

Seeley's Bay Newsletter

Seeley's Bay & Area Residents' Association

Connecting the community...

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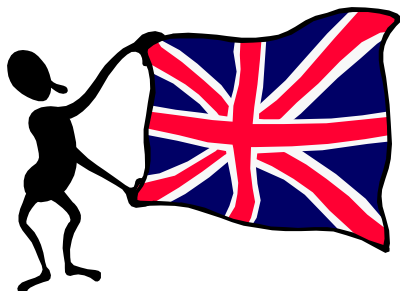
On Aug 12 at a professional 'photo shoot' on Whitefish Lake for some Seeley's Bay marketing images, the light was magical

On July 22, Seeley's Bay lost one of its most distinguished residents, **Ralph Stanton**. Ralph's remarkable life was celebrated at a memorial service on July 27 at the United Church – which was standing room only. Ralph's commitment to community improvements included helping to establish the volunteer fire service, involvement in the Legion, sports activities, and many other examples of civic engagement. Ralph will be missed by many in the community, in particular his friends at the Seeley's Bay Retirement Home.

Ralph was a proud Canadian, and his enthusiasm never stopped. In this photo on the right, Ralph is the one waving the Canadian flag, and talking to area MPP Steve Clark and MP Gord Brown, both of whom hopped off their Canada Day parade convertible to greet Ralph Stanton and other local retirement home residents.



photo courtesy of Jamie Sargent



Special Storyfest

September 9 is coming fast. Be sure to get your tickets to hear James Raffan's 'inside story' of Canada One on the Thames for the Diamond Jubilee. For this very special Storyfest, there will be a high tea – and if you dress up 'fit for a queen' you just might win a prize. We have 2 tickets in excellent seats for a Blue Jays vs. New York Yankees game (Sept 30) to give to the best-dressed guest, plus a lovely gift for the best hat! And on top of that, we will auction one of the original paddles that was used on the Thames...**a rare piece of Canadian memorabilia that would be a collector's dream.** We will have an exciting live onsite *and* online auction thanks to *YouBidLocal*.



On July 30th, **Helen Sweet** celebrated her 90th birthday in fine style. A huge turnout of well wishers came to the open house on Helen's lawn on Mill Street to pass on their congratulations. Visitors came from the whole north Leeds area, and even from as far away as Vancouver!

Helen is one of Seeley's Bay most respected citizens. She has given so much to her community over the years, and she continues to get a lot of joy out of living here. Helen's significant contributions to this community have helped to provide us with a library, an elevator at the community hall, the decorative entrance to the public dock, and so much more.

In this photo, Helen is chatting with **Don Stiles**. Don has just moved to Seeley's Bay from Newfoundland, and he is the new minister for the Seeley's Bay United Church Pastoral Charge, which includes Lyndhurst and Olivet. Welcome Don, and congratulations once more to Helen for her achievements.

Weird and Wonderful

There is a new subdivision south of Barrhaven near Ottawa, and one of the streets is called **Seeley's Bay Street!** Danny Roantree was smart enough to figure out there must be a Sweet connection...sure enough, the developer seems to have named his streets for the home towns of some of the people who worked on the project, including City of Ottawa planner Louise Sweet Lindsay. Plans are afoot to invite the new residents to come for a visit; honorary citizens maybe?

Support the Food Bank

The Laws are coming back...and this time they are raising funds for the ROLL-Aid Centre, our area food bank. The Laws are a fantastic folk-grass duo, so be sure to plan to attend their performance at the Community Hall, August 18, 7:00 pm, \$15 @ the door.

Paddling Station Busy

Have you noticed all the action at the new paddling station? It's great to see more people on the water, and more visitors to our area businesses thanks to boaters at the public dock and paddlers. In mid August this group of 30 kayakers going up the Rideau landed at the paddling station to picnic at the pavilion.



Main Street Hardware

A VERY warm welcome to Doug and Julie Wade who have re-opened the hardware store – we are already hearing stories of their GREAT customer service – remember to buy local!

*This e- newsletter is sent to **over 200 households** every 2-3 months. To sign-up and/or to publicize community-oriented events, please write to newsletter@seeleysbay.com. And please print and post a copy on your public bulletin board and/or share copies with neighbours. You can also join the **over 570 people** who 'like' "Support Seeley's Bay Ontario" on Facebook.*



What's happening:

- Aug 12** – Pork BBQ, Olivet United Church; 4:00 pm
- Aug 18** – The Laws @ firehall; 7 pm, \$15, help ROLL-Aid
- Aug 26** – Paddle to Rock Dunder; follow link for details <http://www.1000ikc.com/events/paddleoverthemountain/>
- Aug 29** – Info session on local septic inspection requirements; 6pm @ the firehall
- Sept 1** – Chicken 'n Corn BBQ @ St. Luke's
- Sept 9** – Storyfest – Raffan's Jubilee tales and High Tea
- Sept 15** – Turkey Fair, Lyndhurst...all over the village!
- Sept 22** – Annual Turkey Dinner @ fire hall; 4:30 start
- Oct 16** – SBARA AGM @ firehall; 7:30 pm, all welcome!
- Oct 6-8** – Scarecrow Showdown! – details @ Nest Egg

SBARA news – The Seeley's Bay and Area Residents' Association is happy to announce that two important sources of funding have been approved for Seeley's Bay Steps Up. The **Ontario Trillium Foundation** has approved a grant that will finance the planned restoration of Haskin's Point, and the 1000 Islands Community Development Corporation has approved funds from the **Eastern Ontario Development Program** for other important aspects of Steps Up, including the graphic branding, some plaques, a brochure, and more. Both of these grants will be administered in partnership with the Township of Leeds and Thousand Islands. SBARA has also entered into an agreement to rent a **billboard** on Highway 15, approximately 5 km. south of the village. Watch for our new ad promoting the Seeley's Bay area – coming this fall.

Please plan to attend the **Annual General Meeting** of SBARA at the Community Hall on October 16 at 7:30 pm to learn more about these exciting new developments, and to provide your input for future work of SBARA.



If you want to volunteer, donate or get more information about the Seeley's Bay and Area Residents' Association, please contact: Peggy Sweet McCumber (Chair of SBARA) at sbara@seeleysbay.com