

# Welcome to MAXVILLE

## ***Welcome to Maxville & District!***

On behalf of the Village of Maxville and surrounding areas, whether you are here for business, just visiting, or thinking of making this area your home, we welcome you. We are confident that you will love everything that our charming community, businesses and people have to offer.

To find out what is going on in our area, be sure to read the Glengarry News sections for Maxville, Dunvegan and Apple Hill every Wednesday.



MAXVILLE & DISTRICT  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

[www.maxvillechamber.ca](http://www.maxvillechamber.ca)

The Maxville & District Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1991. It is a group of volunteers that seek to better the village of Maxville through many projects throughout the year. Its committed members all contribute to help promote and maintain our cherished village. The Chamber funds several events each year and also participates in, organizes and sponsors other projects and events in the area.

*For municipal matters, please contact the Township of North Glengarry office. They are open Monday to Friday from 8:00am to 4:00pm.*



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# Projects and Initiatives from the Chamber of Commerce

The Maxville & District Chamber of Commerce organizes, operates and funds many events and services for businesses as well as the residents of the area. The board members and other volunteers generously donate their time and energy to projects that help serve the community. They include:

## **The Family Tartan Banner Project:**

Beautiful hanging baskets and flower barrels are planted, decorative and functional benches and garbage cans are put out in various locations for the community, and family tartan banners (sponsored by more than 55 proud families of the village) are hung along the village's streets. The program is facilitated by the Chamber.



**Maxville Farmer's Market:** The market takes place during the summer months, beginning in June and going until the middle of September, every Friday from 2:00pm to 6:00pm, and is located at the site of the former King George Hotel. It's a great opportunity to support local growers and businesses, as everything is grown and prepared in the area. Stop by and pick up some fresh, delicious, and 100% locally grown meats and produce!



**Santa Claus Parade:** Held in mid-November, the parade leads through the village and ends at the Maxville & District Sports Complex where everyone can warm up and the children can visit with Santa. Businesses, clubs and families are welcome to come out with a decorated float. There are always plenty of prizes, gifts and treats to go around.

**Sidewalk Sale:** Held typically in mid-June is the annual village sidewalk sale. Neighbours and friends can bring items they want to sell, all they need to do is rent a table for the event. Main Street becomes one big shopping aisle, be sure not to miss this popular event!



**Bursaries:** The Chamber of Commerce also donates two bursaries each year to Tagwi Secondary School and Maxville Public School students.

**Maxville Manor Birthday Party:** In November, the Chamber hosts a birthday party for the residents of Maxville Manor.

**Annual General Meeting:** This event is open to everyone and is held to review the Chamber's activities for the year.



**Tourism Booth:** Every summer from June to September a student is hired by the Chamber of Commerce with support from a community grant. The student tends the tourism booth in the LBCO parking lot to help visitors to the area while promoting the village. The student also assists with many of the Chamber's projects, including the very successful Maxville Farmer's Market that runs through the summer months (in the same location as the tourism booth).

# Annual Events in and Around the Village of Maxville

Many of the annual community events that occur in the Maxville area are outlined in the following pages. While the Chamber of Commerce and its members play a role in almost all of these events, they take on a primary role in running the Sidewalk Sale, the Santa Claus Parade and the Farmer's Market.

**Glengarry Highland Games:** The Highland Games must be experienced to be fully appreciated. This event takes place on the Friday and Saturday of the long weekend in July/August, and is home to the North American Pipe Band Championships. The Games were founded in 1948 and have since grown to become one of the largest Highland Games events in the world. The grounds become a sea of tartan and flags, while spectators can enjoy a variety of events such as the sheaf toss, hammer throw, caber toss, tug of war, and highland dancing competitions for all levels on both days. Many vendors

are on site selling jewellery, clothing, souvenirs, gifts, crafts and a great selection of foods. Towards the end of the night, visitors will also have the privilege of experiencing the best in local Celtic entertainment, featuring bands like Salty Dog and Fridge Full of Empties.



**The Maxville Fair:** Founded in 1888, the fair celebrated its 125th year of operation in 2013. It is an old-fashioned country fair, one of Ontario's oldest, and it is organized by the Kenyon Agricultural Society. The entertainment varies from year to year, from demolition derbies and wrestling to highland dancing and piping, there are always new ways to have fun.

There is a strong agricultural component to the Fair, with its 4H Holstein and horse shows. There are also amusement park rides, games and contests such as art, sewing and baking for all ages. The historic grandstand at the fairgrounds seats over 3,000!



**Maxville Music Fest:** The Maxville Music Fest takes place over 3 days in May each year. The four churches in the area play host to several musical acts over the weekend. There are various genres to experience with big city caliber live music being performed in small intimate venues.

**Relay for Life:** Every June, Maxville hosts the Relay for Life by the Canadian Cancer Society. It includes the Survivors Victory Lap and the Remembrance Ceremony where candles are lit in memory of loved ones or in honour of survivors. Camping is available on site. Open to the general public.

**Sports & Recreation:** Maxville is home to some excellent recreation facilities. The Maxville & District Sports Complex houses a hockey rink, baseball diamond, volleyball court, four soccer fields and children's play structures. There is also the Glengarry Curling Club located in the village.



The Glengarry Sports Hall of Fame is also located in Maxville at the Fairgrounds. Admission is free and visiting season is from Victoria Day to Labour Day.

**Canada Day:** The Maxville Recreation Committee hosts a Canada Day celebration every year on the day -before- Canada Day at the fairgrounds in Maxville. Hosting it on June 30th prevents it from conflicting with other events in the region. There is a BBQ, talent show, inflatable play structures for the kids and a family fireworks show at dusk.

**Community Potluck Dinner:** This event has also been known as the Multicultural Dinner. It is free to attend and is simply an opportunity for the community to get together and share good food and good company.

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