



Yes indeed, that is new pavement rolling on Highway 15 in the Bay area...glory be!

A Recycling Pioneer



Norma Leadbeater, with Rob Soule from Belleville's Beer Store operations, overseeing the weekly pick up on September 12, 2014.

Area resident **James Raffan's thoughts on Norma Leadbeater**– *"I'm not catholic but I feel like that little garage behind her place is like a confessional with Norma as the oh-so-discrete parish priest, because only there do we have to admit how much booze we really consume!"*



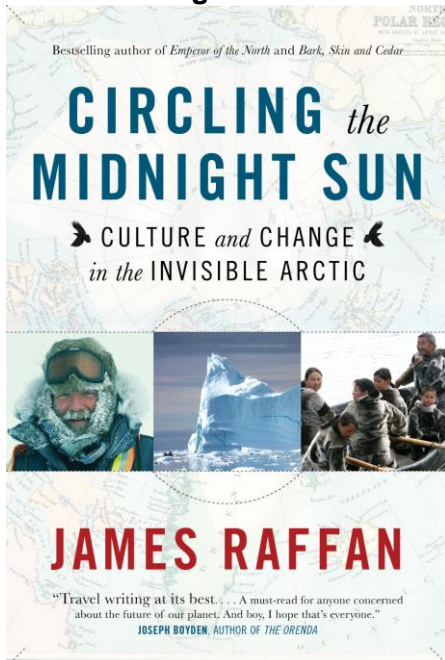
The End of an Era

Hallowe'en Day will be tinged with sadness in Seeley's Bay because it is the day that Norma Leadbeater will retire from running the local Beer Store recycling depot. Norma recalls that when she started, about 18 years ago, the LCBO trailer in Seeley's Bay was seasonal, and residents had to go to Elgin to get their 'beverages' in the winter. She heard that the McNeil family was going to get out of recycling, so with the blessing of her husband, former Reeve Gordon Leadbeater, she put her name in to take on the work, and she has been the cheerful and reliable recycling lady ever since.

Norma says that 7 years ago when The Beer Store started handling wine and liquor bottles, as well as beer bottles, the volume doubled, and now, on a summer week, she can pay out as much as \$5000 to all the area customers who bring in their bottles and cans. It would seem that the people of the Seeley's Bay area like their beverages!

Norma says she hates to get out of the business, she will miss everyone, but since she is turning 80 this winter, she knows she will worry about the ice and the site safety, so it was time to retire. And come November, area residents will be taking their bottles to a new location – yet to be determined by The Beer Store. So if you have bottles piling up in your garage, shed, basement etc, take the time to drop by the Red Barn for a final visit and thank Norma for the great service she has given this community over the years.

Celebrating James Raffan



In recognition of his many contributions to this community, SBARA is proudly hosting the **Intergalactic Launch** for James Raffan's newest book, at the Seeley's Bay Community Hall, Sunday, September 28 @ 2:00 pm – books for sale (\$32), autographs on site, refreshments served.

SBARA News

The Seeley's Bay Area Residents' Association wrapped up 3 major projects this summer including the 5 new historic information signs around the village, the new billboard on Hwy 15 north of the village, and the emergency exit ladder at Haskin's Point. Chairperson Peggy Sweet McCumber hints that there will be more good news soon re: Seeley's Bay Steps Up and that the Annual General Meeting date will be announced shortly via flyers to all area households – please plan to attend.

What's Happening:

Sep 27 – Turkey Dinner @ Community Hall; 4:30pm
Sep 28 – Raffan event @ Community Hall, 2:00pm
Oct 5 - Old time fiddlers @ the Legion, 2:00pm
Oct 8 - Howl 'n Jam @ Legion, 7:00pm
Oct 18 – ROLL Aid Food Bank drive
Oct 15 – All Candidates – S.B. Community Hall, 7:00
Oct 20 – Online Voting begins, Leeds/1000 Islands
Oct 27 – Election – poll @ Lyndhurst Fire Station
Nov 11 – Remembrance Day ceremonies @ Legion
Nov 12 – Howl 'n Jam @ Legion, 7 pm
Keep an eye open for details about the Scarecrow Showdown and Christmas Tree Lighting events; for a current list of activities, check out Dave Munro's list at <http://www.seeleysbay.com/events.html>

Election Time

Seeley's Bay Area voters in Leeds/1000 Islands, South Frontenac and Kingston will have important choices to make on October 27 as new municipal councils get elected across Ontario. Our 3 area municipalities all have different procedures for voting (some electronic, some polling stations only) – it's important to make sure you are on the voters list. It is also important to note that seasonal property owners may vote in their full-time municipality, as well as in another municipality where they also pay taxes – online voting makes it easier for cottage owners to vote even if they are no longer in the area. There will be an all-candidates event for Leeds/1000 Islands at the S.B. Community Hall on October 15, @ 7:00 pm.

Have you Heard About the Howl 'n Jam's?

Martin Hankes-Drielsma and Will MacPhail started a fun, community-building event when they had their first "Howl and Jam" at the Legion during last spring's Red CanoeFest. Both men have great voices and warm personalities, and they are building a following of local people who appreciate a good sing-along fix. They provide songbooks and encourage audience suggestions. Their repertoire ranges from Leonard Cohen to John Prine, folk to country, and more. According to Martin *"this is a jam as well as a howl...we'd love you to bring along an instrument...ukulele, fiddle, guitar, gut-bucket, spoons or whatever"*. The events are generally at 7:00 pm, the second Wednesday of the month; light refreshments are served around 9pm. There is no admission charge, but donations to cover the Legion's expenses are welcome, and the lovely Kay Webster is often on hand staffing the bar.



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



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