



Sturgeon Point Association

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Dear Sturgeon Point Members,

Summer is here, although hasn't been as warm as expected. Activities at the Point are proceeding enthusiastically never the less.

SPA hosted our July 4th BBQ to welcome everyone back and to open the second phase of the renewal of our "Park in the Woods". Close to 200 residents of Sturgeon Point gathered together. Children, parents and grandparents all enjoyed the playground, a barbeque lunch, cake and drinks.

Mayor Ric McGee joined us as we recognized all those who have contributed to making the park a success. A ribbon cutting was done on the Pavilion generously donated by John and Sally Horsfall Eaton. As well, a special recognition was given to Bob Barrett, chair of the Fundraising Committee.



Local Projects

The Park is now almost completed. The basketball court has turned out very well (and has also become popular for skateboarding) and a storage shed has been set up at the back of the park. New benches and picnic tables have been installed, and the old garbage bin has been replaced with a new one. Sod and seed have taken well in the areas around the court, the Eaton Pavilion and the storage shed. A porta-potty is now installed in the back of the shed. It will be maintained on a weekly basis until mid-September when it will be removed until next summer. Look for lines to be painted on the basketball court and a new community notice

board to be installed in the near future.

There have been some upgrades to the Public Beach. The raft has been restored, and new safety ropes have been installed to delineate the swim area. To enhance water safety, a new ring buoy and a "shepherd's hook" have been placed in easy reach. In addition to replacing the old ladder on the pier, a set of steps with a railing has been installed to make it easier to get into and out of the shallow water at the base of the pier. The concrete at the base of the pier has been repaired. Finally, new picnic tables, benches, umbrellas, and a garbage bin have been installed.

The Upper Wharf has received some attention too. Foliage has been cleaned up and an inventory of plants and wildflowers has been completed. There are many lovely wildflowers growing, and we are anticipating that new floral additions will be made in the future. New benches and a picnic table have been installed on the site. This area remains a quiet refuge that provides a tranquil alternative to the more open (and sometimes busy) Public Beach area.

We have been fortunate to get two matching grants from the City of Kawartha Lakes. One was specifically for the Public Beach and the second was more generally directed towards beautification. This allowed us to greatly leverage your membership dollars by matching them with those from the City in order to help make these improvements.

COMING EVENTS

Here are several Sturgeon Point events to mark on your calendar.

Date	Event	Location
August 1, 6 p.m.	Street Dance And Barbeque	The Park
	<i>A live band, burgers and hot dogs will bring out young and old to the Park. This is one of the highlights of the summer, and you'll see everybody out boogying on Irene Ave. Do not miss this one.</i>	
August 3	Sturgeon Point Regatta	
	10:00 a.m. Running races and games	Swannanoa (Lake Road)
	2:00 p.m. Swim and canoe races	Public beach
<i>This will be the 171st running of the Regatta! As always, there'll be lots of fun and games for kids and the young at heart.</i>		
September 6, 10:00 a.m.	SPA Annual General Meeting	Sturgeon Point Union Church
	<i>Come and hear about the activities of your community association and make your views about local issues known. This meeting is often attended by representatives of local government and community and environmental organizations. It is at this meeting that new directors are elected to the board.</i>	

SPA Board Members

If you are interested in being on the Board, or know someone who might be interested, please let me know either by responding to this newsletter or by calling me directly at 887-1989. We are actively looking for at least 3 new Board Members.

Membership

Whether you are new to the community or have been here for generations, we strongly encourage you to become a member of our Association by sending in your annual fee of \$35.00. The Sturgeon Point Association continues to do its daily work on behalf of the residents of Sturgeon Point. This is made possible, in large part, to the ongoing support its many members provide through annual membership dues and financial donations.

This work includes maintenance, preservation and enhancement of our village lands such as the Public Beach, Upper Wharf, leaf dump, and our newly renovated Park in the Woods. These lands are held in trust for the residents of Sturgeon Point. In addition, SPA Directors monitor the condition of our roads and street lighting, and continue to interact with other organizations to be aware of water quality and environmental concerns in our area. They also provide a vital communication and information link between our beloved community and the City of Kawartha Lakes – perhaps the most important role, given the unique nature of Sturgeon Point.

To renew or activate a new membership you need to complete a membership form. These are available on the SPA website at <http://www.sturgeonpoint.com>. Navigate to the SPA page, find the link to the membership form and then just print it out. If you don't have access to the internet or you have no printer, no problem. You can request a hardcopy membership form by calling Victor Isbrucker at 887-6221. He'll mail one to you directly or otherwise arrange to get one to you.

