

# Seeley's Bay, Lyndhurst & Area

Public Events & Information

November 2025

12th Edition

**Welcome!** We're glad you're reading the SBARA newsletter. Please forward this issue to anyone who might be interested. If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please email [newsletter@seeleysbay.com](mailto:newsletter@seeleysbay.com). And don't forget to **print the calendar** on [the last page](#) and put it on your fridge!



SBARA directors welcomed members of the public to the Annual General Meeting on Oct. 23. Co-chair Ed Hand discussed 2025 projects like Canada Day and Pitch-In, and looked forward to 2026. We welcomed new directors Rob Vogelzang and Barb Haynes, and Barb gave a fascinating talk on developing her Rideau Coast Cottages property. We thanked retiring directors Paul Gervan and Brent Collett for their years of service. Volunteers welcome! Contact us through the [SBARA Facebook page](#), or go to [visitseeleysbay.ca](http://visitseeleysbay.ca)!

**Seeley's Bay Fire Hall Repurposing Meeting** On October 16, area residents convened at the Community Hall to hear first thoughts from the Township's Director of Operations David Holliday and consultant Dino Di Sano about the future of our former fire hall. Their presentation focused on data gathered from a survey sent out in September, as well as preliminary assessments and cost estimates. We learned that 165 people responded to the survey, 60% of whom live in Seeley's Bay. Half of the participants are residents for less than 15 years, and a quarter of the respondents were retired. Responses supported firstly the idea of a medical centre, then a library and community hub, retail spaces, with a few other ideas suggested. Regardless of the final use, the speakers estimate costs to update the exterior and all three floors of the building will run to \$2.1 million, spread over at least three years. Having heard our thoughts and questions, they will continue to investigate and present their findings to council. To receive updates on the Township's progress contact [commsupervisor@townshipleeds.on.ca](mailto:commsupervisor@townshipleeds.on.ca). You can also stay tuned on the [SBARA Facebook page](#), and in this newsletter, where we'll continue the discussion with a **selection of *Letters to the Editor* on page 3.**

## Still to come in October:

**St. Luke's Community Lunch**,  
Oct. 30, 11:30, Elgin Centre.  
**Hallowe'en shellout** Oct. 31,  
4:30-6:30 at the Legion.

## NEW! Send olde-fashioned Christmas wishes in the December newsletter!

**"Season's Greetings Barry and Lief,  
from Aunt Holly and Uncle Ivar."**

Join the fun, see pg 2 or the [SBARA website](#).



## Auction for Seeley's Bay Pastoral Charge:

Saturday November 8,  
Seeley's Bay United Church.  
Viewing at 5:30; auction at 6:45.  
<https://www.sbpcauction.ca>

## Christmas Tree Lighting!

Friday November 28, join SBARA  
for this magical kickoff to the  
holiday season...  
lights, hot chocolate, music!  
Chili at the Legion from 5-7pm,  
then gather across the road at 7pm.

**Santa Claus Parade  
& Holiday in the Park**  
Lyndhurst, Saturday  
Nov. 15, 3-6:30



**Local Christmas  
SHOP & HOP**  
Nov 28, 29 & 30  
[shopandhop.ca](http://shopandhop.ca)  
Shop Local. Collect Stamps. Win Prizes

## Around our Community



**Olivet and Seeley's Bay United Churches**  
Sunday services at 10am, see "Calendar" for alternating locations.

Olivet, 3258 County Rd. 32 Seeley's Bay  
Seeley's Bay United, 129 Hellen Street, SB.  
Rev. Don Stiles 613-387-8361

Website: <http://www.sbpastoralcharge.ca/>

Email: [sbpastoralcharge@gmail.com](mailto:sbpastoralcharge@gmail.com)

[Facebook.com/100064926150454/timeline/](https://www.facebook.com/100064926150454/timeline/)

### **Pine Grove (Free Methodist)**

Community Church, 3592 Pine Grove Rd.  
Sunday service 10:30am Ph.613-382-2989

Kids' and Youth Club, Tues. 5:45pm

Website: <http://www.pgcc.ca/>

[Facebook.com/groups/www.pgcc.ca/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/www.pgcc.ca/)

### **Seeley's Bay Holiness Church**

205 Main St., Seeley's Bay, ON K0H 2N0

Elder-Harry Meyer 613-923-2633

Elder-Kim Goodwins 613-532-0358

Sunday Worship, 11:00am

Kids' Club (aged 4-12), Tues. 6:30pm

Website: [holiness.ca](http://holiness.ca)

[seeleysbayholinesschurch@gmail.com](mailto:seeleysbayholinesschurch@gmail.com)

[Facebook.com/SeeleysBayHoliness](https://www.facebook.com/SeeleysBayHoliness)

### **Shiloh Community Church**

Services 9am at 205 Main St.

