

# Seeley's Bay, Lyndhurst and Area

## Community News and Information

February 2026

14th Edition

### Still to come in January:

**St. Luke's Community Lunch,**  
Jan. 30, 11:30, Elgin Centre.  
**Senior's Lunch** Jan. 30, noon,  
Seeley's Bay United Church  
**Library fun for PA Day** Jan. 30,  
Seeley's Bay 9-12; Lyndhurst 1:30-4:30



## SEELEY'S BAY LIONS FROST FEST

### EVENTS SCHEDULE

#### FEBRUARY 6-8 2026



DATE	EVENTS	TIME
<b>FEBRUARY FRIDAY 6TH</b>	<b>FRIDAY NIGHT KICK OFF AT THE DOCKS IN SEELEY'S BAY.</b> SKATING ON THE BAY - ICE DEPENDENT. UPDATES ON FACEBOOK	
	FREE HOT CHOCOLATE AND HOT DOGS. SPONSORED BY BAY AUTO. FIREWORKS SHOW STARTS AROUND 8PM	7PM - 9PM
<b>FEBRUARY SATURDAY 7TH</b>	<b>COMMUNITY HALL EVENTS (151 MAIN ST.)</b> PENGUIN INFORMATION CENTRE/FIRST AID STATION (LOBBY)	8AM-5PM
	<b>SILENT AUCTION</b> (ALL MONIES RAISED RETURNED TO THE COMMUNITY)	10AM - 4PM
	<b>COMMUNITY CRAFT/VENDOR SHOW WITH OVER 20 TABLES!</b> WITH FACEPAINTING BY NOT SO AMATEUR AMATEURS	10AM - 4:30PM
	<b>ABSOLUTE COMEDY SHOW</b> DOORS OPEN AT 7PM \$20 TICKETS CALL MARG BROOKER 613-387-3743 ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE SEELEY'S BAY POST OFFICE	8PM - 10PM
	<b>BALL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT IN MEMORY OF GORD BROWN</b> TENNIS COURTS IN CENTENNIAL PARK SPONSORED BY THE LADIES AUXILIARY LEGION BRANCH #491 CALL BRANDON BROOKER 613-561-6684	9AM START
	TRAVEL THE VILLAGE: <b>WAGON RIDES.</b> PROVIDED BY BRIAN SIMPSON & LOWER BEVERLY LAKE TOWNSHIP PARK. <b>BUS RIDES</b> - PROVIDED BY HOGANS BUS LINES	10AM-3PM
	<b>HIDDEN MEADOWS ALPACAS TOUR (239 BACK ST.)</b>	11AM, 1PM
	<b>HOLINESS CHURCH EVENTS (205 MAIN ST.)</b> KIDS REST AND CRAFT AREA WITH FACE PAINTER FREE HOT DOGS HOT CHOCOLATE/COFFEE AND POPCORN	10AM - 3PM
	<b>MASONIC HALL EVENTS (108 ADELAIDE ST.)</b> CANTEEN BINGO	9:30-2PM 12PM-2PM
	<b>UNITED CHURCH EVENTS (129 HELEN ST)</b> DELTA LEGION LADIES AUXILIARY PIE CONTEST AND BAKE SALE (UPSTAIRS)	10AM - 2PM
	<b>FAMILY FUN ZONE - CRAFTS, GAMES &amp; BALLOON ANIMALS</b> (DOWNSTAIRS) RUN BY PINE GROVE FREE METHODIST CHURCH	10AM-3PM
	<b>SEELEY'S BAY LIBRARY (150 MAIN ST.)</b> KID'S CRAFTS, GAMES AND BOOK SALE	10AM -4PM
<b>LEGION EVENTS (116 BAY ST)</b> <u>FRIDAY NIGHT CHILI</u> BY L.A. AND SOCIAL HOUR	3PM-6PM	
<u>SATURDAY EVENTS:</u> LADIES AUXILIARY BREAKFAST AND LUNCH VENDORS AND CRAFTERS	9AM-4PM 10AM - 4:30PM	
<u>SUNDAY EUCHURE TOURNAMENT</u> - REGISTER AT NOON	1:00PM START	

