

SPA Spring / Summer 2007 Newsletter

Greetings Sturgeon Pointers far and wide.

Well it is that time of year again when we start thinking about another fantastic summer at Sturgeon Point. The spring got off to a great start and the May 24th weekend was one of the best in recent memory. The lilacs were out, daffodils and tulips were in bloom and the weather was warm and sunny. As a result, it proved to be a wonderful weekend for opening cottages, gardening, bike rides and walks around the point and general catching up with friends and neighbours.

Speaking of gardening, don't forget to take advantage of the leaf dump for some great compost, just drive in and take as much as you want, it is free for all residents of the Point. By the way, please remember the leaf dump is only for leaves and grass clippings, not branches, bushes and non-degradable materials.

The Public Beach is open for business; the slide and raft were in before the May 24th weekend in case anyone was brave enough to test the water. Please remember that dogs and glass bottles are not allowed at the beach and make sure you use the garbage cans for any paper waste you might have. All the equipment in the park is in good working order and ready for a summer of fun and games. We are planning on repainting the lines on the shuffleboard this summer to make it a little easier for players to count up their points, if you do use the shuffleboard or basketball net please put the equipment back when you're finished.

We are planning on holding our annual Canada Day celebration once again at the Upper Wharf. This year we'll have a special ceremony to commemorate the "Heritage Designation" of the Rain Shelter. We've commissioned to have a plaque designed and mounted on a large rock similar to the ones at the church and in the park. Mayor McGee and our Councilor, Pete Cziraky have accepted our invitation to attend the ceremony and we are looking forward to having them join us for this special celebration.

The event will be held on Sunday July 1st and will run from 11:30-12:30, with the unveiling of the plaque scheduled for noon. Cake and refreshments will be served to all. We appreciate the timing might be a little tight for churchgoers but we hope that that won't stop them from taking part in the festivities.

Many thanks to everyone who have sent in their 2007 membership dues, Unfortunately we are running a little behind last year's trends but we're optimistic that the response will pick up as we head into summer. Our goal this year is to grow to 270 members and we need everyone's help to reach that number so please renew your membership. We are in the midst of updating the map of residents. Thanks to Maureen McKeller, Jamie Wisner and Ted Graham for vetting last year's map and we hope we have all the comings and goings duly noted before we go to press later this month. The revised map should be

ready for distribution on the July 1st weekend. Once again, the map will be free for members and \$10 for non-members.

On Civic Weekend, SPA will be hosting a Street Dance at the Park on Saturday evening from 8PM until midnight. Sharon Howard has secured the service of a DJ and we look forward to a fun filled night of dancing under the stars. The dance is open to all Sturgeon Pointers young and old. More details will be provided in due course.

The Sturgeon Lake Sailing Club will once again be hosting the biennial Mid Ontario Regatta for Lasers, Laser II's, Laser Radials, Bytes and 420's on the weekend of July 14 and 15. We expect another great turnout as this regatta has become a favourite with sailors throughout the province. Many of the sailors and their parental chaperones will require billeting, basically means the use of your lawn to pitch a tent and use of your washroom facilities etc. This is a great opportunity to demonstrate warmth and friendliness of our community and your hospitality would be much appreciated. If you'd like to provide billeting for our sailing guests, please contact Madge Barr at 887-5992.

Lastly, if you haven't been to our website (www.sturgeonpoint.com) lately I suggest you take a minute to check it out. Our links have been updated; you can get the latest weather and road conditions, see what's playing at the Kinmount theatre or just learn more the history of Sturgeon Point.

Well that is all for now. Have a great start to the summer and we'll be back to you within the next month or so with more updates on the summer activities.

Larry Thomas
President