



# Sturgeon Point Association

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Dear Sturgeon Pointers:

Summer officially ended a just over a week ago, and you can start to see evidence of that in the colour of the leaves on the trees and the pine needles beginning to collect on the ground. It's been just beautiful in Sturgeon Point recently, and the weather experts are calling for a warm autumn. Let's hope they're right.

One might think that things would slow down a bit for SPA at this time of year, but we seem to be as busy as ever these days. This newsletter will give you a heads up about some events that are coming up in October, review the status of several projects that we're working on, and update you on the new look of our Board of Directors.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **KLSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 10:00 A.M., LAKEHURST**

The Kawartha Lakes Stewards Association will be holding their Annual General Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on October 1<sup>st</sup> at Lakehurst Hall (Community Centre, 979 Lakehurst Circle Road, Lakehurst). We posted this on our website a couple of weeks ago, but thought this event was deserving of a last minute mention. The meeting will feature a presentation on Blue Green Algae, something that had a significant effect on our community this past summer. Other reports will include the Sturgeon Lake Management Plan, water testing results, and a Sewage Treatment Plant Report Card. The KLSA does some excellent work on behalf of all stakeholders in the health of our lakes. Your attendance and participation at this meeting can demonstrate support for that organisation and provide important representation from our particular region of the Kawarthas. If you'd like to get more information on this meeting or about the KLSA organisation, please check out their web site at <http://klsa.wordpress.com/>. I hope to see some of you at the meeting.

### **TOUCH FOOTBALL GAME – OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2:00 P.M., WISENER COTTAGE**

Each year on Thanksgiving a group of folks have gathered to toss the pigskin around and have a grand ol' time. SPA invites everyone, from all generations, to join in the fun this year. Whether you are interested in playing or just watching and socialising with friends and neighbours we'd love to see you all there! It will be a great way to get together one last time before closing up for the winter.

The format of the game is touch football for all ages and everyone gets a turn to be quarterback. Teams are distinguished as "Hats" and "No-Hats" so if you plan to play, please bring a hat with you. There will be hot chocolate and apple cider for all to enjoy, and some activities for the kiddies. Please bring your own lawn chair/blanket and feel free to bring your beverage of choice.

The game will be 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 9th at the Wisener cottage: "Rigadoon" 33 Henry Street. Rain or shine. See you there!

## STURGEON POINT HALLOWEEN OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup>, 10:00 AM AT THE PARK, AND TRICK OR TREATING IN THE EVENING

*Serpents and spiders, tail of rat, Sturgeon Point for Halloween is where the fun is at! Halloween costumes are really a must, leave on the cobwebs, the mildew, the dust! Hop on your broomsticks, come if you dare. Join us for pumpkin carving, face painting, games and scares.*

Sturgeon Point will be celebrating Halloween on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>! Start the day off with the Halloween party in the park from 10 a.m. to Noon. There will pumpkin carving, face painting, games, treats, music, and more! Then head out for a spooky walk around Sturgeon Point (and of course more treats for the kids!) at 5:30 p.m. when trick or treating begins.

Trick or treaters will only be visiting those homes and cottages that wish to participate. Please let us know if we can spook your house with our little ghouls and boys by emailing [patricia@sturgeonpoint.com](mailto:patricia@sturgeonpoint.com) or calling (905)-642-9476.

*Looking ahead: Patricia Aspinwall is already thinking about next year's Regatta event and she's asking for your help. She's putting a call out for long paper rolls, the kind that you find in rolls of wrapping paper. Please put these aside and let Patricia know when you have a few. (No word on what these rolls might be for...)*

Event	Place	Time & Date	Notes
<b>Thanksgiving Touch Football Game</b>	Wisener's Cottage 33 Henry Street	October 9 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	All ages welcome:, players, fans, kids, parents, and hangers-on
<b>Sturgeon Point Halloween in the Park</b>	Park in the Woods	October 29 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Fun and games for the kids. Face painting, pumpkin carving, and other activities.
<b>Sturgeon Point Halloween Trick or Treating</b>	Your front door!	October 29 <sup>th</sup> ; Starting at 5:30 p.m.	Kids meet at the Park at 5:30 (optional), trick or treating at participating homes and cottages only.