DATE	EVENTS	TIME
<b>FEBRUARY SUNDAY 8TH</b>	<b>COMMUNITY ROAST BEEF DINNER</b>	EAT IN - 5PM - 7PM & TAKE OUT - 4PM - 5PM
	<b>\$17.00 PER PERSON.</b> 5 YEARS & YOUNGER FREE WITH PURCHASE PIES PROVIDED BY SHILOH CHURCH	
	TO ORDER CALL MARG BROOKER 613-387-3743	

**MORE INFO:**

WWW.SEELEYSBAYFROSTFEST.CA SCAN QR CODE WITH CAMERA FOR UPDATES  
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/SEELEYSBAYFROSTFEST



SEELEY'S BAY LEGION, Br. 491  
PRESENTS A  
**VALENTINE'S MURDER MYSTERY**

THE CHEF IS DEAD!  
WHO DID IT?

ENJOY A FULL COURSE PASTA DINNER  
AND INTERACTIVE SHOW

**FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 5:30PM \$25/PERSON**

Reservations required by Feb 11th  
Contact **Monique** 613-876-4930 or  
monique.a.hartley@gmail.com

### TLTI Culture, Leisure, Recreation & Sport EXPO

Meet with local businesses and organizations offering programs for all ages; explore ways to stay active and engaged in our Township!



Friday February 20, 3-7pm;  
Saturday February 21, 9am to 12;  
Seeley's Bay Community Hall, 151 Main St.

**Groups sign up by Feb. 5 to exhibit!**

**Benefit Trivia Night**  
Saturday February 20, 7pm.  
Seeley's Bay United Church  
Fun, fellowship and snacks! \$15



**Welcome!** It may be mid-winter but there is still plenty to do in our area! Please forward this newsletter to friends and family. Contact [newsletter@seeleysbay.com](mailto:newsletter@seeleysbay.com) to be added to our mailing list, or [SBARA](http://SBARA) to learn more about our activities. Don't forget to **print the calendar** on the last page and put it on your fridge! Printed copies of the newsletter are available at the **Seeley's Bay Library** and the **Post Office**.

## Around our Community



Olivet, Seeley's Bay and Lansdowne United Sunday services at 10am, see "Calendar" for alternating locations, or [click](#).

Olivet, 3258 County Rd. 32 Seeley's Bay  
Seeley's Bay United, 129 Hellen Street, SB  
Lansdowne United, 25 Miller St., Lansdowne.  
Rev. Don Stiles 613-387-8361

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

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

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/

### Seeley's Bay Holiness Church

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

Elder-Harry Meyer 613-923-2633

Elder-Kim Goodwins 613-532-2720

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

### Shiloh Community Church

Services 9am, 205 Main St. Lower Level

Ph. 613-545-7214

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

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

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

For service location info, click [here](#).

Rev. Trish Miller 613-640-0728

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

Facebook.com/StLukesLeeds

Mens' Breakfast 2nd Tuesday 8am Junction;

Women's Lunch last Tuesday 12pm Junction;

Elgin Community Centre;

Community Lunch last Friday 11:30am,

Elgin Community Centre.

## Seeley's Bay Lions Club



**Frost Fest** is February 6-8!

Friday evening Fireworks; Saturday ball hockey, kids' entertainment, silent auction, wagon rides, crafters/vendors markets, bake sale, bingo...; Saturday evening comedy show; Sunday

evening roast beef dinner...full schedule on the [front page!](#) Also check the [Facebook Page!](#)



**Regular Lions Club meetings** take place at the Seeley's Bay Community Hall on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, 7:15pm.



## Seeley's Bay #491

Feb. 1 (and Mar. 1) **Open mic** 2-5pm, free!

Feb. 6 Frost Fest **Chili** supper 5-6:30pm

Feb. 7 Frost Fest **Breakfast** 8-10:30am, **Craft/Vendor Market** 10-4:30pm, and **Lunch** 12-1:30pm

Feb. 14 Valentine's **Murder Mystery Dinner**, with

pasta and interactive show! \$25 per person includes all the fun, 5:30pm

Ongoing activities include the **Friday Social/Open Bar** from 3-6pm, fol-

lowed by **darts** at 7pm, with **LA pub nights** at 5pm Feb. 7 and 20; **Cribbage**

Tuesdays at 1pm; **Euchre** (\$5) Thursdays at 1pm; (both weather permitting);

and the **Seniors' Luncheon** third Wednesday of every month. **Events subject to change; always check the [Facebook Page](#).**

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

Spice Club, Seeley's Bay Book Club, Gentle Reader's Book Club (LY)

