



Sturgeon Point Association

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Hello Sturgeon Pointers and Friends:

We're just about hitting the halfway point of Summer 2012. If you're a glass-half-full type of person then you'll be excited at the prospect of an event-filled month coming up with plenty of summer still to enjoy. If you're a glass-half-empty type, well then let me reassure you that there's an event-filled month coming up with plenty of summer still to enjoy. If the rest of the summer is like the first half, we're in for lots of sun and hot weather.

In this newsletter I'd like to remind all of you about the social events we'll be seeing over the coming weeks. I'll also update you on some of the things that SPA has been working on.

SOCIAL EVENTS

This year's Canada Day event was well-attended and served as a great kick-off to the 2012 social calendar here in Sturgeon Point. A new Canadian Flag was raised on the refurbished flag pole, and we received a visit from Mayor McGee and Councillor Brian Junkin.

On July 7th the First Annual Frog Jog was held. It was a tremendous success. The rain cleared up just before the start, and there were approximately 60 participants! Thanks to all who participated and to those volunteers who helped keep everybody safe and on course. I want to extend a special thanks to Rosemary Stochel who did a fine job of organising and managing this new event. Given the great response we will certainly be "running" this event again next year.

COMING EVENTS

There are plenty of events to tell you about. I've put most of them in a table, which you'll find on the next page. I've also included a few details below the table. Remember that you'll find more information about these and other events on the following web sites:

Sturgeon Point Association: www.sturgeonpoint.com

Sturgeon Lake Sailing Club: www.slsc.ca/

Sturgeon Point Golf Club: www.sturgeonpointgolf.com/

Sturgeon Point United Church: www.sturgeonpoint.com/church/

Community Events Calendar August – Sept. 2012			
Event	Place	Time & Date	Notes
Ontario Laser Masters Championship	SLSC	Sat – Sun, July 28 – 29, full days	Provincial level sailing competition. Watch from shore!
Civic Holiday Open Regatta	SLSC	Sat, Aug 4, 9:00 a.m.	Open to sailors in all classes.
Annual Civic Holiday BBQ and Street Dance	Park in the Woods	Sat, Aug 4, 6:00 p.m.	Food, music and dancing!
Church Service	Union Church	Sun, Aug. 5, 10:30 a.m.	Doug Norris, Rosedale United Church, and Salvation Army Food Drive
Sturgeon Point Regatta	The 174th running of the Sturgeon Point Regatta.		
	Public Beach	Sun, Aug. 5, 2:00 p.m.	Swimming and canoe races
	Swannanoa	Mon, Aug. 6 10:00 a.m.	Running and novelty races
Sailing Regatta Prize Giving	Rose Hill (DesBrisay Compound)	Sun, Aug. 5 6:00 p.m.	Everyone welcome! Home made burgers and desert. (There will be a small cost for food.)
Skins Game	Golf Club	Mon, Aug 6, 5:00 p.m.	Members and guests welcome.
Historical Sailing Canoe Clinic	Sailing Club	Fri, Aug. 10. 2:00 p.m.	John Summers, General Manager, Canadian Canoe Museum
History Project Speakers Series	Union Church	Sat, Aug 11, 9:30 a.m.	John Summers, General Manager, Canadian Canoe Museum
Environment Meeting	Union Church	Sat, Aug 25, 10:00 a.m.	Local environmental- related presentations (further details below)
SPA AGM	Union Church	Sun, 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. – 4 p.m.	“Open Doors” and historical photographs at all three sites.

ONTARIO LASER MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP – JULY 28TH – 29TH, STURGEON LAKE SAILING CLUB

This weekend the Sturgeon Lake Sailing Club will once again be hosting the Ontario Laser Masters Competition. This competition keeps coming back to our community because the SLSC does such a great job of hosting. At least part of that success is due to the good reputation for hospitality shown by our village year after year. Many of the competitors and visitors rely on the generosity of our community for beds and breakfast during their stay. Thanks to all of you who welcome sailors into your homes and cottages.

CIVIC HOLIDAY WEEKEND AUGUST – AUG 4TH TO AUG 6TH

Also known as “Regatta Weekend”, the August long weekend is the busiest weekend of the year in Sturgeon Point. It is crammed with events for just about everybody. The individual events and dates are listed in the Events Table. Following are short descriptions of some of the events.

