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The best of what's happening every week here in Guelph
* and * the Guelph.Beer bus rides again this Saturday *
* Guelph's Community Plots * the Great Downtown Garage Sale *
* plus * Local Man Enjoys Baseball *

Another week of growth and forward momentum. A big thanks to those who are reaching out either to leave upcoming events or just to say hi. We have added a few more pickup locations by request.

Inspired by a string of finally nice weather, we've got quite a summery lineup in the zine this week. Our food writer GG explores Guelph's community growing plots while the zine reached out to the folks behind this Saturday's Great Downtown Garage Sale to get a quick 411. We featured a Guelph summer institution, the Beer Bus at the front and center of the mag and I speak to some of my fondness towards the game-day experience, from a 'not much of a baseball fan's' perspective of the David E. Hastings stadium Guelph Royals, who also kick off their home season this Saturday here in Guelph.

Who says nothing happens when the students all go home for the summer? There's three great examples of how to spend your Saturday without even glancing at our Events page, which is the largest we've run since Issue 01.

We're on the lookout for some reader submissions for another fun Summer-like project we've got on the burner here at *net*. Send us (via e-mail in the masthead) or leave a message on our hotline of your favourite summertime songs, with full CANCON rules applied. MAPL system. Easy on the Bryan Adams. Let us know which songs remind you of a great summer, and in the meantime, enjoy this long welcomed sunshine.

- Michael

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Open Mic for musicians, comedians, poets and more - 10pm - no cover - 19+ - **Jimmy Jazz** 48 Macdonell St. ••

----- MONDAY -----

Creative Co-Working, free third space coworking drop in, 10am - 4pm - **Art Not Shame**, 119 Wyndham St. N. ••

Open House/Makers Meetup - 8PM - **Diyode Community Workshop**, 700 York Rd. ••

Monday Night's - Not just for *leftovers* - Send us your Monday 'things' - great opportunity for a night out in Guelph - **1 800 805 5818**

----- TUESDAY -----

IBL Baseball Guelph Royals v Welland Jackfish 7:05 PM / \$12 ADV - **David E Hastings Stadium** - 70 Division St - Exhibition Park

Winnipeg folk/indie **Noah Derksen** with support from Toronto's **Claire Hunter** - 7PM / \$20 Adv - **Sonic Hall**, 12 Wyndham St.

Trivia with *Aaron Dale* 10PM - no cover - **The Jimmy Jazz**, 48 Macdonell St. ••

--- WEDNESDAY ---

Flock Party - plant sale, food trucks, face painting and more 6Pm **Dublin Street United Church**, 68 Suffolk

Cat Clyde with support from **Joe Abbot**, 7pm / AA / \$26.33 ADV - **Sonic Hall**, 12 Wyndham St

Trivia - All About Movies @ 8PM - **Brothers Brewing**, 15 Wyndham St. N. ••

Open Jam hosted by Trick Vilbar from *The Last Armada* - 10PM, PWYC, 19+ **Jimmy Jazz**, 48 Macdonell St. ••

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call the hotline at 1-800-805-5818 and leave a clear message with details of the event.

Not totally turned off by the internet?
There are several great *ONLINE* resources to find out what's happening here in Guelph and these three are especially worth mentioning...

www.guelphspotlight.ca
@musicguelph on Instagram
www.whatsupguelph.com

on the big screen

Agathas Almanac (PG) @ The Bookshelf, Thur 2:00

Blue Heron (NR) @ The Bookshelf, Sat 7:30, Sun 4:00, Tue 7:00, Wed 7:00

Silent Friend (NR) @ The Bookshelf, Fri 7:30, Sat 4:00, Sun 6:30, Mon 6:30, Wed 2:00

Star Wars : The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG) @ The Mustang, Fri, Sat, Sun 9:15

The Devil Wears Prada 2 (PG) @ The Mustang, Fri, Sat, Sun ~11:35?

