



Seeley's Bay Newsletter

Seeley's Bay Area Residents' Association

Connecting the community...

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Bay

Spring
Opener

May 18-19, 2013

Details at www.seeleysbay.info

SPRING OPENER FESTIVAL

The 2013 **Seeley's Bay Spring Opener** will soon be here! The list of activities is still growing but the highlights include **village-wide yard sales**, a **vendor's alley** along Main Street, a **'silly boat race'** with area firefighters and emergency workers competing in **handmade cardboard boats**, the annual **firefighters' chicken BBQ**, a very special **concert with Sheesham, Lotus and Son**, a **bowfin derby**, a **children's activity area**, a **military field ambulance and hospital tent**, and a **silent poker run** for kayaks and canoes. So, whether you want to **shop, play on the water, watch others play, and/or kick up your heels**, there is something for everyone. The festival is a project of the Seeley's Bay Area Residents' Association to help support our local businesses and to welcome more visitors to our community. Any proceeds will go towards continued village improvements and the Seeley's Bay Steps Up project.



Shane White with a mighty bowfin

SEELEY'S BAY STEPS UP

We are happy to report that everyone will soon see more signs of progress on the Steps Up project. All of the **new outdoor furniture has been ordered** by the Township. An outcrop has been removed at **Haskin's Point** to allow for more parking and rocks have been put into the deeply-eroded area near the swimming hole. The old asphalt from the ferry ramp has been removed, and a platform will be created over the rock infill by the swimming area – all with Parks Canada approval. The furnishings will be installed, as well as some landscaping, over the summer. Also, watch for a **new interpretive sign** that will help tell the story of the history of the Point. We also expect to see the **new parkettes** put in place over the summer, and more interpretive signs. And the **new banners**, featuring the new logo, should be up by Victoria Day.

SBARA has been meeting regularly with Township officials to oversee progress on the Steps Up projects. A grant from the **Trillium Foundation** is helping to finance the Haskin's Point work, and a grant from the **1000 Islands Community Development Corporation** is helping to pay for some of the new furniture, new signs and the branding work. A significant amount of the furniture purchase is thanks to **generous donations from this community** – we are so appreciative of the many families who will be dedicating a bench, bike rack, picnic table etc. Once most of the construction is in place, we will be announcing an event to officially 'open' the sites and to thank our donors.



Big Thank You – When communities have a lot of things going on, it is usually because there are a lot of volunteers working hard to make things happen. Two exceptional volunteers in this community are **Marg Brooker** and **Karen Simpson**. Marg and Karen have been heading up the annual Frost Fest event for a number of years – with great success. But for 2014 they are passing the torch to a new volunteer leader – Teresa Lucas. If you want to get involved, and help to continue the success of Frost Fest into the future, get in touch with Teresa at teresa.lucas@hotmail.com And the next time you see Marg or Karen around, be sure to give them a big pat on the back, and express your appreciation for the hundreds of hours they have given to the community!



Scott Sisson took this dawn photo on April 15th – ‘ice out’ day in the Bay for 2013

Something new @ Seeley’s Bay Athletics

This spring and summer you can join groups for walking, chair yoga, fitness, clogging, kayaking, and now, **Gary Running** will lead a ‘**kayak fishing**’ group at 7 am on Mondays and 6 pm on Thursdays. Get a copy of the full program at the Medical Centre. “I am thrilled with the growing number of area residents who are participating in the various S.B. Athletics programs – these people are making a real difference in their health and quality of life, and having fun doing it” says **Tanya Abrams** who heads up Seeley’s Bay Athletics from her work as Nurse Practitioner at the Seeley’s Bay Medical Centre. Tanya tells us she is particularly grateful for the people who give freely of their time to lead these various programs.

*This e- newsletter is sent to **over 240 households** every few months. To sign-up and/or to publicize community-oriented events, contact newsletter@seeleysbay.com Also, please print and post a copy on your public bulletin board and/or share copies with neighbours. You can also join the **over 610 people** who ‘like’ “Support Seeley’s Bay Ontario” on Facebook.*



What’s happening:

- May 4** The Nest Egg opens again, weekends
- May 12** Mothers Day brunch @ the Legion
- May 18** Victoria Day in the Villages – township-wide
- May 18** **Spring Opener festival** - throughout village
- May 19** More festival - bowfin derby, silent poker run
- June 1** Annual Awards dinner @ Legion
- July 1** Canada Day parade, fireworks, and more
- Aug 4** – Hamilton-Myers reunion @ park – 500 of ‘em!
- Aug 8** **Voyageur Canoe Brigade** – 70 paddlers arrive at 2:30; special demos – come welcome them!
- Sept 28** Annual Turkey Dinner @ community hall



If you want to volunteer, donate or get more information about the Seeley’s Bay Area Residents’ Association, please contact: Peggy Sweet McCumber at sbara@seeleysbay.com

New – check this link out!!!

http://www.rideauheritageroute.ca/en/resources/RHRTA_Community_Itinerary_Seeleys_Bay.pdf