CIVIC HOLIDAY OPEN REGATTA –AUG 4, 9:30 A.M., STURGEON LAKE SAILING CLUB

This is a one day regatta for 420s, Lasers, Radials, Picos, Bytes, Optimists, and an open handicap class. The regatta is open to all sailors. To register simply show up at the SLSC at 9:00 a.m. on race day. Check out the SLSC web site or phone the sailing club at (705) 887-5110 for more details.

Prizes for the Open Regatta will be awarded at the magnificent Rose Hill on Sunday, August 5th, at 6:00 p.m. This event is open to sailors and non-sailors alike. There'll be homemade burgers and desert available. A small fee of \$5 for kids and \$10 for adults will be charged to offset the cost of food and festivities.

STREET DANCE & BBQ – AUG 4, 6:00 P.M., PARK IN THE WOODS

This is the biggest event of the year and gives all of us a chance to let our hair down and enjoy an evening of food, music, and dance under the pine trees. Before the Park renovation happened we used to dance in the street – that's how the event got its name. Now we dance on the Dance Pad which serves double duty as a basketball court on every other day of the year.

There will be burgers and hot dogs as well as refreshments. Everybody is welcome and its free of charge. The BBQ's will start cooking at about 6:00 p.m. and the music gets going at about 8:00 p.m.

This year we're looking for a few volunteers for the important and glamorous job of DJ. If you'd rather avoid the glamour but know what you'd like to hear we're also giving everyone a chance to submit song requests. Here is how you can volunteer or send in your requests:

1. Leave a comment on our web page under any of the posts about the Street Dance;
2. Leave a comment on our Facebook page (you can link to it from the SPA website);
3. Email us at spa@sturgeonpoint.com

UNION CHURCH'S SALVATION ARMY FOOD DRIVE – CIVIC WEEKEND

The Union Church is conducting a food drive on behalf of the Salvation Army. Church volunteers will be dropping off empty grocery bags at homes and cottages all around the Point sometime over the Civic Holiday Weekend. Please fill the bag with non-perishable items. Volunteers will be picking up the bags on Monday afternoon (August 6th) between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Just leave your bag at your front step or porch for collection. Alternatively, you can drop off your food donation at Sunday's Church Service (10:30 a.m.) or at Monday's running races at Swannanoa.

THE 174TH STURGEON POINT REGATTA – AUG 5TH AND 6TH

Everyone is welcome to this historic event. The water events will be held on Sunday, August 5th at 2:00 p.m. at the Public Beach. We had a better turnout than ever at this event last year. There are events for all ages, and some pretty crazy ones too.

The running races will be held on the beautiful front lawn of Swannanoa on the morning of Monday, August 6th at 10 a.m. This is the "marquee" event of the Regatta. It's fun whether you're a spectator or a participant. As usual we'll have running races for all ages, and the novelty races are always hilarious. We'll be keeping up the "group photo" tradition that was started a few years ago too. It's a chance to get almost the entire village and their friends into one photograph. Make sure you and the whole family get in on the shot!

Liane Kennedy will be presenting photos of Second Street on the morning of the running races. If you have any old photos of Second Street please let Liane know. You can reach her at (705) 887-3419.

See you all at the Regatta!

HISTORY PROJECT SPEAKERS SERIES – AUG 11, 9:30 A.M. UNION CHURCH

This is the third and last of the Speakers Series. John Summers of the Canadian Canoe Museum will speak on the history of sailing canoes. Note that John will also be running a clinic for the junior sailors and other interested community members Friday, August 10, at 2:00 p.m. at the sailing club.

ENVIRONMENT MEETING – AUG. 25, 10:00 A.M. UNION CHURCH

This year's Environment meeting will take place later in the summer than it did last year. We'll be hosting a number of short, informative presentations designed to bring us all up to speed on current issues and activities related to our local waterways and the work that is being done to improve and protect the health of our local environment. Presentations will be given by the key people involved in these activities, so you'll be hearing the news from the front. These issues impact everything from the simple enjoyment of a swim in the lake to the health of the local economy. Please join us for what is sure to be an interesting morning. There'll be refreshments served after the presentations to allow attendees and presenters a chance to talk in an informal setting.

