

# Seeley's Bay Newsletter

Seeley's Bay & Area Residents' Association

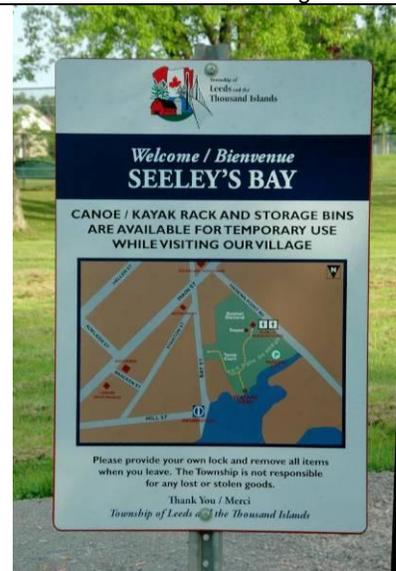
Connecting the community...

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...and check out events calendar and local resources at [www.seeleysbay.ca](http://www.seeleysbay.ca)



**Paddling is Us!** – This was a spring to remember as Seeley's Bay got on the paddling map – big time. Starting with the inaugural Seeley's Bay Spring Opener on Victoria Day weekend, May 19 saw over 30 yard sales throughout the village, many new visitors, and a sold-out chicken BBQ for the firefighters. May 20 was a picture perfect launch of the new paddling station with local leaders from all three levels of government, as well as paddling experts Don McKay of Parks Canada, and James Raffan. If you haven't seen it yet, be sure to get down to Centennial Park and check out the new paddling station – the special dock makes getting in and out of a canoe or kayak MUCH easier. And lots of partners, including our Township, helped make this happen. And then things just got better when on May 24 James Raffan invited residents to help him christen and test drive the restored voyageur canoe Canada One, before she proudly went to London, England to be Canada's only boat in the flotilla of 1000 boats celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II – a long and glorious reign indeed, and more 'paddling points' for us. And finally, Main Street is almost new again – hurray!



**Message from Lynn Shaw** – “When I started my work as a replacement library clerk in 2000, the Seeley’s Bay and Lyndhurst branches were part of the Rideau Lakes system, with the enthusiastic Sue Warren as CEO. In 2001, the new amalgamated Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands took over responsibility for these two libraries and we came under the leadership of Yolande Lapointe, CEO at the main branch at Lansdowne.

I occasionally worked at the Lansdowne Branch, but primarily I was on call to Vi McMachen at Lyndhurst and Susie Allan at Seeley’s Bay. One of the holdovers from the “Rideau” days was the use of coloured ink for pens, stamp pads, etc., to differentiate circulation through the branches. Elgin used green; Delta, purple; Lyndhurst, black and Seeley’s Bay still uses red to this day.

Conserving supplies was always important and I fondly recall Vi McMachen making “dummy” cards (for non-catalogued books) from cereal boxes at Lyndhurst. Now, of course, everything is computerized. Less bulky, if not always as reliable! At Seeley’s Bay, Susie Allan was an organizational whiz with a cheerful personality and great customer service. Susie took on the Lyndhurst Library as well when Vi retired and helped bring the branches into the computer age.

In September 2005, I became Branch Head of the Lyndhurst and Seeley’s Bay Branches. A year later, Yolande took a well deserved retirement and we welcomed Linda Chadwick, whose vision has made our Libraries the success they are today.

In August 2008, the heavy workload of managing two libraries motivated me to choose one Library. Since I was already part of this community, for banking, shopping, medical appointments, church, etc., I chose Seeley’s Bay. It has been exciting to see the Village develop through the efforts of so many committed individuals.

When I graduated from high school back in 1965, I did a short work experience in the school library and hoped that someday I could be a Librarian, but my training was in the secretarial field. Throughout my first career in Mississauga and at Queen’s University in Kingston, I often had opportunities to do library work. My move to the Lyndhurst area in the 1990s gave me the chance to pursue my goal. Many people ask me why I am retiring. My answer is simply because I can. In July, I’ll celebrate my 65<sup>th</sup> birthday and after 47 years in the work force, and having achieved my career goal, it’s time. But I’ll still be on call, so you might see me behind the desk on occasion.”



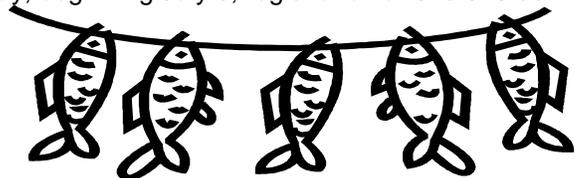
*Amanda Start receives the keys from retiring Lynn Shaw*

The Library will be hosting an Open House on Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 8:00 pm. Drop in for light refreshments, and help us celebrate Lynn’s retirement and the promotion of Amanda Start to Branch Head, and Debbie Willis to Library Clerk.

**What’s happening:**

- June 17** – Fathers’ Day Brunch @ Legion
- June 23** – Annual Bass Derby & Fish Fry @ Legion
- June 28** – Library Open House 1-8; Lynn’s retirement fête
- July 1** – Canada Day – food, fun, parade and fireworks
- July 8** – Old Time Fiddlers @ Legion
- July 14** – United Church Chicken BBQ @ park; 4:30 pm
- Aug 5** – Old Time Fiddlers @ Legion; 2:00 pm
- Aug 12** – Pork BBQ, Olivet United Church; 4:00 pm
- Sept 1** – Chicken & corn BBQ @ St. Luke’s
- Sept 9** – Storyfest – Raffan’s Jubilee Tales and High Tea
- Sept 22** – Annual Turkey Dinner @ fire hall; 4:30 start

St. Luke’s Vacation Bible Camp for Kids: every summer Friday, beginning July 6; registration at 613.928.3311



*Summer’s here, time to be ‘gone fishing...’*



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