The Wizard of the Kremlin (14A) @ The Bookshelf, Thur 6:30,

The Bookshelf is located at 41 Quebec St.
The Mustang Drive-In is located at 5012 Jones Baseline, Guelph

There are two cineplex theatres in Guelph located at both 485 Woodlawn Rd. W and 85 Clair Rd. E. Outside of special interest screenings, those listings can be found at cineplex.com

whats going on

--- THURSDAY ---

Open Art Circle - drop in accessible art program 3pm / FREE - **Art Not Shame**, 119 Wyndham St. N. ••

Here we Are, We are Here, Solo exhibition by *Jude Akrey* - Opening Reception - 6-8pm, continues thru June 30 - **Sally Wismer Gallery**, 22b - 55 Wyndham St. N

Ward Night Market's Pickled Pop-Up 6PM **St.Mary's Ukrainian**, 115 York Rd

Kingston Ontario Indie rock **Kasador** with support from Toronto's **Dumb Crush** and duo **Dorene**, 7PM / \$20 adv / AA-19+ - **Sonic Hall**, 12 Wyndham St

Aiden Davies & Simon Dawes 8PM **Atmosphere Cafe**, 24 Carden St

Karaoke with host *Stale Dale* 10PM - 19+ PWYC/FREE at the **Jimmy Jazz** 48 Macdonell St. ••

----- FRIDAY -----

The Sage Stage podcast presents. **Chaos on the Dance Floor!** 7pm - \$12 adv - **The Albion**, 49 Norfolk

Gords Gold - a Tribute to *Gordon Lightfoot* 7:30pm - \$35 adv - **Guelph Little Theatre**, 176 Morris St.

Fourth Friday : **Rebecca Hass - Manaadjia** : A tribute to Meshake, 7pm / FREE - **Guelph Civic Musuem**, 52 Norfolk St.

Battle of the Blonds Drag Show ft. *Anita Valentine, Gimmy Radler, Gina Tortellina, Melona* 730 / \$16 - **The Cornerstone**, 1 Wyndham St

full band/horn section performance and album release of *River Round* - **Geordie Gordon** with support from **Bird City** doors 7:30 / \$20 **Silence**, 46 Essex St

An Evening with Whitehorse (Hamilton Folk duo) with Toronto singer/songwriter **Chloë Doucet**, 7PM / \$40 Adv / AA/19+ - **Sonic Hall**, 12 Wyndham St.

Vancouver Psych-Pop **Summer's Brother** with support from Brantford 3-piece punks **Ruby Doom** and local legends **Animal Boy** - 10pm / PWYC - **Jimmy Jazz**, 48 Macdonell St.

--- SATURDAY ---

PARKRUN the *Eramosa River Trail* every Saturday morning 5KM volunteer led run/walk - 9am Start - FREE - **85 York Rd** ••

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OPIRG - Tree Planting - all volunteers welcome RSVP - speedriver@opirgguelph.org - 10AM - 115 York Rd.

Guelph Beer Bus - *80's Retro Day* - first boarding at 12 noon - various pickup and dropoff locations. *SEE FEATURE*

The Great Downtown Garage Sale - rain or shine - 10am **Macdonell St.** - *SEE FEATURE*

HOME OPENER - *Guelph Royals vs Brantford Red Sox* - 2:00 / \$12 ADV - **David E Hastings Stadium** - 70 Division St - Exhibition Park - *SEE FEATURE*

live blues with **Ken Yoshioka** and **Julian Fauth** - 4pm / \$15 sugg PWYC - **La Poche**, 40 Quebec St

Jesters In The Royal City, *Live comedy* with *Manny Mangat, Stephen Karmazyn, Dimi Kolovopoulos* 8PM / \$22.63 ADV - **The Albion**, 49 Norfolk

Toronto beatdown Aftershock Overdrive, Orangeville Sludge Loosejaw, Toronto Hardcore Atrophy 7pm / \$10 youth / \$15 adult - **Silence**, 46 Essex

Michaela Todd with **Issac + Ben**, 9PM / PWYC / 19+ **Brothers Brewing**, 15 Wyndham St N

Celebrating the Music of *One Tree Hill*, **Kate Voegelé & Tyler Hilton** 7PM / SOLD OUT - **Sonic Hall**, 12 Wyndham St.

