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holidays & observances

March 26th - National "Make Up Your Own Holiday" Day

April 1st to 9th - Passover

April 3rd - Good Friday + National "Don't Go To Work Unless It's Fun" Day

April 5th - Easter

April 6th - Easter Monday

April 22nd - Earth Day

May 18th - Victoria Day



Earth Day is an annual event on April 22nd to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First held in 1970, it now includes a wide range of events coordinated globally through earthday.org, including 1 billion people in more than 193 countries. Check out [Earth Day Canada](http://EarthDay.Canada) for more information and ideas on actionable environmentalism, including waste reduction, community cleanups, and biodiversity preservation to promote sustainable living.



Put Some Spring in Your Step

Spring has a way of bringing fresh energy with it — longer days, new ideas, and maybe even a little motivation to try something different.

As the season shifts, it's a nice reminder that growth doesn't just happen at work — it happens when we keep learning, connecting, and making space for a little fun along the way.

In this edition of Work • Learn • Play, we're sharing a few things that caught our attention lately — ideas to explore, resources to learn from, and a couple of things simply worth enjoying this season.

Kevin & Tara

Easter Fun

Easter Egg Hunt at Stanley's Olde Maple Lane Farm,

Mar 28-29 & Apr 4, 2452 Yorks Corners Road (Edwards), \$18.35, kids 2 and under free

Paint Your Own Mega Chocolate Egg, Mar 29,

Hummingbird Chocolate (Almonte), \$25

Mega Egg Paint & Sip (19+), Apr 2, Hummingbird Chocolate (Almonte), \$28.25

Easter Egg Hunt at the Travellers Lane Family Farm,

Apr 3-5, 2402 Fifth Line Road (Dunrobin), \$15, kids under 2 free

Easter at the Log Farm, Apr 3-6, \$14.49, kids under 1 free

Easter Egg Hunt at Valleyview Little Animal Farm, Apr 3-6, \$15, kids under 2 free

Easter at the Canada Agriculture & Food Museum, Apr 3-6, \$3.25 (members) to \$53.25 (groups)

Easter at the Bunker, Apr 4, Diefenbunker Museum (Carp), \$13.65, kids 2 and under free

Hop Into Spring, Apr 4, Cumberland Heritage Village Museum, \$23.63 (max 6, excluding kids under 2)

Easter at the Estate, Apr 4-5, Billings Estate, \$22.44+tax per group (max 6, excluding kids under 2)

March/ April Sugar Shack Hours

Fortune Farms, 2442 Wolfe Grove Road, Almonte - open daily in March & April, 10am to 4pm

Fulton's Sugar Bush & Maple Shop, 399 Sugar Bush Road, Pakenham - open weekdays 10am to 3pm, weekends 10am to 4pm

Mapleside Sugarbush, 166 Reich Road, Pembroke - 10am to 4pm daily

Proulx Maple & Berry Farm, 1865 O'Toole Road, Cumberland - open daily 9am to 5pm (Pancake House closes at 3pm)

Stanley's Olde Maple Lane Farm, 2452 York's Corners Rd, Edwards, ON - open weekends 9am to 3pm

The Log Farm, 670 Cedarview Road - open weekends (including Easter) 9am to 4pm

Thompson's Sweet Retreat, 1922 Clayton Road, Almonte - open daily 10am to 4pm

Carp Farmers' Easter Market

April 4th, 8am-2pm
carpfarmersmarket.ca

Metcalfe Farmers' Easter Market

April 4th, 9am-2pm
metcalfefm.com

Vanier Sugar Festival

March 28th & 29th
museoparc.ca

Ontario Maple Weekend

April 4th & 5th
ontariomaple.com

Ottawa Wedding Show, Mar 28-29, EY Centre
Geeked Out: Ottawa's Toy & Collectible Sale, Nepean Sportsplex
Ottawa Comic Arts Festival, Apr 4, Glebe Community Centre
Ottawa Cottage Life & Backyard Show, Apr 10-12, EY Centre
Ottawa Travel & Vacation Show, Apr 11-12, Rogers Centre
Bytown Antique & Vintage Show, Apr 18, Nepean Sportsplex
Ottawa Parent & Child Expo, Apr 18-19, Nepean Sportsplex
Outdoor & Adventure Travel Show, Apr 25-26, Nepean Sportsplex
Capital Comic Book Convention, Apr 26, RA Centre
Ottawa PoutineFest & Mac My Cheese, May 1-3, RA Centre
Cinco de Mayo Fiesta, May 3, Byward Market neighbourhood
Canadian Tulip Festival, May 8-18, Commissioners Park
Kanata Ribfest, May 22-24, Community Hub (400 March Road)
Great Glebe Garage Sale, May 23, Glebe neighbourhood



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Get Outside!