**Storytime** in Seeley's Bay Tuesdays 10am and Thursdays at 2:30pm

February 7 - **Frost Fest in Seeley's Bay**: crafts, games, used book sale, 10am-5pm, plus **Art Hour** at 2pm

February 7 - **Kids' Puzzle Day** in Lyndhurst, 9am-12pm

February 16 - Library Branches Closed for Family Day

February 18 - **Lab Rats** in Lyndhurst, 5:30pm

February 21 - **Art Hour** in Lyndhurst, 10am

February 22-28 - Celebrate **Freedom to Read Week**

<https://www.ltipl.net>



## 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.

## Calling all artists and graphic designers!

Submit your idea by Feb. 13

for an Anniversary Township

Flag to mark the 25th year of

township amalgamation. Send

12" X 12" artwork as a JPEG

or PNG to [commsupervisor@](mailto:commsupervisor@townshipleeds.on.ca)

[townshipleeds.on.ca](http://townshipleeds.on.ca), or in

paper format to the Township

office, 1233 Prince St.,

Lansdowne.



## Winter in Seeley's Bay and Area

Just a sampling of area holiday events:



Santa and his crew dropped in at the Legion, and later returned to visit Ridgway!



At the village Tree Lighting the moon played star for our laser-lit tree while a little one looked up from below.

The Lions' Dine and Dab lunch and bingo event for seniors was a great success.



At the Community Hall, SBARA hosted a sold-out Small Halls event featuring Tim Baker, with help at the bar from the Legion.

### Many cozy and delicious options to fend off the winter blues

We are lucky in this area to have so many dining options available, even in the dead of winter! The long-awaited new spot in Seeley's Bay is [Lala's Bar and Grill](#) on Main Street. Well-known from their previous location for their pizzas, Lala's in the village is also offering a full menu 7am to 8pm (closed Mondays) and "a welcoming atmosphere that feels like home." Another friendly spot, open just for the winter months, is [The Loft at Furnace Falls Farm](#). Here in their funky barn, Wendy and Mike offer up delicious hot lunches, fresh bread and desserts, plus hot drinks including their signature fresh-roasted coffee, Sat. and Sun., 11-3 till March 1 (special items for Valentine's Day). Another tried and true option, open daily 7-8 and known for their comfort food is of course [The Junction](#), where I always enjoy the Junction Burger, or weekend Eggs Benny! [Stoodley's](#) in Elgin offers a warm welcome, inventive menu (Greek Week!) and great bar options, Tues.-Sun. 8-8. Also in Elgin is the new café [Julianna's](#), which is quickly acquiring regulars with their delicious barista choices, baked goods and sandwiches. They are open 7-2, Mon. to Fri. And finally, another café choice is [The Bastard Coffee House](#) in Delta, where 8-4pm each day, interesting décor and artisanal retail items vie for your attention with yummy food and drink options and specials like triple chocolate pancakes. As locals, we should follow and support all these great places during the slower winter months...take some friends and you'll probably meet more!



# More Thoughts on Firehall Repurposing

## The Case for Creating a Village Square called “The Station”

By James Raffin, Allina Lane

It may be an exaggeration to say that Seeley’s Bay is dying but with the closure of the bank and hardware store, uncertainty about our grocery store, concerning decreases in attendance at local events, and with community members turning to the web for shopping and social interaction, there are plenty of reasons to explore the opportunity to revitalize our village presented by the closing of the firehall. Since the dawn of time, humans have needed a place of connection and communion, a physical place where all community members can share news and stories, a location at the centre of things for fun and engagement where even divergent views can be forged into new ideas and plans that create a collective identity and a sense of belonging. For centuries, the village square has fulfilled this requirement. Some of these are mostly outdoor space, some part of an indoor environment, most are a combination of the two. But a village square is always more than just a physical space: it exists to encapsulate, embrace and embody the essence of community life.

Here are some key characteristics of vibrant village squares: they are easy to reach; inclusive, accommodating people of all ages, interests, and abilities; and they are adaptable, including areas for events, markets, communal activities, performances and gatherings. The square reflects the unique character of the village because it is community designed and driven, an adaptable public place where all feel welcome to play, host a market, attend a concert, convene an art show or workshop, read a book or just hang out with fellow villagers.

