

Seeley's Bay Newsletter

Seeley's Bay & Area Residents' Association

Connecting the community...

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...and check out events calendar and local resources at www.seeleysbay.ca



Photo purchased from private firm, a bit out of date, but a beautiful shot of the community nonetheless!

The Bay Buds (Jan Holland, Jean Shearer, Cindy Warren, Laurel Ritchie, Paula Banks, Monique Antoine-Hartley, Cathy Rogerson, Lois Kennedy and Nancy Eamon) have participated in the Lombardy Relay for Life (a project of the Canadian Cancer Society) for the past 11 years and have raised \$40,000.00!!! This certainly could not have been attained if not for the support of the community, friends and family. This group of women, which has ranged from 7 to 12 members throughout the years, raises the money through pledges to sponsor their walk, the Frost Fest Pie Contest and Committee and by selling tickets on beautiful gift baskets. Gift basket tickets are being sold presently on a Canada Day theme (value \$160.00) at various locations and at the park on Canada Day where the winning ticket will be drawn. The members wish to thank all who have given so generously to this cancer fundraising event.



The Benefits of Buying Local – When you look at the lovely image of the hamlet of Seeley's Bay in the photo above, it doesn't take long to see that at the heart of the community – indeed, what keeps it ticking and vibrant - is our local businesses and services. Just imagine if we didn't have Sweet's Freshmart, a post office, our marinas, an LCBO, the Nest Egg, etc. Many of us are all too eager to get savings by going to big box stores elsewhere, but please think twice before you do that; sometimes there are good reasons for buying the item closer to home. It might save you gas money, and it just might help keep our local businesses, and the jobs they provide, viable. *"Revitalizing community economies by investing in local products and businesses is the first step towards residents taking more control of their own future".* One interesting initiative is the '10 percent shift' campaign which acknowledges it doesn't make sense to buy everything local, but a conscious effort to shift some of your buying can add up to a big difference across a community. <http://www.tenpercentshift.ca/>

What's happening:

June 25 – Annual Fishing Derby and Fish Fry @ Legion
June 26 – Steel Band live!!! on Main St. @ 2:00 p.m.
July 1 - Canada Day celebrations throughout village
July 3 – Old Time Fiddler's @ Legion 2:00 pm
July 9 – United Church Chicken BBQ @ park; 4:00 p.m.
July 16 – Renegade Bass Tournament, view @ park
Aug 7 – Old Time Fiddlers @ Legion, 2:00
Aug 20 – Steak and Corn Roast @ Legion, 4:00 p.m.
Aug 27 – Concert with The Laws, Lion's fundraiser for the Chosen Soldier program, 7:00, \$15, FANTASTIC band, check out their music at www.thelaws.ca

Food bank information donrobin@kos.net

There is a lunch time **seniors diners club** in the Seeley's Bay Community Hall every 2nd Wednesday of the month; **euchre** every Thursday night @ Legion

Canada Day goes 'Royal'

Once again the 'biggest little Canada Day celebration' on the Rideau will feature new events and lots of family fun. This year, in honour of the royal visit to Canada of Kate and Will, everyone is encouraged to wear a hat fit for a royal event. It just might be the excuse you have been waiting for to create your own very special 'fascinator'!



10:00 – Blessing of the boats, public dock
1:00 – Marketplace at Centennial Park
4:00 – Parade
5:00 – Cake & Ceremonial stuff at the Pavilion
Dusk - Fireworks

Check out the full schedule for our national holiday at: <http://www.seeleysbaycanaday.com/CANADA%20DAY%20BROCH2011.pdf>



Watch for Brenda Hartley Foubert's lovely local photography, like this little duckling, coming soon to The Nest Egg



photo by R. Couper



Seeley's Bay Steps Up!

The Seeley's Bay and Area Residents' Association (SBARA) and the many volunteers on the "Steps Up" teams are working away to raise funds to implement the projects reported in the last newsletter. Recent progress includes:

- Approval of sponsorship & \$20K from Township
- Installation of new planters around town
- Negotiations re: Main Street paving, parking, etc.
- Submission of grant request to Province of Ontario
- Development of application to Trillium Foundation
- Meetings with politicians, funders, tourism officials
- Fundraising kayak raffle – draw on Canada Day
- Logo Contest – ongoing @ www.seeleysbay.info

If you want to volunteer, donate or get more information, contact: Peggy Sweet McCumber (Chair of SBARA) at sbara@seeleysbay.com



Ron Rudd, Margaret Lawrence, Dale Moore and Kathy Harvey beautify village with an authentic Raffan canoe!

This e- newsletter is sent to **over 170 households** every 2-3 months. To sign-up and/or to publicize community-oriented events, please write to newsletter@seeleysbay.com. And please print and post a copy on your public bulletin board and/or share copies with neighbours. You can also join the **over 440 people** who 'like' "Support Seeley's Bay Ontario"

