

Seeley's Bay Newsletter

Seeley's Bay Area Ratepayers Association
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Please fill in the Survey

The Seeley's Bay Area Ratepayer's Association wants to hear from more people in order to get a better picture of 'needs' in Seeley's Bay. Copies of the survey are available at Sweet's Freshmart and the village post office. Please pick up your copy, complete it with your family, and return the survey form to the store or Post Office.

What are your views on what should be done to improve the quality of life in Seeley's Bay? Survey results will be compiled and highlights published in a future issue of the newsletter.



Beautiful fall view from Haskin's Point

Improvements to Public Docks

Christine Coulter is the harbourmaster for our public wharfs. Over the past summer new wharfs have been installed, new lighting, hydro outlets, a new information sign, and surveillance cameras, all with the intention of making a boater's visit to Seeley's Bay a safe and pleasant experience. This summer over 55 boats rented docking space overnight and 3 slips were rented for the whole season. Christine reports that the visitors from furthest away this year came from Germany!



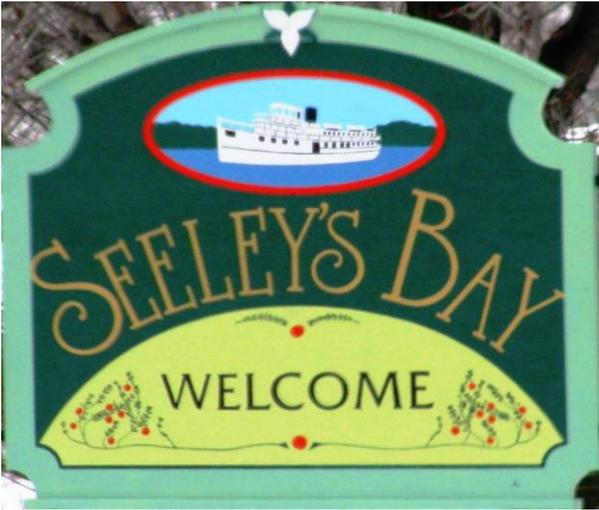
Better dock facilities brought more visitors

Newsletter Launched

The Seeley's Bay Area Ratepayers Association has decided to try out an electronic newsletter as a way of improving communications among residents. The newsletter will be distributed via e-mail to anyone who would like to receive a copy. Our Association members are all volunteers, and the funds from our 'free-will' donations go to neighbourhood improvements, so paying for printed copies of this newsletter is not practical (nor environmentally-sustainable). However, we do plan to post some copies at some popular, high-traffic locations around the village. And we expect that people will be willing to show/share a copy with friends and neighbours who do not have easy access to a computer.

For now, the plan is to send out the newsletter every two months, or 'as needed'. If you have an item you would like to suggest for the newsletter, and/or wish to provide your e-mail address in order to receive future issues, please contact the editor at liz.huff@sympatico.ca

Feedback to the editor on this first issue of the newsletter would be much appreciated. Do the pictures make it too hard to down-load? Would you prefer a no-photo version? What topics should we cover? Should we sell 'space' for small classified ads as a way of generating revenue for the Association's community improvement projects?



Village entrance signs

Requests to Council

Carole Johnston will be writing a letter to the Township of Leeds and Thousand Islands indicating some of our wishes for future Council investments in our village. One request will be to ask Council to investigate how we might improve the swimming access and public use lands at the end of Haskins Pt. Road. Swimming at the Point was a long time tradition for residents of the Bay; it would be nice to see it revived. Debris and brush have already been cleared – many thanks!

Seeley's Bay Area Ratepayers Association

The Association is a voluntary, un-incorporated group of people who work together, in co-operation with the Township, to help improve life in Seeley's Bay. The 2009 Annual General Meeting confirmed Directors; residents are always welcome to attend meetings and get involved. Current volunteer duties include:

Barry Davies:	Chair; municipal liaison
Graham Barnard	Deputy Chair
Carole Johnston:	Acting chair, finance
James Gardiner	Fire liaison
Dave Lowe:	Planning and Zoning issues
Gary Running:	Recreation
Christine Coulter:	Municipal Facilities
Liz Huff:	Newsletter
Peggy Sweet-McCumber/	Fitness trail – <i>vita parcours</i>
Cindy Simpson	



Even in winter, our friendly store is there...

What's happening:

Euchre – Legion Hall, Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.

Old Time Fiddlers – Legion, 2:00, 1st Sunday of month

Flu Clinics – see <http://www.healthunit.org/>

Welcome Service "Covenanting" at United Church for new Minister Rev. Kathy Walton, 2:00 pm, Nov. 1

Remembrance Day – Cenotaph service at the Legion, November 11, assemble at 10:30 a.m.

Dance, with Jeff Code - \$8 single, \$15 couple, 8:00 p.m., light lunch – Legion Hall, Nov. 14

"Sunday Night Live" – Dinner and Concert, United Church, 5:30 p.m., Dec. 6

To publicize community public events, please send information to our newsletter editor at liz.huff@sympatico.ca



Did you know?

Another new business in town is helping to bring life to our main street. In the past year the Robin's Roost and The Nest Egg have both opened, and now Graeme and Nathasha Medd have purchased and renovated the former post office building at 140 Main Street. Graeme will be operating his SUNLIFE FINANCIAL business from this location. You can reach Graeme at 613-387-2031.

Are you wondering why the food bank is called the R.o.L.L-Aid Centre? For those of you new to the community (like me), the name goes back to the time when this was the township of the Rear of Leeds and Landsdowne. The food bank was established by area residents following 'the great ice storm', and the name, and the food bank, lives on.

R.o.L.L. Aid Centre (Food Bank)

On Saturday October 17, Graham Barnard reports that volunteers collected over 2500 individual food items and approximately \$1900 in cash from local residents.

Food Bank hours – at the Seeley's Bay Legion
 2nd Tuesday each month 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.;
 2nd Thursday each month 2-4 p.m.;
 4th Tuesday each month 11:00 – 12 noon