The former Seeley’s Bay firehall with the community centre above, has been a rallying point in the village throughout its history, with the land purchase and construction of all its phases funded solely by the community. The challenge now that Station 2 has moved out of town is to determine how to honour the original purpose of the building and reimagine the whole property, to create a vibrant venue in the centre of town for

social interaction, economic activity, civic engagement, cultural identity and fun—where we can build relationships and community spirit.

Some of the most vibrant village squares have included libraries as an anchoring element. A report from the Arts Council of England in July 2017 notes that “libraries are well placed to play a role in community hubs because of their existing position of trust within local communities, the contribution they make across a range of agendas, and their ethos of partnership working.”

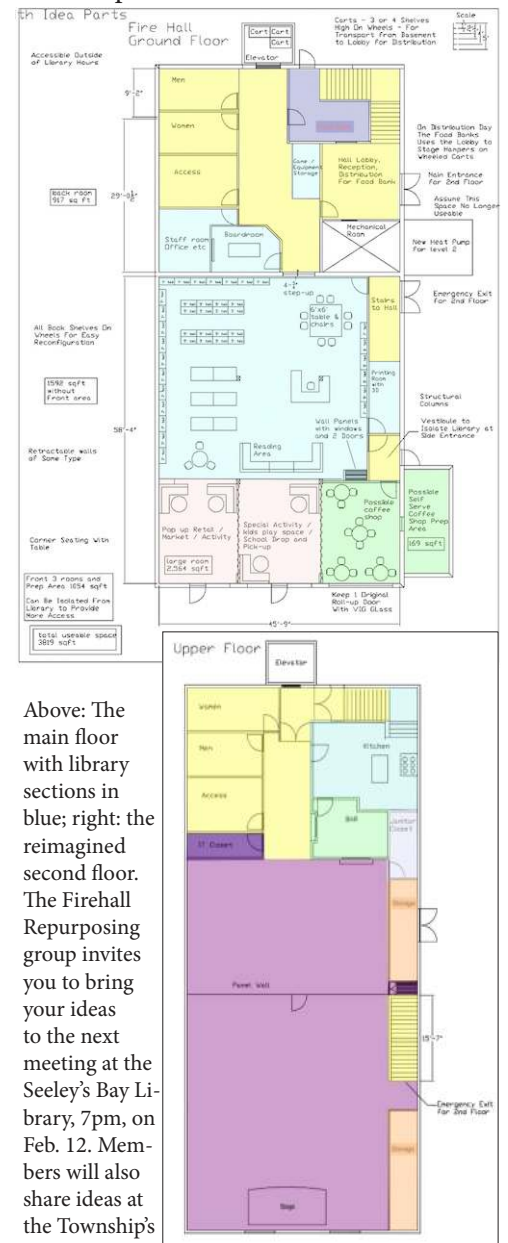
Ongoing discussions make it clear that our library and our trusted librarian could take a leadership role in the repurposing of the firehall. One exciting aspect of adopting our library as this anchoring element is the well-established practise of creating “Friends of the Library” groups, which under the legal and liability umbrella of a non-profit organization can help to manage, fund, and program the collective spaces. In this case, the creation of such an organization, with its volunteer board, could relieve the Township of day-to-day management duties for the hall (upstairs and down), return control of the space to the village and thus streamline processes for the safe, appropriate and sustainable operation of the facility.

There is still plenty to discuss about how to create maximum benefit for Seeley’s Bay and the area with this repurposing, while ensuring that the opportunity created by our vacant firehall is not eclipsed by perhaps more expedient plans that would not realize the same community-building potential of an inclusive, well-planned, community-driven, accessible hub right on the main street. Whether we call it “The Village Square” or “The Station” (as firefighters have called it), it’s time for all to share their thoughts about giving the old firehall a new and prominent life at the heart of Seeley’s Bay. ☒



## Firehall Repurposing Group A

broad cross-section of local residents has been meeting regularly to discuss the fire hall repurposing. Many ideas were coalesced into an initial plan that was presented for community input at events such as Canada Day. After the October Town Hall with the Township and Idea consultants, the group was encouraged to submit a proposal to be considered along with other ideas. This was later revised by the group to encompass elements such as washroom locations included in drawings circulated by the Township in November 2025. The floor plans below were part of the latest package submitted for the Township’s consideration:



