from two to nine. Yorklands is looking forward to planning for our Fall programming, which will include our third program, Ten Tall Trees.

If you're interested in supporting us with the delivery of these programs either through volunteering, donating or sponsoring, please let us know and contact us at info@yorklandsgreenhub.ca



BACKYARD TREE PLANTING PROGRAM



Find the right tree for the right place!

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The Program:

- 1** Apply online today at reepgreen.ca/trees
- 2** Have an on-site consultation with a program arborist to find the right tree for the right place.
- 3** Service includes **delivery and planting** in the spring or fall, along with a care guide.

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trees@reepgreen.ca

Reep Green Solutions, an environmental non-profit based in Kitchener that offers a native tree planting program for residential property owners in Guelph, wishes to share the following message with the Yorklands community:

As a fellow environmental organization in the Guelph area, we wanted to share our program in case it may be of interest to your network. Through this program, owners of residential properties can access subsidized native tree planting services, which include:

- *an on-site consultation with a Reep Green Solutions staff member to help select the most suitable tree species for the property*
- *full-service delivery and professional planting*
- *a warranty on all trees purchased through the program*
- *follow-up visit to support long-term tree health*

Our goal is to increase the urban canopy in the region using tree species that are native to Southern Ontario, and we believe this work aligns well with Yorklands Green Hub's mission.



Toxic Trivia

On July 9, at the [Red Chevron Club, 34 Elizabeth St. Guelph](#), 7:30-9:30pm, you can play [Toxic Trivia](#). Doors open at 7pm. **Please register for this event by using the QR code on the poster.**

Toxic Trivia has been created by [350.org](#) and the Small Change Fund. It's a fun and engaging way to challenge the misinformation that is part of Big Oil's propaganda machine.

Learn how to take local action to address climate degradation while enjoying the good company of others in our community. Snacks will be served. Door prizes will be won! The Red Chevron is licensed.

Admission is free!



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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



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Know someone who'd love Yorklands?

Share this newsletter with someone who would enjoy updates on nature, conservation, community events, and more!



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**Become a Member,
Make Yorklands a Place to Remember**

Join our community of members
dedicated to preserving Yorklands
and cultivating a **greener, more
sustainable future for all.**



Scan to Join!



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

advocating for the protection of the historic Yorklands site, connecting people to nature, upholding Indigenous collaboration, and championing 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.

Become a member. Help make Yorklands a place to remember!

Email Seana Dawson 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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