Toronto shoegaze **Dark Bird**, Brantford Post-Punk **Quotas** and Guelph/KW Shoegaze **Swoon** - 10PM / PWYC - **Jimmy Jazz** 48 Macdonell St

----- SUNDAY -----

Markets on the Court hosted by **The Hive** - 11-3pm every Sunday, **the tennis court on the hill** at 75 Dublin St. N ••

10c presents **Guelph Art Market** - vendors/ food pop ups/ art / free/accessible 11am at the **Guelph Farmers Market**, 2 Gordon St

Lovers Rock Sundays, reggae music, vendors, poetry and brunch specials, 12 Noon, \$10 - **The Albion**, 49 Norfolk ••

Brilliant Corners Jazz Series **Jen Lo Trio**, 2pm / \$15-\$30 - **Silence**, 46 Essex

Guelph United Football Club (Womens) vs NDC Ontario 2:30 / \$10 - **Centennial Bowl**, 375 College Ave W - **doubleheader with** -

Guelph United Football Club (Mens) vs Windsor City FC 6:00 / \$10 - **Centennial Bowl**, 375 College Ave W -

Hop on the Beer Bus

The Guelph.Beer Bus rolls out to five local breweries this Saturday

In an issue anchored by Baseball and a giant Garage sale, what better feature to celebrate this soft-launch of summer (fingers crossed) than with Guelph's very own Beer Bus.

The Guelph.Beer Bus, officially, rolls the streets of Guelph this Saturday in its second event of 2026. Similar to Baseball, Guelph has an extensive brewing history and local lore points its start all the way back to 1831 with an Oliver Brewery on Carden St.

I came across a fantastic article detailing Guelph's hoppy history written by Labour Historian Bonnie Durnall and published in the year 2020 on the labouringallourlives.ca website. If you want a thorough primer on the brewing history of the streets we walk, and the Beer Bus rolls on, including the working class Guelphites that kept those wheels and many other industries and factories in motion, I would encourage a visit to that website. It's worth noting that this Thursday's Ward Night Market Pickled Pop-Up market will feature Bonnie's knowledge on Guelph's pickle history.

When one brewery does well, we all succeed in a way. The bus is a great way to make sure we can make the craft beer experience as accessible as possible.

- Jackie, Guelph.Beer

I caught up with Jackie at Guelph.Beer to ask how the beer bus first got rolling. Jackie shared that the Guelph.Beer Bus started in 2018 in an effort to emphasize Guelph's unique craft beer scene. She added that since Guelph is home to five different breweries of varying sizes, vibes, and offerings on tap, you'll get a little bit of everything along the Beer Bus route. Jackie went on to emphasize the community connections that help to make Beer Bus possible as well as the importance of keeping this event accessible in several ways.

In the spirit of community-mindedness and accessibility, the Beer Bus itself happens to be one of the fleet of our very own Guelph Transit city buses. While a boozy trip down the 99 Mainline might be common on Thursday, Friday or Saturday evenings while the school-year is in, the beer bus offers a valuable "let us take care of it" approach to spending a Saturday sampling a bunch of different variants of beer.

Jackie shares that "the Beer Bus promotes safe consumption 100%. My favourite thing to hear on Beer Bus days is from people who have lived in the area their entire lives and are visiting us for the first time. I love that we get to create an accessible way for people to experience and enjoy these local businesses in a responsible, no-cost way. We get hundreds of people joining on Beer Bus days, which shows us that there is absolutely a demand for accessible transportation in our area". Acknowledging the larger conversation around safe consumption and the role of public transit in supporting it, Jackie adds that "Guelph Transit has been an amazing partner alongside our friends at Gather in Guelph. It takes a village to make this event as successful as it has been and we owe it to them and their continued support!"

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In addition to providing free and safe transit between breweries, the Beer Bus is family-friendly, with Guelphites of all ages welcome at each taproom. Each stop along the route will feature non-alcoholic options and water, as well as cider, wine and seltzer for those looking to branch out beyond beer. Participating breweries will also be offering pop-up food vendors and food trucks, along with live music, DJs, photo booths, and other fun ways to celebrate the return of patio weather. Finally, while there is no cost to hop on the Beer Bus, volunteers will gladly accept donations on each bus to support local charitable projects including the Guelph Food Bank.

