



Have you seen the new village map? This map is the final project of Phase One of **Seeley's Bay Steps Up**. With a lot of input from area residents, tourism organizations, the creative genius of **1Dea Graphics**, and the leadership of **Cindy Healy**, our new map is now available. The Seeley's Bay Area Residents' Association (SBARA) has placed copies **at the dock, the post office, and area businesses**. Please make sure YOUR visitors have a copy this year, and introduce them to all the great activities and services within the community. And for those who appreciate the local thought, please note **Danny Roantree** in his Canada Day hat in the bus on Main Street, and **James Raffan**, paddling his red canoe in the Bay. **Hope you enjoy it!** Phase 2 of Seeley's Bay Steps Up is already underway with a **First Impressions Exchange with Spencerville**. Watch for news about the date of the public meeting to hear what 'secret shoppers' from our partner community observed here and their recommendations to improve Seeley's Bay.

What's new on the Rideau? Recently Parks Canada announced significant (\$40M) new investments in infrastructure along the Rideau. This is good news for Seeley's Bay and our sister hamlets along the waterway. Have you heard about the **Parks Canada Red Chairs Program**? This program is intended to provide opportunities to connect with nature, and **to experience the most unique and treasured places within Canada**. Parks Canada believes that when visitors can connect to a place personally and emotionally, they will want to come back again and again, and share these unique moments with friends and relatives. Who thinks Seeley's Bay would be a **GREAT** place for a pair of Red Chairs? Watch for news on this front in July!



The **Red CanoeFest** moved from Victoria Day, to June 6 this year, in search of warmer weather. And it worked! Lots of residents came out for the sing-along, the marshmallow roast, and the fun-filled events. With this kind of participation, you can count on a 2016 version for sure. Big thanks go out to Committee Chairperson Dan Langham and ALL of his volunteers, for a very successful event.

SBARA News

The Seeley's Bay Area Residents' Association has now started working on Phase 2 with funding from the Rural Economic Development (RED) program of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA). This project will roll out over 2 years and include new directional signage within the village to point visitors to public services; a landmark on the Rideau at Haskin's to show boaters the entrance to the village, more village streetscape improvements, some assistance for local businesses who would like to build on the Seeley's Bay brand, and more. Keep an eye on our progress at www.visitseeleysbay.ca



What's Happening:

- July 1** – Canada Day parade starts @ 4pm
- July 2** – Pan Am Torch Relay – free bus to Gan
- July 11** – **Surprise** Event, Haskin's Pt, 4pm
- July 11** – Annual Chicken BBQ @ Park; 4:30
- Aug 9** – Olivet Pork BBQ; 4-7pm
- Aug 12** – Open Purses, Gan Inn, 7pm
- Sept 12** – Small Halls Festival @ hall, 7:30 pm
- Sept 19** – Turkey Fair, Lyndhurst, all day
- Sept 26** – Annual Turkey Dinner @ Hall, 4:30pm
- Sept 27** – RUN - www.ridgwaytrufflesuffle.com
- Jan 17** – Storyfest on the Road in Lyndhurst, 2pm

Keep an eye open for more details about all these events on our 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>

Festival of Small Halls

We are bubbling with excitement because Seeley's Bay has been chosen by the Ottawa Bluesfest organization to be one of the featured 'small halls' that will have a concert with one of the premier bands they are bringing to Ottawa for CityFolk this September. Our concert will be at the firehall on **September 12**. Rumours are that we are getting an **amazing band** with lots of awards and gold records to their name. Keep you eye peeled for news about ticket sales – we think they will sell out fast. Watch for announcements on the village Facebook page at Support Seeley's Bay Ontario and the official festival website at <http://www.thefestivalofsmallhalls.com/> Also, plan to attend other great Small Halls events this September in Lyndhurst, Delta, Morton, and Chaffey's Locks.

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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