



Sturgeon Point Association

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Dear Members:

We're headed into another summer season here at the Point. I hope you've all had a wonderful winter. Spring has sprung and what looked brown and lifeless only a few weeks ago is now green and lush. In this newsletter I'd like to go over some of the things that will be happening this spring and summer, and also tell you some of the things that SPA has been working on over the winter. This being the spring newsletter, I'm going to start by reminding you to renew your SPA membership.

2011 SPA MEMBERSHIPS

It is spring and time to renew or purchase your 2011 Sturgeon Point Association (SPA) memberships. The cost is \$35 per individual membership. While membership is voluntary, remember that everyone enjoys the benefits that membership funds support. I encourage all of you to support our Village by being a member of SPA. If you've received this newsletter by email you'll find a membership form attached to the email. If you're reading this on your web-connected computer, then clicking the link below will load up the form directly from our web site. For added convenience, just drop your form with payment into the newly painted SPA mailbox at the Park. No stamp necessary. We check it daily.



Here's the link to the online PDF membership form:

<http://www.sturgeonpoint.com/wp-content/uploads/SPA-2011-Membership-Form.pdf>

ELECTRONIC (ON-LINE) PAYMENT

We are currently working hard to get an on-line payment option capability through our web site. We will be sending out an email when this option is enabled. Expect that note in the next week or so.

Our online payment method will allow anyone with internet access and a credit card (or PayPal account) to pay for their SPA memberships online. For some of you the convenience of online payment will be a very welcome option. For those of you who are not comfortable with online payments, rest assured that we will continue to issue paper and electronic format membership forms that you can fill out and pay for in the usual way.

However you choose to pay, your membership is important. As I'm sure most of you know, SPA is funded through its annual membership fees and donations. Funds are used to maintain and support many of those things that help make this Village so special, including some of the obvious things like the Park in the Woods, the swim raft at the Public Beach, and the outdoor furniture in our public spaces. Social events like the "Welcome to Summer" event in early July, the Civic weekend Street Dance, and of course

the Annual Sturgeon Point Regatta, are all summer highlights that are organized and/or supported by SPA with membership dollars.

One of our major expenses is insurance for the Trust lands. This insurance was renegotiated by SPA last year. Without this insurance we would certainly lose the swim raft at the public beach, and the way we carry on our business here in Sturgeon Point would be very different. Other costs are perhaps not as obvious: the leaf dump and the Upper Wharf need to be maintained, the grass has to be cut, and spring clean-ups need to be arranged and paid for. SPA maintains a web site, and also provides beautification of our Village through the purchase of flowers, trees, and even the Village sign. If you are interested in the details of how the membership dollars and donations are managed, I encourage you to review SPA's annual financial statements. These are posted on our website after each AGM in early September.

Finally, SPA maintains a consistent and positive relationship with the City of Kawartha Lakes, and we believe that this liaison has been both productive and beneficial for our community.

WEB SITE

If you haven't checked out the web site in a while, please give it whirl. You can get to it at www.sturgeonpoint.com. The look has been updated, and I think you'll find it a little easier to navigate. One of the additions is a new calendar page. As you'd expect from this sort of page, we'll be posting our local events here. As an added bonus, the calendar also shows the recycling schedule so we'll know whether its paper or plastic day. No more early morning reconnaissance runs in pajamas to check out what the neighbours put out. (Although lounging around the Point in pajamas is not necessarily a bad idea.)

ROADS

This summer will see Second and Third Streets resurfaced. Tenders for the work are to be assigned by the CoKL this month, and we expect to have a work schedule shortly thereafter. We'll post the schedule on our web site as soon as we have confirmed dates. We are hoping that the road work will be completed before July.

In addition to the two streets, the City has agreed to install a "swale" along the edge of the roadway at the Upper Wharf. The swale, which is a half metre wide gutter made of pavement, will stem further erosion of the path down to the Upper Wharf grounds. The erosion has been accelerated by the new pavement on Irene downhill from the Church. The swale will capture this runoff and direct it to the side of the access way, where it will be directed into the brush. From there it can make its way down to the lake.

Other streets and road sections that require attention will have to wait. We've pointed these areas out to the City, and they have taken note. SPA will continue to keep the City apprised of our needs and expectations.

UPPER WHARF

This year we have targeted the Upper Wharf grounds for some improvement. We intend to improve the foot path in particular, as it has become rather treacherous.

We've applied for and received a grant from the CoKL through the beautification grant program. This matching grant program will help us fund the work. Several options are being explored, including stone steps or a gravel pathway. A final decision will be made once the swale is installed. We are looking for

input on how to improve this area. If you would like to contribute your ideas on how these improvements might be carried out, we'd love to hear your opinions. Please contact me directly.

MAP PROJECT

This year SPA will be producing a revised Sturgeon Point Village Map. The map will include a table of the names of all the cottage and home owners. Similar maps have been printed and distributed occasionally by the Village for many years. They are very useful for learning who your neighbours are. It has been some time since the map was updated and so we decided that this was the year for a refresh. Note that we will not be posting this map on the web.

We've teamed up with the Geomatics Institute at Fleming College in Lindsay. Eric Jordan is working with dedicated team of students to produce the hard copy map for us. Under Eric's guidance the same team is also working on a second map-related project. This interesting project will result in an interactive web-based map application that will use a map of the Village to show the history of the Point. The application will include a number of old photographs and descriptive text to show what the Point looked like through its history. We are very much looking forward to the results.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

Below is a table with the major social events for the summer. We'll be posting news about these and other events on the web as the summer progresses.

Event	Place	Time & Date	Notes
Community Pitch In/Clean Up	Park in the Woods	May 21, 9:00 a.m.	Village clean up bee
Annual July Celebration	Park in the Woods	July 2, 12:00 p.m.	Celebrate Canada Day and meet the neighbours
Annual Civic Holiday BBQ and Street Dance	Park in the Woods	July 30, 6:00 p.m.	Food, music and dancing!
Sturgeon Point Regatta	Swannanoa (a.m.) Public Beach (p.m.)	August 1, 10:00a.m. August 1, 2:00 p.m.	The 173nd running of the Sturgeon Point Regatta.

STURGEON POINT HOTEL POSTER

Last year we produced and sold a reproduction of poster of the original Sturgeon Point Hotel. The original poster was donated to SPA after being discovered in an abandoned farm house in the small town of Clandeboye, Manitoba. The posters sold out very quickly, and a number of people have since asked for an opportunity to purchase one. In order to give everyone a chance to own one of these beautiful posters we will be printing another short run this summer. We can't afford to carry excess stock of these posters, so we are asking that anyone interested in purchasing a copy to get on the order list by contacting me directly at victor@sturgeonpoint.com. We are aiming to have the posters ready for the Regatta Weekend. Final price is yet to be determined, but will be approximately \$75.00/copy. Look for a thorough description of this artwork on the SPA web site in the coming weeks.

That's all the news that fits onto three pages. See you all soon.

Sincerely,

Victor Isbrucker
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Sturgeon Point Association