



Seeley's Bay Newsletter

Seeley's Bay Area Residents' Association (SBARA)

Connecting the community...

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Homes and businesses are battering down for winter....

First Annual Truffle Shuffle was a big success!

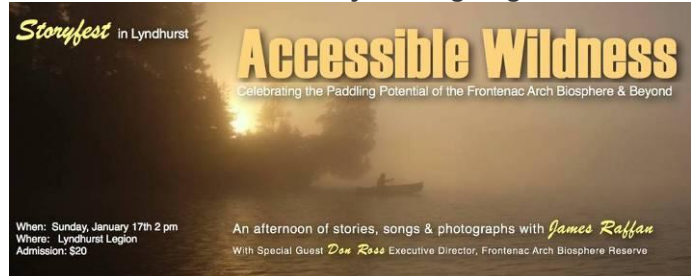


In late September Seeley's Bay's own chocolate-making business **Ridgway Confections** hosted the first annual Truffle Shuffle which brought over 60 first time visitors to the Bay for the fun run through the village, and **raised over \$1100** for the ROLL-Aid Centre. The food bank has been in place since the great ice storm, and now serves clients across the Township of Leeds & 1000 Islands. "Our list of families in need keeps on growing" according to registrar and assistant administrator Wim Ruesink. In October over \$7K and 3900 food items were collected, with 72 people helping in the annual drive. Donations of food items and \$ for the 'fresh' food voucher program are still needed, especially as winter arrives. Please help out the ROLL-Aid Centre in any way you can.



Food bank volunteers Wim & Donna are happy with the donation from Ridgway's chocolate-maker Derek

Storyfest is going 'on the road'



On Sunday, January 17 at 2:00 pm, at the Lyndhurst Legion, Dr. James Raffan will once again be sharing stories, songs and photographs. This time the travelling adventurer will be staying closer to home, shining a spotlight on the beauty of our local water routes; no polar bears or penguins are expected!

Dr. Raffan, recently named as one of Canada's greatest explorers by Canadian Geographic magazine, has described the route from Morton on Whitefish Lake down to the St. Lawrence via the Gananoque River watershed, as "one of Canada's best paddling routes". The Seeley's Bay Area Residents' Association thought it would be a good idea to take this show 'on the road', since the water route involves a portage right through the heart of the neighbouring village of Lyndhurst, and all of our villages along the waterway can benefit from attracting more paddlers. All proceeds from this Storyfest will be donated to the Lyndhurst Rejuvenation Committee.

The admission fee is \$20; tickets are available online at www.visitseeleysbay.ca. Some merchandise including books and trail maps will be available for sale at the event. The Royal Canadian Legion in Lyndhurst is fully accessible and refreshments will be served following the presentation. Please consider buying tickets to give as Christmas presents to friends and family. Heads up another event - "Bats and the Biosphere" on March 6.

SBARA News

An 'undercover' team of people from Spencerville visited our area over the summer and presented their findings about the 'first impressions' Seeley's Bay makes with visitors at the SBARA Annual General Meeting. They noted the lack of directional signage in the village and on the highway, as well as some unsightly properties in the village. They also gave kudos to the new benches, the Haskin's Point facilities and the friendly and helpful welcome, especially at The Nest Egg. The Residents Association will take these observations into account as the next phase of improvements is planned.

Also in SBARA news, Dan Langham is the new Chairperson, with Peggy Sweet-McCumber moving into the role of past Chair and municipal liaison. Lisa Fox, Fiona Waddell and Mary Barker have joined the Board. Thank you Peggy for five years of fantastic leadership and thank you Dan for stepping up!

Battle of the Bands

The Frost Fest Committee has an exciting new event planned for 2016 which will offer 'performance art' entertainment throughout January. Elimination rounds will lead up to the final big competition, a Battle of The Bands!

Up to 12 bands and 12 Solo artists will compete for cash prizes with the final show-down on February 6 during the annual Frost Fest celebration. For more details, including how to register your band in the competition, check out the project on Facebook at "seeleysbaybattleofthebands"



What's Happening:

Nov 27 – Tree Lighting - corner of Main @ Bay, 7pm
Dec 6 – Christmas Concert @ Fire hall, 6pm
Jan 17 – Storyfest @ Lyndhurst Legion, 2 pm
Jan – 3 evenings, Battle of Bands @ S.B. Legion
Feb 6-8 – Frost Fest – throughout the village
Mar 6 – Storyfest @ Fire Hall – Bats and more, 2pm
June 4 – Red CanoeFest – paddling, fishing, etc.
July 1 – Canada Day parade starts @ 4pm

Keep an eye open for more details about all these events on our village Facebook page, or e-mail newsletter@seeleysbay.com if you have questions, and check out Dave Munro's events listing <http://www.seeleysbay.com/events.html>

Want to Know More?

If you want to volunteer, donate or get more information about the Seeley's Bay Area Residents' Association, please contact sbara@seeleysbay.com

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Best wishes to all, near and far, for a safe and loving Christmas season, and a prosperous and peaceful New Year ❄️