



# Sturgeon Point Association

84 Irene Avenue, Sturgeon Point, Ontario, K0M 1N0

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Dear Sturgeon Pointers:

Welcome to summer at Sturgeon Point. This year the early spring weather has made it feel like we've been into summer for a long while already. I hope you're all getting a chance to enjoy the warm breezes and maybe even a dip in the lake. The water warmed up early this year too.

Summer Social Events

Event	Place	Time & Date	Notes
Annual July Celebration	Park in the Woods	July 3, 12:00 p.m.	Celebrate Canada Day, enjoy a hotdog, and mingle with the neighbours.
Local conservation meeting and discussion	Sturgeon Point Union Church	July 10, 10:00 a.m.	The Kawartha Conservation Authority
Annual Civic Holiday BBQ and Street Dance	Park in the Woods	July 31, 6:00 p.m.	Food, music and dancing!
Sturgeon Point Regatta	Swannanoa (a.m.) Public Beach (p.m.)	August 2, 10:00a.m. August 2, 2:00 p.m.	The 172 <sup>nd</sup> running of the Regatta.

The Sturgeon Point Association Board has been busy planning activities for the summer. The table above gives you the summary, here are a few of the details.

You won't want to miss the **July celebration at the Park**. We call it the Canada Day Celebration, but it will be on Saturday July 3<sup>rd</sup> because that's just a more convenient day for everybody. There will be hotdogs, drinks, and Canada Day Cake. This is a great opportunity to come out and meet your friends and neighbours. The Sturgeon Point History Project will be there to display some items of historical significance to the Point as well.

On Saturday, July 10, Rob Messervey of The Kawartha Conservation Authority is coming to talk with us about the Sturgeon Lake Plan. This initiative aims to develop a long term management plan for our lake. SPA has been invited to take part in this initiative, and was represented at some of the formative meetings. Rob will review the objectives of the plan and how the project will operate. Rob will also discuss how shoreline owners and associations such as ours can make individual and collective contributions toward healthy shorelines and a healthier lake. Expect a broad ranging and informative discussion.

I probably don't have to remind you about the activities on the Civic Weekend. On Saturday evening there will be a BBQ and Dance at the Park. Music will be provided by a DJ this year, so there'll be a non-stop train of hits. Bring your dancing shoes and bring the kids. The Park will be hopping.

You get one day off to recover from dancing before the annual Sturgeon Point Regatta, which will take place on Monday, August 2, much like it has for the past 171 years. As per usual, there will be running races and games for all ages in the morning and then swimming and canoeing races in the afternoon.

Membership

We want to remind you (again) of the importance of taking out a membership to SPA. Some of the membership fees are used to fund the social activities listed above. Most of the fees go towards

maintenance and management of the playground (Park in the Woods), the public beach, the Upper Wharf and the Leaf Dump. As with everything else, the maintenance costs associated with these properties, including insurance premiums, continue to climb. I'm sure that many of you appreciate that these properties contribute significantly to the unique quality of life we enjoy here at the Point. We depend on membership fees to continue this work.

The cost of a membership is \$35 per person. Please consider a membership for all of the adult members of your household or cottage.

Membership forms are available at our website: [www.sturgeonpoint.com](http://www.sturgeonpoint.com). You can print one off and drop it into the green mail box at the Park with a cheque for your annual membership fee, or you can just mail it to us. If you'd rather get a hardcopy delivered, just call Victor at (705) 887-6221 and ask for one.

#### Roads

As many of you have noticed, road repairs have begun. We have been told that the repairs will last less than 3 weeks, weather permitting. The road repairs will cover all of Lake Road from the Sturgeon Point Road to Irene, and along a short section of Irene Ave from the Upper Wharf to the Church. The work involves the removal of 10 centimetres (4 inches) of old asphalt and material and the laying down of gravel and a new asphalt surface. Lake Road will not be widened, as some feared, but will keep its original width. We hope that 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets will receive similar treatment next year.

#### Sailing Club needs Beds

This year our very own Sturgeon Lake Sailing Club (SLSC) has been selected to host the Canadian Laser Masters Championships from July 23 to 25. Every year Sturgeon Point has welcomed the participants of Provincial and National level competitions by hosting them within our small community. This was often done by providing a small part of a yard for young sailors to set up tents.

This year, because the Masters competition involves mature sailors from 35 up to 75(!) years of age, the club is looking for beds rather than outdoor space to pitch a tent. No meals will need to be provided – sailors will be fed communally at the sailing club and elsewhere. Sailors will also provide their own bedding. If you think you can provide a bed or two for some sailors, please contact the SLSC at [masters@slsc.ca](mailto:masters@slsc.ca). They will be thrilled to hear from you.

#### History

This past winter SPA was very fortunate to receive a donation of a unique piece of our history: an original poster of the Sturgeon Point Hotel. This poster was found in Clandeboye Manitoba about thirty years ago in an old abandoned farm house. That farmhouse burned down some years later, making the recovery of the poster even more remarkable. The finder, James Kostelniuk, recently decided to donate this historical document to us. The poster is quite beautiful to look at, and it is the only one in existence to our knowledge. (We are still looking for other examples of this poster.) We intend to show this poster at the July Celebration. Please drop by to take a look.

Sincerely,

Lynne Manning

President,

Sturgeon Point Association