



Sturgeon Point Association

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Hello Sturgeon Pointers:

It's mid-June and the sights and sounds of summer are all around us. It won't be long until days are marked by the buzzing of cicadas, the whir of bicycle tires and the laughter of families and friends at the water's edge. Summer in Sturgeon Point has arrived.

That means that the summer social calendar is about to get into high gear. This newsletter brings you some scheduling updates and reminders about upcoming events. You'll find an up to date events schedule as well.

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

CANADA DAY CELEBRATION – SUNDAY JULY 1ST, STURGEON POINT PLAYGROUND

This year Canada Day falls on a Sunday, so we're able to hold our annual celebration on July 1st. This is the first big event of the season and a great chance to catch up with friends and neighbours. The event will be held at the Park as usual. The barbeques will be cooking up hotdogs, there'll be cool refreshments to drink and some frozen treats too. Of course we'll have a big birthday cake to celebrate another anniversary of our great country.

We recently had the flag pole at the Park repainted. The old Canadian Flag was a little worse for wear and tear, so we hope to raise a brand new one on that day too. All Sturgeon Pointers and their friends are welcome.

FROG JOG – JULY 7TH, 11:00 A.M. –STARTING LINE AT THE PARK

This "fun run" is a first for us, but we're hoping that this will become another fun event for all to enjoy for years to come. Rosemary Stochel has applied her considerable experience to the planning of the inaugural Frog Jog. There's a 5km loop and a 1km kids' loop. Everybody is welcome to participate, whether you want to walk or run. If you won't be joining in, you can still participate by standing along the route and cheering on the frog joggers. I've included a map of the route on the following page.

The starting and finish lines are at the Park, and the start time is 11:00 a.m. We'll have race marshals in place to provide directions and control traffic. There'll be a prize draw afterwards, along with snacks and refreshments.

We're still looking for several volunteers to help as race marshals. If you'd like to help out please contact Rosemary Stochel: (705) 887-5480.

We think this is going to be a very fun event. Don't miss the opportunity to be at the first annual Frog Jog!

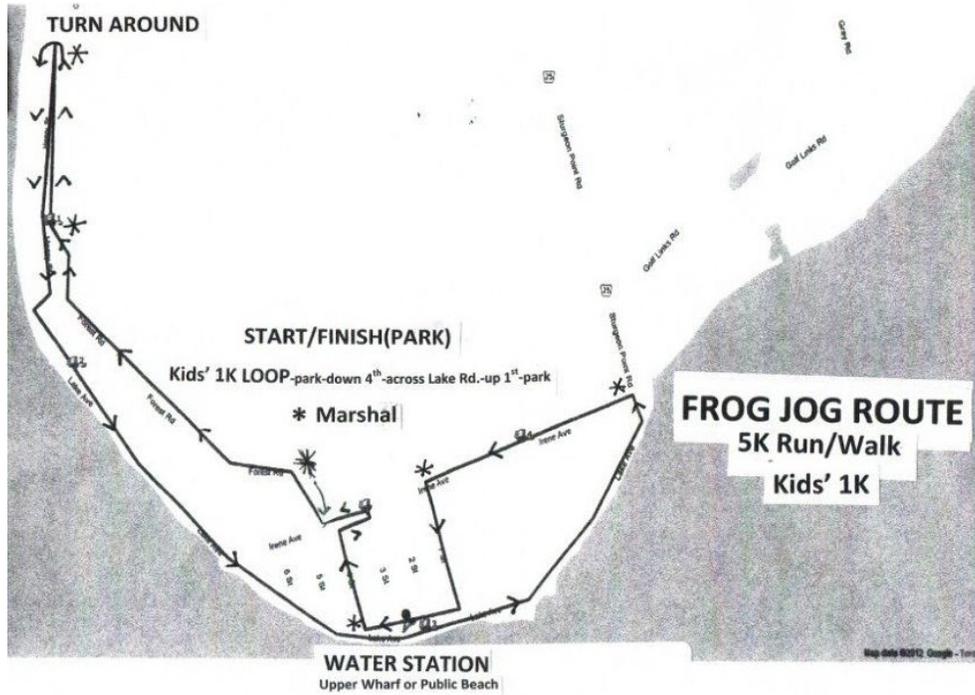


FIGURE 1 FROG JOG 5KM ROUTE.

ENVIRONMENT MEETING DATE CHANGE – AUGUST 25, 10:00 A.M. AT THE CHURCH

This meeting has been well received over the past three years, and we'll be continuing the series with another one on August 25 at 10:00 a.m. We rescheduled the meeting from the original date of July 14th because of conflict with the Golf Course's Fun Day. This year we'll be hearing from Mike Hendren of the Kawartha Heritage Conservancy and Dave Pridham of Kawartha Conservation, as well as others. A full agenda will be posted as the meeting date approaches.