Ph. 613-545-7214

Website: [shilohcommunitychurch.ca](http://shilohcommunitychurch.ca)

Email: [shilohseeleystbay@gmail.com](mailto:shilohseeleystbay@gmail.com)

[Facebook.com/shilohcommunityca](https://www.facebook.com/shilohcommunityca)

### **St. Barnaby's Catholic Church**

5307 Highway 15, RR#1, Seeley's Bay

Mass 9:00am. Phone: 613-387-3585

Email: [stbarnaby@archkingston.ca](mailto:stbarnaby@archkingston.ca)

### **St. Luke's Leeds Anglican Church**

Service info at <https://leedsanglicanministries.weebly.com/monthly-events.html>

Rev. Trish Miller 613-640-0728

Email: [Rev.trish.miller@gmail.com](mailto:Rev.trish.miller@gmail.com)

[Facebook.com/StLukesLeeds](https://www.facebook.com/StLukesLeeds)

Mens' Breakfast 2nd Tuesday 8am Junction;

Ladies' Lunch last Tuesday 12pm Junction;

Community Lunch last Friday 11:30am,

Elgin Community Hall.

### **Library Events Seeley's Bay(SB) and Lyndhurst(LY)**

Adults: News of the World, Thursdays 3pm, Musical Retirement Home; Spice Club.

Tuesdays 10am - Storytime in Seeley's Bay

Thursdays 2:30pm - Storytime in Seeley's Bay

<https://www.ltipl.net/seeleys-bay/>

November 1 - Kids' Puzzle Day in Lyndhurst

November 1 - Art Hour in Seeley's Bay, 2pm

November 15 - Art Hour in Lyndhurst, 10am

November 19 - Lab Rats in Lyndhurst (Contact us to pre-register <https://www.ltipl.net/lyndhurst>)

**Help Sweet's Corners School!** Contact local parents and students to purchase your fundraising wrapping paper, kitchen gadgets and other cool items by Nov. 7, or order online by Nov. 11.



### **Legion**

#### **Seeley's Bay #491**

#### **Lest We Forget:**

**Veterans and Seniors**

**Dinner**, compliments

of the Legion, Nov. 8.

at noon. RSVP to Mike Hicks, 613-387-8756.

**Remembrance Day**

**ceremony** 10:45 Nov.

11; luncheon to follow.

**Open mic** fun afternoon 2-5pm Nov. 2, free!

**Tree Lighting Chili** at the Legion 5-7pm Nov. 28.

Ongoing activities include

**Euchre** at 1pm on

Thursdays (\$5); and the

**Friday Social/Open Bar**

from 3-6pm, followed by

**darts** at 7pm, with **LA**

**pub nights** on Nov. 7th &

21st, 5-6:30pm.

Get your **hot tub raffle**

tickets at Euchre or Friday Social...draw will be

held at the Dec. 6 **Children's Party**, 1-4pm.



### **Seeley's Bay Lions Club**

**Frost Fest** is around the corner, volunteers needed! The next meetings will be held at 9am at the United Church on Nov.

1, 15 and 29. **Angel Tree registration** runs from Nov. 1 to

Dec. 1; pick an Angel from the tree at the post office starting

Nov. 12 or contact Marg Brooker at 613-387-3743. Gifts are

to be returned by Dec. 10th. On Nov. 22,

it's **Tag Day!** Look for the Seeley's Bay Lions, 12-2pm, on

Drynan Way, as they raise awareness about diabetes with

a wide range of educational material. **Regular Lions Club**

**meetings** take place at the Seeley's Bay Community Hall

on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, 7pm.



### **Re-new Creation St. Luke's Thrift Shop**

open Wednesday to Saturday from

10am to 2pm at 18

Main St. Elgin. Pick up

St. Luke's free Lunch/

Meals-to-Go during

Thrift Shop Hours.

### **HOLIDAY GREETINGS!**

Remember when folks used to share their Christmas messages in the local paper? Let's do that again this December in our newsletter!

For \$5 (towards the seasonal greenery you see in town), you can send a heartfelt or humorous message to friends, family, colleagues, or the whole village!

