



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



Renegade Bass anglers preparing for early morning start August 18; photo courtesy of Rick Couper



Fundraiser for Zach Elliot

In June Seeley's Bay resident Zach Elliot was involved in a tragic car accident that left him paralyzed from the waist down. Many area residents know Zach as the young man who used to work part time behind the meat counter at Sweet's Freshmart, or they know him because he got his first pilot's qualification at a very young age and took some great local aerial photos, or because of his involvement in his church, or his recent high school graduation with honours, or through any number of the positive things he has undertaken in his first 18 years. And even more area residents now want to help Zach to get on with his life and pursue his dreams. Zach is full of determination, and everyone wishes him well.

On Saturday, October 12 there will be two community events held to raise funds to help with Zach's rehabilitation and other costs associated with his recovery and future training. A "Band Jam and Dance" will be held upstairs above the firehall, and a "Silent and Live Auction" will be held downstairs – both at the Community Hall on Main Street. The organizing team is seeking broad community support to make this event a success, both through donations to the auction, and by having people attend the events and support the auction. Donations of auction items or cash must be in by October 5th. Please contact Jan Holland at holland@bell.net or call her at 613-387-3750; alternatively you can reach Nicole Peters at petersn@outlook.com or 613-929-0042.

You can 'join' the event through the village Facebook page and learn about all the great items donated so far. Please get involved in helping to make this event a financial success and an uplifting experience for everyone!

Seeley's Bay Steps Up – Status Report

Finally - everyone can now see visible progress on Seeley's Bay Steps Up, the economic revitalization project spearheaded by the Seeley's Bay Area Residents' Association (SBARA), in partnership with the Township of Leeds and 1000 Islands. Quite a bit of structural work has been done at Haskin's Point to prevent further erosion and to improve water quality (removing old asphalt), as well as to create a safer parking area, a designated picnic area, and more accessible paths. And the beautiful new furnishings are being permanently installed, as the work progresses, both at the Point, and in the new parkettes. Many of the furniture items were able to be purchased thanks to generous donations from area residents. Before this phase is complete, there will be new furnishings at parkettes on public lands at the main dock, the library, Haskin's Point Road, Main and Bay, and near the Legion at the edge of the Township parking area. These locations will now offer lovely places to sit and enjoy our community – for both visitors and residents alike.

The next phases of Seeley's Bay Steps Up will include some new interpretive signs, directional and information signage, a second billboard on Highway 15, and some exciting new water quality projects. Please plan to attend SBARA's Annual General Meeting to learn more about the ongoing work and to provide input about future priorities for the Association.



The old diving ramp has been restored



Saving the tree at the new parkette at Main & Bay

Changes on the Rideau

The reduction in Parks Canada operational hours at the locks and the Brass Point Bridge has had a negative impact on area businesses. Boat traffic is down and/or boaters speed by the village as they race to get through the system in the shortened time frames. A number of local stores have copies of a petition that protests the changes to the Rideau system which you can sign. Please help get the message to Ottawa that the changes are hurting our community.

*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 660 people** who 'like' "Support Seeley's Bay Ontario" on Facebook for more frequent area news.*

What's happening:

Sept 21 – Veteran's Memorial Dinner @ Legion; 1:15 pm
 Sept 28 - Annual Turkey Dinner @ community hall; 4:30 pm
 Oct 6 – Old Time Fiddlers @ Legion; 2-6pm; \$10 includes meal
 Oct 12 – **Zach's Fundraiser** - Auction @ Hall; 7-9 pm; free
 Oct 12 – Band Jam & Dance for Zach; 8pm, tickets@ Nest Egg
 Oct 12-19 – **Scarecrow Showdown**; register @ Nest Egg
 Oct 19 – Door to door morning food drive for **ROLL-Aid Centre**
 Oct 26 – Hallowe'en Dance @ Legion; 8 pm, \$10
 Oct 22 – SBARA AGM – 7:30 @ Community Hall; free to all
 Nov 11 – Remembrance Day; check Legion calendar for details
 Dec 6 - **Tree Lighting ceremony**; @ Main & Bay parkette; dusk
 Jan 19 - **Storyfest** @ Hall; 2:00; \$10; Canada by train
 Mar 16 – **Storyfest** @ Hall; 2:00; \$10, Dr. Raffan's Arctic story



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