A partial list of speakers is presented here:

- Mike Hendren of the Kawartha Heritage Conservancy;
- Dave Pridham of Kawartha Conservation
- Sharon King, Kawartha Protect our Water (KPOW)
- Ric McGee, Mayor, CoKL
- Chris Appleton, Chair, Lindsay –Ops Landfill Public Review Committee

We're also hoping to have representatives of Kawartha Conservation's Blue Canoe program provide us with a short presentation after which they may be available for visits to local shorelines with property owners. A final agenda will be posted in the weeks ahead of the meeting.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – SEPT. 2, 10:00 A.M. UNION CHURCH

The SPA AGM will include a number of reports on SPA's ongoing activities. This year four directors will be stepping down and new directors nominated to replace them. The AGM is a community meeting – this is where you can come and express your concerns and discuss issues related to your community. I encourage anyone with an interest in the community to attend. Refreshments to follow.

DOORS OPEN – SEPT 9TH UNION CHURCH, UPPER WHARF, GOLF CLUB

The Village will be participating in the Doors Open program on Sunday, Sept 9. This year's participating sites are centred on the Fenelon Falls area and the Village of Sturgeon Point. We'll be showcasing three historic sites right here in the Village. Liane Kennedy is preparing presentations of historic photographs for each site. These sites form a natural circuit from the Church to the Upper Wharf and then onto the Golf Course where visitors can stop in for a refreshment. While this event will be sure to attract some interested visitors to our community, it should prove to be a nice opportunity for all of us Sturgeon Pointers to walk around and be tourists in our own community.

You can find more information about the Doors Open program at the following link:

<http://www.doorsopenontario.on.ca/Events/Kawartha-Lakes.aspx>

2012 SPA MEMBERSHIPS

We had a great start to our annual membership drive this year, but we haven't yet met our membership objective. If you haven't yet submitted your membership form along with the annual membership fee, then please do so today. Our responsibilities to manage the Trust Lands cannot be met without adequate funding, and the primary source for that funding comes from the annual membership revenues.



An individual annual membership costs \$35, and we urge every adult member of the community to be a SPA member. SPA is run by a volunteer Board that represents the community, and we spend your dollars only on those things that maintain Sturgeon Point's historic character and make it a better place for all of us to be. Membership is voluntary but we do hope that everyone sees the value in what SPA does for the community.

You can print out a membership form or you can pay by credit card online from the same web page:

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

If you need a hard copy membership form then please contact me directly and I'll make sure you get one.

Please join today!

ROADS

You may have noticed that some of our street signs are a little worse for wear and tear. Street signs are under the jurisdiction of the City of Kawartha Lakes (CoKL). Unfortunately the City could only offer the new standard metal street signs, identical to those installed on the streets of Lindsay. We felt that our hand-painted signs are part of the historic character of Sturgeon Point and we were unwilling to accept the metal signs. After some back and forth between the City and SPA, the CoKL have agreed to pay for the installation of any new wooden posts that must be replaced. SPA will be responsible for the painted street signs. The new signs have now been painted by John Lyon and delivered. They are identical to the existing street signs. The new posts will be installed by the CoKL's Public Works Dept. sometime in the fall.

The City met us halfway on this issue, and I think that we arrived at a reasonable solution. I'd like to thank the Public Works Dept for agreeing to install the posts, to our own Eric Jordan for managing this project, and especially to Councillor Brian Junkin for working on our behalf at City Hall.

CRITTER REPORT

Bear reports seem to be down compared to recent years, but sightings are still being reported, with the most recent being yesterday on Forest Road. Please exercise caution if you see a bear. This year there appears to be faced with a higher than normal population of raccoons. These critters are responsible for most of the garbage raiding in our community. Please keep your garbage in raccoon-proof bins or garbage cans.

Sturgeon Point is also hosting several families of foxes. While these creatures tend to keep to themselves and not be too much of a nuisance, please exercise caution when dealing with them.

CLOSING

That's plenty of information for this edition of the SPA newsletter. I hope to see many of you at our events in the coming weeks. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Sincerely,

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