



STURGEON POINT NEWSLETTER, JULY 2008

Dear Sturgeon Point Members,

We are very green up here these days. It has been a wet summer so far. However, we are doing well at Sturgeon Point this summer. I would like to bring everyone up to date with what has been happening and what is still to come.

Park Restoration

On June 28th, we officially opened the Playground. We had Mayor McGee, Councillor Pete Cziraky and Rudy Huisman, Director of Finance at the City in attendance. All had been very supportive of our efforts in getting the City to issue tax receipts for us, and we also benefited from the CoKL's 50/50 grant of \$7,500.00. We are pleased that the playground is well used, loved by the kids and has been a great place for children, parents and grandparents to meet. We are pleased that the playground has been completely funded and we thank all of you who have donated.

There are two other phases yet to come. The Village Office has been sold and will be removed shortly. In that location, we are very pleased to announce that The John C. and Sally Horsfall Eaton Foundation has pledged to provide a shelter called the Eaton Pavilion, which will be a great place for picnics, to sit in shade and many other activities. It will be a pre-engineered structure, clean lines and colours closely matching the playground. It will be low maintenance, which is important for anything that we do.

The last piece is taking the existing shuffleboard courts and pulling it all together into one multi-use court, which will allow for basketball, shuffleboard, etc. This piece has turned out to be more difficult than we first anticipated and has required a structural engineer to do structural drawings for us, so that we have something that will last. We will also be putting in a shed and porta-potty area

We are still fundraising for the last piece, which has turned out to be much more expensive than anticipated. Therefore, again I ask those who haven't donated to please consider giving a donation, however small.

We hope that the cement area will be finished in August, with the shelter to be completed in the fall.

I would like to recognize sizable donations that have come from the McLean Foundation, the Flavelle Foundation, and The Sturgeon Point Union Church

The purpose of the effort being put in this year is to have a space that will be suitable for many generations to come and will act as a community gathering place for families.

I also want to thank the Park Committee, chaired by Greg Taylor, with Jalyn Anderson, Lisa Vehrs, Debra Taylor and Simon Aspinwall. They all did an outstanding job.

I also want to thank the Fundraising Committee, chaired by Bob Barrett, with Tom Anders, and Maureen McKellor, supported by Jill Hunt and myself. Bob was tireless in his efforts and we would not have been as successful as we have been, without his energy, enthusiasm and creative ideas.

170th Sturgeon Point Regatta Weekend

The Sturgeon Lake Sailing Club will host their annual Civic Holiday Regatta on Saturday, August 2nd, 2008. Registration starts at 9am, the Skippers' meeting is at 10am and the first start at 11am. There are often sailing club boats available and there will be a Laser fleet and a Handicap fleet as well, so please come out and join us! The parent child races for students registered in White II and III are on Sunday starting at 1pm. Prize giving and the BBQ dinner start at 6pm at Rosehill and everyone is welcome, sailors and non-sailors alike! Adults \$15 Children \$10. For more information, call SLSC at 887-5110 or see the website www.slsc.ca.

The Street Dance will be held on Saturday, August 2nd, from 6p.m. to 11p.m. This event is a multi-generational celebration, with SPA providing Hamburgers (Meat and Vegetarian), Hot Dogs (the same), cake, pop and water. Please feel free to bring along anything else that you would like. Also bring your children and your guests to join with the community to celebrate 170 years of Sturgeon Point History. The location is on the street in front of the playground. Bring along lawn chairs if you wish. There will be a DJ, so lots of music, fun and friends. We received a grant from CoKL for this event as they recognized the history of "the Point".

Running races and swimming races will commence at 10:00 a.m. on Monday on the front lawn of Swannanoa. The swimming and canoe races are at 2:00 p.m. at the Public Dock.

Public Beach

There is a new committee, chaired by Chris Appleton, with Don Holloway, Liz Speller, and Debra Taylor charged to look at giving the Public Beach some care. You will be receiving a survey regarding the Public Beach. It is the next location under Spa's care that needs to be considered. As most of you know, we could not put the slide back in this year, as it was truly not safe. The survey will help us understand what the community would like to see there and we will work towards that in the future.

Just another item on the beach. Please do not park at the beach or bring your dogs. There is a sign down there that mentions this, but it still happens.

New Directors

We are looking for 3 new directors to be elected at the Annual General Meeting on August 31. If you are interested, or know of anyone who is, please call the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Chris Appleton at 887-3843 or myself at 887-1989. I encourage anyone who has any interest in becoming involved to step up. We have a wonderful group of directors, with great enthusiasm and energy. Notice of the meeting will be sent out soon.

Membership

I just want to remind everyone to renew his or her SPA membership. The price is \$25 per person per household. We hope that multiple members and many generations in each house, if yours works that way, will join. We hopefully have shown to you the importance of this association. If you haven't joined, please bring your cheque to the Street Dance and Maureen will be selling memberships there.

Sailing Club Gala

The sailing club gala will be held on August 9th. The theme this year will be Mardi Gras. Tickets are available from any Sailing Club director.

Other news

This week a fisherman suffered a heart attack near the sailing club. Andrew Read and Evan Burt, 2 of the instructors, went out to help the gentleman, brought him on to shore and performed CPR until the ambulance arrived. The EMS has commended these young men, saying that without them he wouldn't be alive. While these instructors were doing their work, the others were keeping the young sailing club members occupied. Well done everyone.

Consequently, the EMS has offered to do a "CPR anytime" course on August 20th – 12:30 – 2:30 for the public. If you are interested, please call the sailing club to register. Also, you need to bring a pillow.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the events on the Civic Weekend and hope that you are having a good summer.

Sincerely,

Lynne Manning
President
Sturgeon Point Association