## UPPER WHARF PROJECT

The Upper Wharf Ad-Hoc Committee, which has now grown to include 21 interested individuals, has put their support behind a stone stairway that will be installed where the eroded footpath now resides. The stairway will be four feet wide and will be constructed with cut stone stair treads and natural stone landings between three short flights of stairs. Every attempt is being made to keep this new addition unobtrusive and visually “low key”, while still providing safe and secure access to the Upper Wharf water front.

A swale will be installed along the edge of the road to capture and redirect some of the runoff that has been causing the erosion. The swale will be fully funded by the CoKL, and SPA will use a matching grant of \$1500 received from the CoKL to offset the cost of the project.

The Upper Wharf grounds will continue to receive attention next summer. Lisa Vehrs will be heading up the efforts to improve the grounds, working with the Upper Wharf Ad-Hoc Committee and the SPA Board of Directors. The Trustees support these efforts and continue to provide helpful guidance on our management of the Trustee lands.

## HISTORY MAP PROJECT

Although this one has been on the back-burner over the summer months, we will be working on implementing this project over the off-season. This project was one of the off-shoots of our successful cooperative project with Fleming College's Geomatics Institute last spring. That same project generated the new Residents Map that was been made available earlier this year.

The History Map Project will incorporate photographic images of Sturgeon Point into a map of the Village, all presented over various time frames. The Geomatics Institute created a software framework into which we can load image content, and the whole package has been designed to be an interactive web application. We'll keep you posted on progress.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, SEPT 2011

The AGM was held on September 4. Approximately 50 people attended in spite of the rainy weather, making it one of our better attended AGMs in recent memory. One reason for the high level of interest was the variety of community reports that were presented. The agenda included items that went beyond the regular SPA house-keeping duties. There were four reports from the community, in addition to a presentation from the City's new CAO Al Horsman.

The documentation package for the 2011 AGM is posted on the SPA web site. The minutes for the meeting will be posted as soon as they've been transcribed. You'll be able to find all of the relevant documentation at the following location: <http://www.sturgeonpoint.com/about/spa-archives/>

## CAO AL HORSMAN FOLLOWS UP AFTER THE AGM

We received a number of positive comments about the AGM, and many of them included mention of the City's new CAO Al Horsman. Al's Q & A session following his presentation raised a number of big picture issues and concerns that are front and centre in the minds of Sturgeon Pointers.

Al clearly didn't forget about us after he left that meeting. He recently sent me a follow up email that addressed some of the concerns that he heard at the AGM. The email deals with those issues in more depth than Al was able to provide at the AGM, and he included some supporting documentation. Al has asked me to share his communication with the community and so I've posted Al's response on the SPA web site for all to read. You can access it at the following link:

<http://www.sturgeonpoint.com/about/spa-archives/caofollowup/>

## SPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The recent Annual General Meeting (AGM) marked the retirement of four members from SPA's Board of Directors. Four new members were elected to take their places. (For those who aren't aware of it, SPA's bylaws limit the term of a Director to three years, with an optional fourth year allowed at the discretion of the Board.)

Stepping down from the Board this year were Lynne Manning, Tom Anders, Colleen Clynych, and Ed Warlow. All four of these individuals played key roles in the Association, and I'd like to thank each of them on behalf of the Board and the Community for their invaluable contributions. It's been a pleasure to work with each one of them.

I'm happy to announce that we have four very capable individuals who have volunteered to serve on SPA's Board of Directors. The number of Board members remains at ten. The following individuals were

elected at the AGM: Patricia Aspinwall, Chris Van Lierop, Lisa Vehrs, and Madge Barr. I look forward to working with them. I'm very confident that 2011 – 2012 will be a productive year. I've listed the current Board members along with their primary roles in the following table.

