THORNHILL REMEMBRANCE & HERITAGE COALITION

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

Bridging Peacetime Joy & Active Reflection at the Historic Pool Grounds



COMMUNITY INVITATION — ALL ARE WELCOME!

Join us as Thornhill gathers for its first official community Remembrance Day service on the grounds of the historic 1950 Living War Memorial.

Wednesday, November 11, 2026

WHEN: 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (Gathering begins at 10:45 AM)
WHERE: Thornhill Swimming Pool Grounds (26 Old Yonge St. Thornhill, ON)
ADMISSION: FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
(Families, Youths and Residents of all ages are invited

Parking for Park and Pool located at 26 Old Yonge St.

A LIVING MEMORIAL BORN OF COMMUNITY SPIRIT:

On June 16, 1950, the **Thornhill Community Memorial and Recreation Centre** was dedicated as a living memorial to the men and women who served in the two World Wars. Originally proposed by **Gordon C. Leitch** and championed by the **Thornhill Lions Club,** the facility featured war memorial tablets donated by the **Thornhill Women's Institute**. These were unveiled by two bereaved mothers - Mrs. William Riddell (World War I) and Mrs. Roy Wice (World War II). The pool was intended to be a Living Memorial to honour the fallen through the health and vitality of local youth during peacetime. This November 11, we will gather to reaffirm this solemn commitment and pay tribute to our local heroes.

CEREMONY HIGHLIGHTS & PROGRAM

- Land Acknowledgement
- Reading of the Roll of Honour
- 11:00 AM Two Minutes of Silence
- Lawn Display of Poppies & Flags
- Special Guests
- Closing

"In peacetime joy and shaded tranquility, we remember those who gave their tomorrows."

Bring your family, friends, and neighbours. Let us stand shoulder-to-shoulder in active remembrance.

Organized by the:

Thornhill Historical Society • Thornhill Heritage Foundation •Thornhill Garden and Horticultural Society and MPP Laura Smith