The **Guelph.Beer** website offers a detailed schedule, but getting your spot on the bus is simple. The Beer Bus runs on a 30-minute schedule at each brewery location. The **transit** app allows you to track the bus, ensuring that you don't miss any stops along the way.

Participating Guelph Breweries

- Brothers Brewing
- Fixed Gear Brewing Co.
- Royal City Brewing Co.
- Sleeman
- Wellington Brewery

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Beer Bus Dates and Themes

The Beer Bus runs one Saturday per month until November from noon til 7, and if everything already on offer doesn't already seem like enough fun, you are also invited to participate in each month's theme, listed below.

May 23	80's Retro
June 13	Dress Like Dad
July 11	Tropical Luau
August 22	Summer Camp
September 19	Oktoberfest
October 17	Halloween
November 14	Guelph.Beer Day

royals home opener

I can't come into this article boasting about the wonderful season our representative in the Canadian Baseball League (formally, Intercounty Baseball League) the Guelph Royals have started with. As of print time, the Royals are winless after two games, but the season is just getting started, and that's why I'm here to sell you on the day (or night) out that is a Guelph Royals ballgame down at Exhibition park.

While I've never been a big baseball person, I was the right age when the Jays won the World Series Championship back to back in the early 90s just to find other interests once the league resumed after its lockout the following ("threepeat...") season. I had countless chances to see the Blue Jays while living less than the length of Stone Road Mall from the Skydome and I went twice. But there's something about a late summer night game at David E. Hastings stadium that keeps bringing me back.

The Stadium, all 101 years-old of it, sits at the North end of Exhibition Park. Public transit is supported via a short walk to Woolwich Street's bus connections and a bus stop on London road at the south end of the Park. Vehicle parking (watch for foul balls!) is available while it lasts in the Exhibition Park Arena lot, but the highlight is a great 'ride-up' route via the Royal Recreation Trail whether you're cycling in or walking.

Most games will run you around ~\$12 at the door or purchased in advance online. Directly to your left as you enter is a no-frills concession stand, exactly how you remember and loved them at stadiums you've been to in the past or a dream. Hot Dogs, Chips, Popcorn, Jumbo Freezies. Usually, but not always, there's a beer garden off third base. You have to drink in the fenced area, but people always look and sound like they're having fun in there.

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To wrap up my conversation with Jackie, I asked what other Guelph institution might benefit from a similar bus-guided, multi-stop tour. Jackie shared that because Guelph's embrace of all things local extends to its food scene, a Craft Culinary Crawl with a curated menu of local bites would be most welcome.

I agree with Jackie that a day of quick stops at local eateries would be a great way to spend an afternoon, and would love to see similar transit-supported tours for Guelph's parks, art galleries, or a fun curated day trip bringing together all of the above.

For now, dust off your shoulder pads and tighten those pin rolls, because the Guelph.Beer Bus rolls out on Saturday, May 23rd with 80s retro flair and a mission to bring you door-to-door-to-door on a tour of Guelph's favourite local breweries.

- Michael, Net

Michael, Net

Your seat is wherever you feel. You can bring some lawn chairs or a blanket and make it a lounge-y affair, but obviously the grandstand of David E. Hastings is the choice that most supports the full game day experience. That experience is what I wanted to highlight in this short piece. When we go to a professional, big league, big money ballgame we are annihilated by screens and sounds, taking us out of the vibe and communal "thing" that happens when you're in a crowd, watching something together.

The Royals participate in the 9 team Canadian Baseball League alongside the Kitchener Panthers, the Welland Jackfish and the Toronto Maple Leafs (the baseball team). On the field, you see a mix of players who have been at the very top, including the Royals's Alfred Vega and Edgar Garcia, and talented young players like Conner Morro or hometown Jacob Kush. To round that out, you have strong character players that make leagues like the CBL, where attendance runs from the dozens to thousands, feel like a packed stadium.