Oniro Night Walk, Fridays & Saturdays, Parc Omega (registration required)
Rink of Dreams, until Mar 29, Ottawa City Hall
Outdoor Skating at Rideau Hall, until Mar 29, 1 Sussex Drive
Snowshoes Under the Stars in Gatineau Park, Mar 20 & 27, Gatineau Park (registration required)
Shinrin-Yoku: Guided Nature Walk, Mar 28-29, Gatineau Park (registration required)
Jane's Walk, May 1-3, various locations
CN Cyle for CHEO, May 3, Canadian War Museum
Tamarack Ottawa Race Weekend, May 23-24, 110 Laurier Avenue West



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Rose, The Musical, Mar 25-28 & Apr 1-4, National Arts Centre
Liver Canada Comedy Night, Mar 26-27, Yuk Yuk's (1394 Richmond Rd)
Ottawa Ringette Championships, Mar 29-Apr 4, various locations
George Thorogood & The Destroyers, Apr 4, Hard Rock Ottawa Hotel & Casino
Goo Goo Dolls, Apr 6, Canadian Tire Centre
Outaouais Film Festival, Apr 9-17, various locations in Gatineau
Maestro: Competitive Improv Comedy, Apr 11 & 25, May 2 & 23, Arts Court
National Tartan Day (featuring *Sons of Scotland Pipe Band*), Apr 12, Parliament Hill
Jazz Night Out, Apr 14, CarletonDominion-Chalmers Centre
Rob Anderson: Are You Afraid of the '90s?, Apr 16-17, Bronson Music Theatre
Nate Bargatze: Big Dumb Eyes Tour, Apr 17, Canadian Tire Centre
Jane Siberry, Apr 22-23, National Arts Centre
Ottawa Grassroots Festival, Apr 23-26, First Unitarian Congregation of Ottawa
The Great Canadian Comedy Caravan Tour, Apr 24, National Arts Centre
Irish Film Festival, Apr 24-26, Museum of Nature Theatre
Stars On Ice, Apr 26, Canadian Tire Centre
Ottawa Improv Festival, May 29-30, Arts Court Theatre

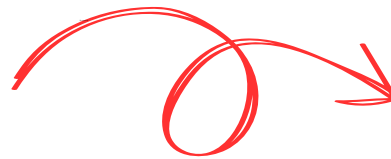
- **United Way East Ontario | Disruptive Dialogue 2026: Learn. Lead. Give to Gain.**, Mar 30, Bayview Yards, \$35. Register [here](#).
- **HRPA Northeast (Ottawa) | Employment Relations in Turbulent Times**, Apr 16, virtual + in-person at Bayview Yards, HRPA members free; non-members \$35-\$125. Register [here](#).
- **HRPA | HR Power Lunch: Mandatory Employment Policies & Postings**, Apr 9, virtual, for HRPA members only (free). Register [here](#).
- **HRPA | Quarterly Legal Updates 2026 - Q2**, Apr 15, HRPA members \$60; non-members \$75. Register [here](#).
- **Dare to Be Vulnerable Project | Phoenix Full-Day Session**, May 11, Brookstreet Hotel, individuals \$175; table \$1500. Register [here](#).
- **HRPA Northeast (Quinte) | Cultivating Safe Spaces**, May 27, virtual + in-person at TownePlace Suites (Belleville), HRPA members free; non-members \$35-\$125. Register [here](#).

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Supporting
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Week

mix and mingle



Don't miss our
April 22nd event!

Mayor's Breakfast featuring Chief of Police Eric Stubbs, Mar 24, City Hall, \$55-\$85. Register [here](#).

Skills in Common: Women Building Across Generations, Mar 26, Hub350-RBCx Room, free. Register [here](#).

Mayor's Breakfast featuring Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation & MP for Brampton South, Apr 21, City Hall, \$55-\$85. Register [here](#).

HRClarity Spring Mixer, Apr 22, The Brew Table (308 Moodie Drive) \$25. Register [here](#).

2026 City Building Summit - Capital 200: Owning Our Future, Apr 28, Rogers Centre, \$275-\$340. Register [here](#).

Business After 5: Heritage & Hospitality, Apr 30, allsaints Event Space, \$50-\$85. Register [here](#).

Forty Under 40 Awards Gala, Jun 18, Casino Lac-Leamy, \$TBD. Register [here](#).

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