Sign up by Nov. 18 on the [SBARA website](http://www.sbara.ca).

# The Future of the Former Seeley's Bay Fire Hall

## A Vision for a Living Library

Close your eyes for a moment and imagine: laughter echoes from a child-safe playroom filled with educational toys and joyful energy, where children play under the caring eyes of their parents, who sip warm drinks and share stories.

Step into the next room and discover a pop-up artisan market, where local makers display handcrafted goods that spill out onto the sidewalk, blending commerce and community.

Now step further and imagine a space - 2,668 square feet of possibility - that redefines what a library can be. This isn't just a place for books, it's a multi-functional community hub, designed for all ages and walks of life:

- A co-working space outfitted with technology, office services, a green screen, and a 3D printer - a space where entrepreneurs thrive and ideas take shape;
- A Makerspace and tech lab for robotics, circuitry, and innovation, igniting young minds and empowering lifelong learners;
- Programming spaces for children, youth, adults, and seniors that can be used simultaneously offering everything from tech tutoring and mindfulness workshops to yoga, will preparation, and low-impact exercise classes;
- Recreational gear like a portable pickleball net, metal detectors and snowshoes available to borrow, making wellness and adventure accessible to all;
- A welcoming space for Service Ontario, Chamber of Commerce, FAB, CRCA, and other partners to offer pop-up services and community engagement;
- A Crafters' Corner, "Books & More" shop, and information racks spotlighting local businesses and support services - placing our community at the center of it all.

And when the sun sets, the library transforms! Rolling shelves tuck away, lights dim, and the space becomes a beautiful reception venue, where guests gather for celebrations and events catered from the commercial kitchen. This is not just a library, this is a beating

heart of the community, a place to learn, connect, play, create, support, and grow - together...IMAGINE. *Jackie Hassefras, Branch Coordinator, Seeley's Bay Public Library*



## Medical Centre in the Old

**Fire Hall** The fire hall on the main street would make a great medical centre. Likely new doctors will not be attracted to the current facility in the strip mall. Even if the current medical centre was expanded in the mall the examining rooms and other facilities demanded by new doctors will not fit. A team approach is wanted so that prep work is done by others before the patient sees the doctors. Scarce doctors' time is better utilized that way. And recent graduates in medicine expect these services.

The strip mall has an absentee landlord over whom the community has no control. Down the road the mall owners, whoever they are, might make the rent situation for the medical staff unattractive and we would lose the staff and medical services.

A medical team in a new facility could take in new patients: many people in Seeley's Bay and area do not have a personal physician. The land lord would be the township and it will be in the township's best interest to keep the medical facility and its staff of doctors and health care providers in the community. And the township would have influence in guidelines that serve the residents.

The medical centre serves everyone, all ages and just by being here makes the community attractive as a place to live. And I know as an aging senior that medical services matter to me more and more. *John Barker*

## Fire Hall Isn't a Magic Pill

Relocating the current medical office to the fire hall is a lose, lose, lose situation for the community. First, the community that raised the money and built the fire hall will lose a potentially great public space to a private business.

Second, the plaza will lose what currently amounts to a wellness centre with a pharmacy, chiropractor, veterinarian and fitness facility alongside the doctors. Relocating the medical office would add three vacant units to the plaza, and then possibly the chiropractor and pharmacy would move too. A vacant plaza on top of a faltering Main Street would be devastating.

The third loss is financial. In proposing the relocation of the medical office the Napanee model has been referenced where the Township provides the facility, and also covers the rent and administration costs at \$313,000 per year. Even scaled down this model doesn't make financial sense for Seeley's Bay. With a roster of 6,000 the Seeley's Bay Medical Office serves the equivalent of 60% of the Township's population, but it's likely many patients aren't from TLTI. Thus the referenced model would have our Township subsidizing the medical care of neighbouring Townships. Is the medical office going to de-roster these patients in favour of those from within?

Just as important, the useable square footage in the fire hall would limit the medical centre to approximately the same services as the current office - if it could even acquire a full compliment of full-time physicians in a very tough market. If the existing medical office needs wider halls and doors or more square footage they need to engage their landlord about a refresh to meet current and future needs. If the issue is financial perhaps talks with surrounding Townships need to be explored. The fire hall isn't a magic pill that will solve all the medical office's problems.

