

# COUNTY COUNCIL Update

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Warden Gerry Marshall, left, tees off at Midland Golf and Country Club for the 13th Annual Warden's Golf Tournament. This year's event raised approximately \$40,000.

## Having a ball, making a difference

*Warden's Golf Tournament raises funds for regional mental health initiatives*

Community supporters joined Warden Gerry Marshall at the Midland Golf and Country Club for the 13th Annual Warden's Golf Tournament in support of regional mental health initiatives,

including training and youth mental health programs.

This year's tournament raised approximately \$40,000. This is the start of a larger campaign and partnership

with area organizations, including Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care, focused on supporting regional mental health needs in Simcoe County.

"I'm thankful to all our

generous sponsors and participants for supporting this important cause," said Warden Gerry Marshall.

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Gerry Marshall, Warden

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## COMING TOGETHER



Warden Gerry Marshall, above, and fellow County Councillors celebrated Simcoe Day with a free community event at the Simcoe County Museum. Guests enjoyed complimentary admission to the Simcoe County Museum, a range of picnic-themed activities and of course a BBQ with homemade hand churned ice cream as a special treat.



## Fed gas tax supports road, capital projects

The County of Simcoe will receive \$8.4 million from the Government of Canada through the federal Gas Tax Fund (GTF) to support vital community projects in 2017.

Approximately \$5.5 million of the GTF contributions will be applied to enhance nine road rehabilitation projects throughout the County, while \$2.9 million will support two significant roads and transportation capital projects including the Wye River North Bridge Rehabilitation project and the reconstruction of County Road 17 from Severn Falls north to the Big Chute.

Since 2005, the County has received \$76.6 million through the federal GTF to support the completion of numerous road and capital projects.



Councillor Gord Wauchope chats with a fellow golfer at the Warden's tourney.

## HAVING A BALL

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"We are all impacted in some capacity by mental illness, as it's estimated that one in five Canadians experience a mental health or addiction problem each year. The growing impact on our youth is extremely concerning and I'm proud that we are working with area partners and communities to make a lasting impact for those suffering from this illness."

The success of the Warden's Golf Tournament was made possible by community supporters and sponsors.



## ALL IN THE FAMILY



Bradford West Gwillimbury mayor Rob Keffer, right, represented the County at its official grand opening of Kirkup Woods. Located within a County “greenlands” area, Kirkup Woods is ecologically diverse with important stream corridors and associated valleylands, along with mature and diverse woodlands. Top photo, members of the Kirkup and Drysdale families were on hand to celebrate.



## From field to table

*Charter Champion Awards highlight great work*

Now in its fifth year, the Simcoe County Food and Agriculture Charter Champion Awards has celebrated more than 150 different individuals, organizations, and businesses working to create a strong and vibrant food system in Simcoe County.

On August 19, 2017, 13 residents from across the County took the stage at the Farm Fresh Food Fest event, hosted in Tiny Township, to accept awards honouring their work in the areas of agriculture, food security, food-skills development, environmental responsibility, agribusiness, and increasing the profile of farming in Simcoe County.

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## Gala raises \$51k for United Way

*Annual event has raised more than \$650k in 11 years*

Simcoe County Warden Gerry Marshall hosted the 11th annual Simcoe County Warden's Gala at the Nottawasaga Inn Resort in Alliston on September 28, 2017.

Thanks to the sponsorship of the numerous businesses and organizations, the event raised more than \$51,000 in support of United Way Simcoe Muskoka.

“Over the past 11 years, the Gala has raised more \$650,000 to assist our partners at the United Way bring residents from poverty to possibility,” said County of Simcoe Warden Gerry Marshall.

“It was a special night with a singular focus on making a meaningful impact on the lives of some of our most vulnerable

residents. Thank you to all our generous sponsors, partners and guests for making the Gala such a huge success.”

Highlights of the evening included a musical performance by Jeremy de Freitas, decadent food stations provided by the Nottawasaga Inn Resort, entertainment by comedian Gilson Lubin, and the outstanding work of CTV News Anchor Jayne Pritchard as the evening's emcee.

The County of Simcoe is a proud partner of United Way Simcoe Muskoka in part because of the complementary missions. As the Consolidated Municipal Service Manager, the County administers essential social services programs

for residents throughout the region including the cities of Barrie and Orillia through the Children and Community Services, Social Housing, and Ontario Works departments.

“We truly appreciate the ongoing support of Warden Marshall, County Council and staff, as well as the generosity of all sponsors and guests who participated in this year's event,” said UWSM CEO Dale Biddell, whose team works closely with the County of Simcoe and many other community partners to improve social conditions for the residents of local communities.

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**CTV News Anchor Jayne Pritchard emceed this year's Warden's Gala.**



Warden Gerry Marshall greets United Way Simcoe Muskoka CEO Dale Biddell.

## GALA RAISES \$51K

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“Since 2006, the Warden’s Gala has been a valuable opportunity to build much-needed awareness, alliances and resources to further this

work.”

United Way Simcoe Muskoka invests grants, research and expertise to address high-priority social challenges across Simcoe County.

These life-changing resources help move County residents from poverty to possibility, to build inclusive communities, and help our children and youth reach their potential.

## Fibre Content exhibit opens at Museum

Join us as we host Fibre Content travelling exhibit at the Simcoe County Museum.

For the first time since its inception in 2012, the Fibre Content juried exhibition has been condensed into a collection of 38 pieces, featuring artwork garnering high viewers’ choice responses and providing a cross-section of the quality and variety of the full show.

The exhibit will be on display at the Simcoe County Museum until November 11, 2017.

These beautiful and thought provoking pieces were created by artists from Studio Art Quilts Associates (SAQA), Grand Guild of Fibre Artists, Group of Eight Fibre Artists, Oakville Fibre Artists, Connections Fibre Artists, Burlington Fibre Arts Guild, and Burlington Handweavers & Spinners Guild.

The main exhibition showcased 125 fibre art quilts and mixed media works by 80 artists from across Ontario in September 2016 at the Art Gallery of Burlington.

## FROM FIELD TO TABLE

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“The Charter Champion Awards were created to celebrate local food and agriculture while promoting all the tremendous products, services, activities and programs available across our region,” said Warden Gerry Marshall. “Our agri-food sector is booming and beyond feeding

much of Canada, we strongly encourage our own residents to shop our local farm gates, local food retailers, community gardens, and the many programs and events that promote skills-building and civic engagement around local food.”

Launched in 2013, the Charter Champion Awards was a

means to entrench the newly developed Simcoe County Food and Agriculture Charter in the community. Since the development of the Charter, the FPA says it has observed an increase in community gardens, local food and culinary events, retailers and restaurants supporting local food, and local

volunteer groups dedicated to food security.

“The Charter is a document developed by community members for community members and is a guide for making decisions intended to improve the local food system,” said John Hemsted, Chair of the Food Partners Alliance (FPA).