Memberships cost \$35.00 per member (not per household). Please make cheques payable to The Sturgeon Point Association. There are several options to submit your completed form along with your payment:

1. Deposit it in our green SPA mailbox, which is located at the Park at the top of Third Street. No stamp necessary! This box is checked daily by a SPA director.
2. Mail your completed forms and cheques to the address indicated on the form.
3. Bring your chequebook with you to any Sturgeon Point community function where you can become a member immediately.

We also encourage any adult children who come to the Point to their parents place to become members on their own. In this way, we will continue to preserve and enhance the quality of life that we have all come to enjoy here at Sturgeon Point for generations to come. We are also appreciative of any donations made over and above the membership fees. As an added encouragement/thank you for becoming a member, SPA has organized a "Thank You Draw" to be held at the Street Dance, August 1st.

If you have a current membership, you will be eligible to win one of ten terrific summer gift baskets to be drawn throughout the evening. Don't forget that you can even sign up to become a member on the spot at the party if you bring your \$35.00 annual fee. You'll be still be eligible to win a prize!

Again, we thank you for your on-going support of our efforts to maintain, preserve and enhance our community.

Fire Regulations

We want to bring every ones attention to the local fire regulations. The threat of fire is always a concern here at the Point because of the high density of cottages and the many pine and cedar trees. This threat becomes even more real as the summer progresses and the vegetation becomes drier. There may be some confusion as to the state of the regulations since the amalgamation of the Village into the Cite of Kawartha Lakes (CoKL). The Open Air Burn Bylaws of the CoKL govern the setting and burning of fires in Sturgeon Point.

A condensed version of that bylaw is attached to the end of this newsletter. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with these bylaws. For those interested, you can find the unedited bylaw on the CoKL web site at <http://www.city.kawarthalakes.on.ca>. Navigate to the Bylaws and Policies page, select Emergency Services, and then open the Open Air Burn document.

PLEASE BE CAREFUL WITH OPEN FIRES!

We look forward to seeing everyone through the summer at the Park, at the street dance, and at the annual meeting. We hope that you are all having a great summer. Please check our website: www.sturgeonpoint.ca. to keep up on all of our news.

Lynne Manning
President
Sturgeon Point Association

The following items have been excerpted from the City of Kawartha Lakes Open Air Burn bylaw. You can read the bylaw in its entirety by navigating to the CoKL web site at <http://www.city.kawarthalakes.on.ca>

A BY-LAW TO REGULATE TIMES DURING WHICH FIRES MAY BE SET IN THE OPEN AIR, THE PRECAUTIONS TO BE OBSERVED BY PERSONS SETTING FIRES AND FOR THE SETTING OF FEES FOR FIRE PERMITS IN THE CITY OF KAWARTHA LAKES

3.01 **No Permit Required:** A person may have an open air fire without obtaining a permit provided all of the conditions below are met, and/or providing no other city-wide or provincial burn bans are in effect:

- (i) the fire area is no larger an 60 cm (24") in diameter;
- (ii) the fire area is supervised at all times by an adult person;
- (iii) the fire area is used to cook food on a grill or barbecue
- (iv) the fire area is used for personal warmth;
- (v) the fire area is within an approved area or pit designed for said use;
- (vi) the fire area does not violate any other laws, by-laws, rules or regulations including rules or regulations passed by any competent authority or otherwise set out in this by-law;
- (vii) the fire area shall be a minimum of five (5) meters from any building or other structures and 5 meters from any fences, trees brush piles or combustible materials.

4.00: Burn Restrictions

- 4.01 No person shall burn in "burn barrels" unless the burn barrel meets the design attached in Schedule "D" to this by-law, complete with ¼" screen top.
- 4.02 No person shall burn grass clippings, or leaves.
- 4.03 No person shall burn in a factory built outdoor fireplace that does not meet the requirements as set out in this by-law.
- 4.04 No person shall set a fire within the City of Kawartha Lakes while a burn ban is imposed for any reason other than for the sole purpose of heating and/or cooking and only when no other means of heating and/or cooking are available. The fire shall be extinguished as soon as the fire is no longer required and it cannot exceed 60cm (24") in size.
- 4.05 No person shall burn material other than wood or wood by-products within the City of Kawartha Lakes.
- 4.06 No person shall burn pressure treated wood.