Let's instead keep future use of the fire hall in the spirit of the building, protecting and helping all ages with a versatile HUB that revitalizes Main Street. That would be a win. *David Lunman*

# Calendar of Events - PRINT THIS PAGE

## NOVEMBER 2025

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY   |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|
| <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>   | <b>7</b>   | <b>1 / 8</b>   |
| Shiloh 9am 205 Main<br>SB United 10am<br>Pinegrove 10:30am<br>Holiness 11am<br>St. Luke's 11:30<br>location TBD<br>Legion Open Mic 2-5        | TLTI Council<br>Committee of the<br>Whole   | SB Library Storytime<br>10am<br>Pinegrove Kids 5:45<br>Holiness Kids 6:30pm   |   | SB Library Storytime<br>2:30                                     | Legion Social 3-6pm;<br>LA Pub Night 5-6:30;<br>Legion Darts at 7pm                              | <b>Nov 1: Frost Fest<br/>9am United Church<br/>SBLibrary ArtHour 2pm<br/>LY Library Puzzle Day</b><br><b>Nov 8: Free Legion<br/>Veterans &amp; Seniors<br/>Dinner, starts 12pm<br/>(call Mike Hicks)</b> |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b>   | <b>11</b>   | <b>12</b>   | <b>13</b>  | <b>14</b>  | <b>15</b>  |
| Shiloh 9am 205 Main<br>Olivet United 10am<br>Pinegrove 10:30am<br>Holiness 11am<br>St. Luke's 11:30 TBD<br>Open Mic Gospel,<br>Holiness, 7 pm | TLTI Council  | <b>REMEMBRANCE<br/>DAY Legion 10:45;<br/>luncheon to follow.<br/>Pinegrove Kids 5:45<br/>Holiness Kids 6:30pm</b>         | Lions Meeting, 7pm<br>Community Hall  | SB Library Storytime<br>2:30                                     | Legion Social 3-6pm<br>Legion Darts at 7pm   | <b>Frost Fest 9am UC<br/>LY Library Art Hour<br/>10am<br/>Lyndhurst Santa<br/>Claus Parade and<br/>Social, 3-6:30pm.</b>   |
| <b>16</b>   | <b>17</b>   | <b>18</b>   | <b>19</b>   | <b>20</b>  | <b>21</b>  | <b>22</b>  |
| Shiloh 9am 205 Main<br>Olivet United 10am<br>Pinegrove 10:30am<br>Holiness 11am<br>St. Luke's 11:30 TBD                                       |   | SB Library Storytime<br>10am<br>Pinegrove Kids 5:45<br>Holiness Kids 6:30pm   | (NO Legion seniors'<br>luncheon, see Nov 8.)<br>LYLibrary Lab Rats<br>(preregister) | SB Library Storytime<br>2:30<br><b>SBARA Meeting, 7pm<br/>UC</b> | Legion Social 3-6pm<br>LA Pub Night 5-6:30<br>Legion Darts at 7pm                                | Lions Tag Day for<br>Diabetes, 12-2<br>Drynan Way.   |
| <b>23</b>   | <b>24</b>   | <b>25</b>   | <b>26</b>   | <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b>  |
| Shiloh 9am 205 Main<br>SB United 10am<br>Pinegrove 10:30am<br>Holiness 11am<br>St. Luke's 11:30 TBD   |   | SB Library Storytime<br>10am<br>St. Luke's Women's<br>Lunch, noon Junction<br>Pinegrove Kids 5:45<br>Holiness Kids 6:30pm | Lions Meeting, 7pm<br>Community Hall  | SB Library Storytime<br>2:30                                     | Shop and Hop!<br>Legion Social 3-6pm<br>Legion Chili 5-7pm<br><b>SBARA Tree Lighting<br/>7pm</b> | Shop and Hop!<br><b>Frost Fest 9am UC</b>  |
| <b>30</b>   | <p align="center"><u>Save the Date in December:</u><br/>                     Dec. 6 Children's Christmas Party at the Legion (plus Hot Tub Draw), 1-4pm;<br/>                     Dec. 6 St Luke's Leeds Anglican Breakfast with St. Nicholas 9-11am, Elgin Community Hall;<br/>                     Dec. 12 Family Fort Night at the SB Library...build forts, and play games;<br/>                     Dec. 13 Meet and Greet Santa at Ridgway Confectionary....<br/>                     Lots more to come, watch for the December newsletter in late November! <b>Don't forget to submit your holiday greetings by Nov. 18th!</b></p> |   |   |  |  |  |



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