Community Events Calendar 2012			
Event	Place	Time & Date	Notes
Canada Day Celebration	Park in the Woods	July 1, 12:00 p.m.	Celebrate Canada Day and meet the neighbours
Frog Jog	Park in the Woods	July 7, 11:00 a.m.	5 km and 1 km fun run/walk around the Point. Refreshments and prize draw
Annual Civic Holiday BBQ and Street Dance	Park in the Woods	August 4, 6:00 p.m.	Food, music and dancing!
Sturgeon Point Regatta	The 174 nd running of the Sturgeon Point Regatta.		
	Public Beach	Aug. 5, 2:00 p.m.	Swimming and canoe races
	Swannanoa	Aug. 6 10:00 a.m.	Running and novelty races
Environment Meeting	Union Church	Aug. 25, 10:00 a.m.	Lake health updates. (other presentations TBD)
SPA AGM	Union Church	Sept. 2, 10:00 a.m.	The AGM – come out to hear the reports and have your say!
Doors Open	Church, Upper Wharf, Golf Club	Sept 9, 10:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.	“Open Doors” and historical photographs at all three sites.

2012 SPA MEMBERSHIPS

We've had a great start to this year's membership drive. I'd like to thank all of you who have paid for your 2012 SPA membership. Many of you have also made donations, and these continue to represent a significant component of our annual revenues. While membership in SPA is voluntary, we encourage every adult member of the community to join SPA. It's a simple but important way to contribute to this unique community. The membership revenues allow us to manage and maintain the Trust Lands, which include the Park, the Public Beach, The Upper Wharf, and the Leaf Dump. The upgrades to the Upper Wharf that have taken place over the past year have been largely paid for out of SPA's membership revenues.

We rely heavily on volunteers to do much of SPA's work, so our dollars go a very long way. We are fortunate to have a community where there are so many people who step up to volunteer. But without a healthy membership roll every year we would not be able to maintain our responsibilities to manage the Trust Lands and to cover the associated overhead. If you're interested in learning more about SPA's finances, please review our annual financial statements. These are posted online at the following link: <http://www.sturgeonpoint.com/about/spa-archives/>

Memberships cost only \$35/person, and you can pay by cash, cheque, or credit card. To pay by cash or cheque, just print out a membership form and mail it to us or leave it in our green mailbox at the Park. To pay by credit card or PayPal, you can log into our online membership registration and get the whole thing done in a few short minutes. You'll find everything you need at the following link:

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



Thanks again for your support!

FACEBOOK

Some of you may not be aware that SPA has its own Facebook page. This page is managed by Patricia Aspinwall, who is our Director of Communications. The Facebook page is a great way to get news about what's going on at the Point in an easy and fun way, with the added benefit of being able to make your own comments and contributions. Check it out here:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Sturgeon-Point-Association-SPA/294932620522663>

BEARS

Almost every year at this time we are visited by one or more black bears. This year is no exception. There have been numerous bear sightings over the past month, and the sightings have been increasing in frequency over the last week or so. While we've been fortunate to avoid any nasty bear encounters in our community, remember that bears can be dangerous. Please use caution if you see a bear and stay clear!

The bears probably come back because they are successful when they forage for food around our village. Once they've been successful they will remember and return, looking for more. There are a number of simple things we can all do to reduce the likelihood of bear encounters within our village:

- Put garbage out only on the morning of collection.
- Store garbage in waste containers with tight-fitting lids.
- Put away bird feeders and offer natural alternatives like flowers, nesting boxes and fresh water.
- Clean outdoor grills after each use, including the grease trap underneath.

If you'd like to report a bear problem call the Ministry of Natural Resources' Bear Reporting Line:

MNR Bear Reporting Line: 1-866-514-2327 or 705 945-7641

If you have an emergency involving a bear, call 911.

OTHER NEWS

SLSC The Sturgeon Lake Sailing Club has an ongoing Capital Campaign in support of their new building. This is a very worthy project that brings great benefit to our community. The SLSC has played a central role in Sturgeon Point since the mid-1950s. Over the past winter the club raised a new building and construction activities are ongoing. A September 2012 completion date is expected. You can make a tax-deductible donation to the SLSC's Capital campaign by going directly to their web site: <http://www.slsc.ca/>

Upper Wharf The Upper Wharf Project continues to move forward after great effort by Nelia Steward, Tony Spencer, and a number of other volunteers. A wild flower garden has been planted along the new stairway, and the other gardens are receiving the green thumb treatment as well. The ugly concrete riser has been capped with a beautiful and practical cedar bench. This waterfront space continues to grow in popularity. Please be sure to pay a visit and enjoy it.

Low Water Condition There has been a Level 1 low-water condition declared for the Kawartha watershed. This condition warns of potential water shortages over the coming months. Kawartha Conservation is encouraging a voluntary 10% reduction in all non-essential water usage across the entire watershed. One way you can help here is to use the Lake Water Irrigation system instead of your well for watering your lawn. This relieves some of the load on the groundwater aquifers. The irrigation system is available to most residents in the central core of the village, between the two intersections of Irene/Lake Road. If you're interested in accessing this local utility, please contact Dave Kennedy at (705) 887-4555.

I'd like to end this newsletter with another reminder to watch your speed when you're driving around in Sturgeon Point. There are lots of young children around, both on foot and on bicycle. In a week or two there will be even more of them. Please remember to drive slowly and carefully.

Enjoy the summer!

Sincerely,

Victor Isbrucker
President,
Sturgeon Point Association