



Sturgeon Point Association

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Greetings SPA Members,

The trees and grass are getting greener by the minute and the sheep have been shorn. That can only mean that Spring has sprung! We have had some glorious weather lately and I sure hope it stays with us. For those who are unaware, the water levels in the Kawarthas reached record levels with the run-off this year. There was flooding in several areas and Sturgeon Lake was one of them. Things are getting back to normal now and I have heard from a couple of people that their kids have already been swimming! BRRR!

Membership for the 2013 season:

Included with this newsletter is your membership form for this season. We appreciate everyone who takes out a membership every year as it ensure that we can continue to maintain our little slice of heaven and offer some fun social events too! Please note that memberships are for individual adults so each person in your household who is 18 years of age or older should register as a member. You will notice that the membership fee has increased slightly this year to keep up with the elevating operating costs we incur. An outline of these expenses is also included in this package for your reference.

Civic Holiday Regatta - 175th Anniversary:

This year marks the 175th running of the Civic Holiday Regatta! Our community has a wonderful history of camaraderie and neighbourly competition on and off the water. There will be a photo display and presentation at the annual BBQ & Dance to celebrate this tradition. We will have t-shirts and pennants available for purchase to commemorate this milestone. Samples will be available for ordering purposes in the first half of the season with delivery on or before Civic weekend. Pricing and details will be available shortly. A big thank you to Ryan Brown for lending his design talents and creating the wonderful logo at the top of this newsletter.

Events:

We are in the process of finalizing a comprehensive events calendar for the 2013 season and will have it posted as soon as possible. Like last year, this calendar will list all the events hosted by SPA, the Golf Club, the Sailing Club, and the Church. In the mean time, please see the list below for preliminary information on some events that are coming up:

- *Environment Meeting* – Saturday, June 22nd at 10:00 am - topics/speakers TBA
- *Canada Day BBQ* – Sunday, June 30th at 12:00 pm
- *Bike Swap* – Immediately following the Canada Day BBQ – bring bikes your kids have grown out of to trade with other families!
- *Civic Holiday BBQ & Dance* – Saturday, August 3rd at 6:00 pm

Bear Safety:

It is bear season again and we've already had a report of a bear event. The garbage box at the Sailing Club was visited by (presumably) a bear this week as someone had put food garbage in it. I am happy to report that the box survived. This does bring to the forefront that we need to be mindful of bears and do everything we can to discourage them from visiting our garbage bins. Please visit the Ministry of Natural Resources web page for information on how to be "Bear Wise": <http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/Bearwise/index.html>

If you do see a bear in the village please let SPA and your neighbours know and call the MNR Bear Reporting Line at: 1-866-514-2327.

Roads & Maintenance:

There is a lot of sand on the roads from the winter and this can cause quite a cloud of dust as cars drive through the village. The City will be sending street sweeping equipment to tidy up our roads in approximately two weeks. The potholes on Henry St and Forest Rd have been reported to the City and we are hopeful to have them filled shortly. Light bulbs in the street lights have been replaced recently. If you see any that are burned out, please let us know and we will inform the City.

Leaf Dump:

The leaf dump, located on the north side of Irene Avenue with access near the top of 1st St, is open to all Sturgeon Pointers for disposal of leaves. This is one of the Trustee Lands on the Point that is maintained by SPA through your membership dues and donations. As you tackle your spring yard work please keep in mind that the only acceptable material for dumping in this location is leaves/pine needles. There have been reports of construction and other household waste being left at our dump; these materials are NOT acceptable. Any grass clippings, brush, downed branches, flower pots or other waste must be taken to one of the CoKL municipal landfills. You can find their locations, hours of operation and tipping fees on the CoKL website:

<http://www.city.kawarthalakes.on.ca/residents/solid-waste-services/landfill-information>

(There are no tipping fees for brush and yard waste up to 3" in diameter.) We appreciate your help in keeping maintenance costs down at the leaf dump by ensuring that undesirable materials are directed accordingly.

Volunteers Needed:

Calling all Sturgeon Pointers and friends of the community!

SPA is looking for help from any and all members of the community, whether it is for 5 minutes or 5 hours. All help is appreciated! Below are descriptions of the help we are currently looking for. We are sure there is something for everyone so, please contact us (spa@sturgeonpoint.com) if you have any time to help us. Any of these volunteer positions would be great for students looking for community hours!

175th Civic Weekend Anniversary

There are some special things planned for this weekend, but we need help! We are looking for people to help out at all the fun events (Civic BBQ & Dance, Running Races, Water Races), people to help with the coordinating and selling of the memorabilia items, and people to help put together some historic displays.

Social Events

Do you have a favourite social event at the Point? Do you love doing some of the behind the scenes organizing? Or do you just like to help out where a BBQer is needed? Our Social Director is looking for volunteers to help out at the SPA events. What role you take and for which event/s is up to you.

Social Media / Webpage

Are you a fan of Social Media? Always on facebook or love designing websites? Well then you are the right person to help the Communication Director. She is looking for someone to help out with all of SPA's social media and website related tasks.

Sturgeon Point History Project:

As mentioned previously, Liane Kennedy has stepped down from her duties as coordinator of the project. At this time the History Project is looking for volunteers to take over where Liane has left off. If you are interested please contact the Project at stptphotoproject@hotmail.com or visit the blog at <http://stpthistoryproject.blogspot.ca/>.

See you around the village in the coming weeks!

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