<b>SPA Board 2011-2012</b>	<b>Portfolio</b>
Victor Isbrucker	President
Madge Barr	Vice President
Patricia Aspinwall	Communications
Chris Van Lierop	Treasurer
Jeremy Hall	Park
Paula McMurtry	Secretary
Eric Jordan	Roads & Maintenance
Lisa Vehrs	Social
Ramona Kozak	Membership
Liz Wallis	Membership and Social

## 2011 SPA MEMBERSHIPS

Summer may have just ended, but as you can tell from this newsletter the 2011 season is still very much in play. That means it's not too late to get your 2011 SPA membership. Many of you have already done so, and I'd like to thank each one of our members for signing up this year.

There remain a few regular members who appear to have forgotten to take out their membership this year. This isn't unusual; SPA typically spends some time and energy reminding people to update their membership status at this time of year.

If you've forgotten to take out your membership, please do so today. Revenue collected through our membership program remains our primary source of funding. An individual membership costs \$35. As a 100% volunteer organisation, I can assure you that each dollar we receive goes a long way towards managing and maintaining the trust lands, supporting the social events, and maintaining the unique character of Sturgeon Point. If you aren't sure about your membership status, don't hesitate to contact us. We'd be happy to let you know whether your membership is up to date this year. And here's a bonus – members get a copy of the new Sturgeon Point Residents Map!

Becoming a membership is easy. You can find everything you need on our web site. You can print out a membership form, fill it out and mail it to us with your cheque, or you can use our easy on-line credit card payment option. Here's the link to SPA's membership page:

<http://www.sturgeonpoint.com/spa-membership/>

## ROADS

SPA has communicated with the CoKL engineering department to keep them apprised of our concerns with regards to the state of our roads. The City is currently undertaking a review of the roads within the CoKL boundaries in order to develop comprehensive road maintenance plans for the coming years. We will continue to do what is necessary to ensure that we remain on the City's radar screen.

## STURGEON POINT HOTEL POSTER

A second printing of thirty of these beautiful gallery-quality prints has arrived, and there are already only 10 left. Last year we printed 60 of these and they sold out very quickly. We won't be printing any more of these for quite a while after this, so if you're interested in acquiring one don't hesitate to let us know. Feel free to come and take a look at one if you're not sure yet. Cost is \$75 per print.

## BEARS

We're in the middle of "bear season", so please exercise additional care with your garbage and recycling, barbeques, compost containers, and any other food-related waste that might attract bears. An additional cautionary note: There are a couple of young bear cubs that have been spotted quite regularly within our Village recently, and that means there may be a mother around too. If you spot a bear, please call the bear reporting line at 866-514-2327.

## STURGEON LAKE SAILING CLUB

*Following is a year-end note from Hugh DesBrisay, Commodore, SLSC:*

The Sturgeon Lake Sailing Club has completed a highly successful 2011 sailing season. Highlights include the addition of 6 new highly popular Pico sailboats for the White Sail program, a very busy afternoon outreach program to Boys and Girls Clubs and Big Brothers/Big Sisters from surrounding communities, a very well attended Civic Holiday Regatta weekend, the hosting of a Mid Ontario Championship Regatta with over 160 sailors sailing over three days (the regatta was also the Canadian Club 420 Association Championships), an improving race team of young sailors who can't wait to get back into action next summer and a staff led by Kate Thomas and Ellen Lourie that introduced new activities and new ideas in a highly imaginative way and kept up their high levels of energy and enthusiasm for the entire Summer. It was a great summer and our kids learned a lot and had a ball.

In the off season, the Sailing Club is looking at building an additional structure to house boats in the off season and to serve as an instructor office, additional classroom and video room in season. The plans for a new structure are being worked on and more news can be found at <http://www.slsc.ca/> over the next months. It is an exciting and ambitious project and will be most welcome for a program that has been outgrowing its current building space. The Club has received offers of assistance from members of the community and will be looking for support in the coming months. Fair winds are blowing!

## CLOSING

Thanks for sticking around to the end of this longer-than-usual newsletter. Before I sign off, I'd like to thank all of the people that have volunteered at our events, in our committees, and who have helped with all those small and not so small jobs around our community over the past year. All of these efforts really do add up and help make this community a more enjoyable place to be. Thanks to all of you.

Sincerely,



Victor Isbrucker  
President,  
Sturgeon Point Association