Above: The main floor with library sections in blue; right: the reimagined second floor. The Firehall Repurposing group invites you to bring your ideas to the next meeting at the Seeley’s Bay Library, 7pm, on Feb. 12. Members will also share ideas at the Township’s Recreation

Expo on February 20th (3-7pm) and 21st (9-noon) upstairs at the Community Hall, 151 Main St. Seeley’s Bay. (Photo by David Lunman)

# Calendar of Events - PRINT THIS PAGE

## FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 St. Barnaby's 9am Shiloh 9am 205 Main lower level Olivet United 10am Pine Grove 10:30am Holiness 11am St. Luke's 11:30, TBD Legion Open Mic 2-5	2 TLTI Council Committee of the Whole	3 SB Library Storytime 10am Legion Cribbage 1pm weather permitting	4	5 Legion Euchre, 1pm, weather permitting SB Library Storytime 2:30	6 Legion Social 3-6pm. Legion Chili 5-6:30pm Legion Darts at 7pm Frost Fest Kick Off at the docks: hot dogs, skating, & hot chocolate 7pm; fireworks at 8pm.	7 LY Library Puzzle Day 9am-12pm Frost Fest daytime: ball hockey; kids' events; silent auction; wagon rides; craft markets; bingo, etc! Comedy Show 8pm.
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 St. Barnaby's 9am Shiloh 9am 205 Main Olivet United 10am Pine Grove 10:30am Holiness 11am St. Luke's 11:30 TBD Frost Fest Roast Beef Dinner 4 & 5pm	16 TLTI Council	17 SB Library Storytime 10am Legion Cribbage 1pm weather permitting	18 Lions Mtg, 7:15 pm SB Community Hall	19 Legion Euchre, 1pm, weather permitting SB Library Storytime 2:30	20 Legion Social 3-6pm Legion Darts at 7pm	21 Legion Valentine's Murder Mystery Dinner 5:30 \$25
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
15 Legion Brunch 9-12 St. Barnaby's 9am Shiloh 9am 205 Main Lansdowne United 10 Pine Grove 10:30am Holiness 11am St. Luke's 11:30 TBD	16 <b>Family Day</b> (libraries closed)	17 SB Library Storytime 10am Legion Cribbage 1pm weather permitting <b>Firehall Repurposing,</b> <b>7pm SB Library</b>	18 Legion Seniors' Luncheon (Joyce Fleming, 613-387-3750) LY Library Lab Rats 5:30	19 Legion Euchre, 1pm, weather permitting SB Library Storytime 2:30 SBARA Meeting, 7pm United Church	20 TLTI Recreation Expo 3-7pm, Community Hall Legion Social 3-6pm Legion LA Pub Night 5-7 Legion Darts at 7pm. Seeley's Bay United Trivia Night, 7pm \$15	21 TLTI Recreation Expo 9-noon, Community Hall LY Library Art Hour 10am
22 St. Barnaby's 9am Shiloh 9am 205 Main Olivet United 10am Pine Grove 10:30am Holiness 11am St. Luke's 11:30 TBD	23	24 SB Library Storytime 10am Legion Cribbage 1pm weather permitting	25 Lions Mtg, 7:15 pm SB Community Hall	26 Legion Euchre, 1pm, weather permitting SB Library Storytime 2:30	27 Legion Social 3-6pm Legion Darts at 7pm SB United Church Senior's Lunch, noon	28 Tomorrow, March 1: Legion Open Mic 2-5

SEELEY'S BAY  
**FROST FEST**  
February 6th - 8th, 2026



**Registered Massage  
Therapist**

Direct billing to most  
insurance providers  
613-387-8888 H  
613-864-9586 C  
146 Mill St., Seeley's Bay  
cotejesse@hotmail.com

[www.jessecote.ca](http://www.jessecote.ca)

**YOUR AD HERE - \$15!**

**FIND YOUR AD ON LOCAL FRIDGES  
FOR A MONTH...how about  
promoting a MILESTONE BIRTHDAY  
or your GARAGE SALE?**

**Deadline is the 20th of the prior  
month...[newsletter@seeleysbay.com](mailto:newsletter@seeleysbay.com)**

**DID YOU  
KNOW?**

StoryFests with Local Author and Adventurer Dr. James Raffan  
are organized by the Seeley's Bay Area Residents' Association

Save the date! SBARA presents the 20th Annual  
Storyfest, "The Road to Reconciliation," with James  
Raffan and Chuck Commanda, Apr 19th.