While the games themselves are more than worth coming out for, the game-day experience at David E. Hastings is something special. It's minimal. You get what you get, and that's a fly-ball net in front of you, some suspended loudspeakers buzzing out batter walk-up songs including everything from classic pump-up jams like Biggie's Hypnotize to the Can-Con screamo of Alexisonfire. You get a nostalgia-loaded soundboard cues of one-off stings and 'dohs' during fouls and mishaps. You get a couple giveaway contests and 50/50 ticket sales between innings, and you get the feeling of watching something happen together.

Experience the Royals home opener this Saturday!

food

GG III, Net

It's officially growing season, and imho there is no better way to enjoy the summer than by growing, harvesting and eating your own produce – not least of all because Guelph/Wellington County has some of the best conditions in the world for food cultivation, or at least it does for now, while the persistent creep of climate change has not yet completely ruined our ecosystems!

If you don't have access to a backyard, Guelph has a fairly comprehensive network of community gardens. Yes, many of these plots are already snapped up, but you may have some luck nabbing a last-minute empty spot, though that'll take some legwork: each plot in the city is managed by its own coordinator. Google "Guelph community garden plots" to find the page on the City of Guelph's website that has contact info for each, as well as a map of where all of the city's plots are located. You can also email communitygardens@guelph.ca with questions (sorry, City of Guelph employee, but you may be about to get a bunch of emails!).

For the last two seasons, I've been gardening at Ignatius' community gardens. The bar to entry here is a little higher, as, unlike traditional community gardens, Ignatius is pay-to-play; plots range in size from 100 to 1,000 square feet, and the annual fee is \$79 to \$290, depending on how big you go. There are still plots available, though, and listen: you may have complicated feelings about the Catholic Church, and I do, too.

great downtown garage sale

Michael, Net

This Saturday brings us another edition of the 'Great Downtown Guelph Garage Sale'. I emailed the DGBA (Downtown Guelph Business Association)'s Event's Manager, Sam to ask some of the basics of what's going down this Saturday.

Net: What was the inspiration or push to do this style of garage sale? It reminds me a lot of English 'boot' style sales and I love those.

Sam: It was the idea of a DGBA Board Member and as a Brit familiar with 'Car Boot Sales,' I ran with it! Our first one in July 2025 proved so popular, we're doing it twice this year.

Net: What kind of items are you hoping to see Guelphites bring out for sale?

Sam: Anything you'd usually see at a traditional yard sale. Items that have been sitting in someone's basement for a while,

But where else are you going to find 600 acres of protected land, including more than 200 acres of organic farmland, purpose-built for providing farming and food access to members of the community? You'll also find Origin Native Plants set up there, and Ignatius partners with some of Guelph's best food advocacy and environmental organizations, like Art of Soil Collective, Pollination Guelph, and the Sheldale Family Gateway.

And, in my experience, you'll find some of the most knowledgeable, passionate, community-spirited gardeners. In a space where someone is always growing a bit too much of something, there's a good chance you'll walk out with a handful of the crop you just couldn't get to take off – last year I ended up with a half dozen sweet peppers at the end of the season, after my plants were stripped bare by some unknown critter.

Pope Francis, who died last year, was a Jesuit priest, and in 2013 he published an encyclical called *Laudato Si'*, subtitled "care for our common home." Environmentalism and ecological stewardship has long been at the core of the Jesuits' mission, which suggests our relationship with the earth is part of a higher calling – a philosophy that extends to many spiritual practises, but is often left out of mainstream Western religious teachings. But besides all that, coming back down to earth, what is there that better connects us with our humanity, and with the environment, than what we eat?

books that can be browsed, clothes that can be rummaged through, home decor that can be passed on to a happy owner.

Net: Is there any additional entertainment/vendors to note for May's event?

Sam: We have some street festival style performances. Freestyle soccer (it is the World Cup soon after all), a Bathtub Singer (so silly), and a hula hooping violinist! Plus a DJ will have us dancing all day long.

I know it doesn't take me much to come out to garage sale, and why not sample a street (and a parking lot)'s worth of what everyday Guelphites are willing to sell you out of the trunk of their car. We'll be there.

Saturday, 10:00 am. Macdonell St.

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