

# DELTA PILOT.

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## ARVIN RISKIE NAMED 2020 DELTA CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Our Village is full of people worth celebrating! They are our neighbours, people who care about others, adults who give more than they take for the betterment of the community. These caring leaders are found throughout the Delta area and they set an example for others to follow. Their contributions, as informal volunteers, make life brighter for us all.

Sponsored by the Delta Agricultural Society, this award is intended to recognize the numerous unpaid, voluntary contributions made behind the scenes which provide extraordinary help, care, and leadership to groups in the community over a long period of time.



Arvin Riskie is a member of the Delta United Church where he contributes an endless amount of time and energy. He has been a member of the Church Council for several years where he enjoys leading in several of the social activities at the church. As a fund-raising event, Arvin cooks egg mc muffins and hash browns at the Church for the Saturday morning breakfast program at which 15-20 people regularly attend. He also cooks for Church Breakfasts and suppers and for special occasions involving the Christian Education Committee and their families. He always cleans up after these events with a warm smile, great pride and satisfaction.

Arvin has been a member of Beverley Senior Citizen's Club #460 since 2008 and has received a 10-year Volunteer Service Award from the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Culture for his efforts. He regularly attends the monthly meetings with his wife Sheila where he keeps the group entertained with his short stories and jokes.

Delta area students attending South Crosby Public School also benefit from Arvin's kind and generous nature as each Thursday morning he prepares food for the students' breakfast club. Arvin shines as a grandfather figure to the students and makes their happiness a priority. He is comforting to those students that seem a little sad on a particular day. He makes a point of getting to know them and to ask about how they are doing. He remembers the likes and dislikes of the students and carries on conversations with them that makes them feel special. He has a wonderful sense of humour which is appreciated by staff and students. He takes the time to simply chat and have a laugh but most importantly, he has earned the trust and admiration of the staff and students by being an exceptional person of character.

Arvin is a loving family man as he adores his wife Sheila and their children Karen, Colleen, Brent, and their grandchildren. And of course, he adores his dog, Lexie.

**Photo (l-r):** Vivian Morris presented the Citizen of the Year Award to Arvin Riskie.

## YOUTH AWARD OF EXCELLENCE PRESENTED TO AUTUMN FERGUSON

The Youth Volunteer Award of Excellence was created to recognize the outstanding achievements of Delta's youth. The personal commitment of time and effort made by our youth are valuable contributions to the quality of life within the community. The leaders of tomorrow are among the many youth volunteers of today!



This award is sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #207 and The Delta Agricultural Society.

**Photo (l-r):**

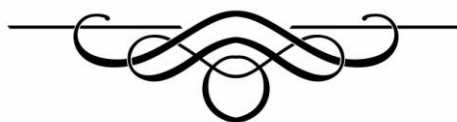
Autumn Ferguson (centre) receives the award from William Morris (left) and Pat Phillips (right).

Congratulations to Autumn Ferguson, the 2020 recipient. Autumn began her volunteer career with the Delta Athletic and Recreation Society in 2013 when the Society recruited residents to assist with winter recreation programs and fund-raising activities.

Autumn also joined the Delta Agricultural Society in 2013 as a Junior Director; a position which she still holds today. In 2018, she received a Youth Volunteer Award from the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Culture in recognition of her contributions. Autumn assists the various committee volunteers in preparing the grounds, buildings and displays prior to the fair. During the fair, Autumn once again gives freely of her time to assist in hosting various events such as Children's Activities (children's tractor pull, baby show, and children's races), the placement of Homecraft exhibits prior to judging and working with the judges during the selection period, and the supervision of animals and activities in the Animal Land Building.

Autumn is also very active with extracurricular activities at Rideau District High where, as a member of Students' Council, she is the Spirit and Dance Coordinator. She volunteers during her lunch time, after school hours and during the weekend to coordinate events that improve the school atmosphere and spirit. During the 2019-2020 school year, Autumn was very instrumental as the Logistics and Planning Director in organizing Rideau's Relay for Life which raised over \$33,000!

Regardless of the task at hand, Autumn approaches each project with enthusiasm and professionalism. Her pleasant, outgoing, and respectful personality allows her to positively interact with the volunteers and her infectious passion allows her to involve additional youth volunteers in the event. Autumn is the ideal role model for the youth within our community.



## LEVAC PROPANE SUPPORTS THE DELTA COMMUNITY



Thanks to the generosity of LEVAC Propane Inc., food banks and charitable organizations throughout Eastern Ontario have been receiving a much-needed financial boost. With a fundraising goal of \$30,000, 5 cents from every litre of propane delivered by the rainbow propane truck during the sixteen-week campaign is returned to the local community. During the week of the Delta campaign, 44,905.3 litres of propane were delivered.

**Photo (l-r):**

LEVAC Driver Phil presented a donation cheque in the amount of \$2,245.27 to Delta Community Food Bank volunteers Jana Curtis and Amy Gray.



# RIDEAU LAKES PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Watch for our September upcoming events**

- Parnie's Fun Art Paint Parties
- Author Talk with Katie Tallo
- Betty's Sign Studio Workshop
- and more for October

Stay tuned for upcoming kids programming

For more information contact [lauralee@rlpl.ca](mailto:lauralee@rlpl.ca)

Visit [WWW.RLPL.CA](http://WWW.RLPL.CA)

**Check out our new library cards!**  
**Not a member yet or want to refresh your card.**  
**Head over to [www.rlpl.ca](http://www.rlpl.ca) or visit your local branch**



**At the Rideau Lakes Public Library during Stage 3**

**You are welcome to:**

- Browse for materials.
- Use your own device with wifi or book a computer for 45 minutes.
- Keep using Curbside pick-up.

**We need you to:**

- Wear a mask.
- Wash or clean your hands when you enter and leave.
- Keep a physical distance of 2m (6 ft).
- Review a screening checklist for Covid-19 symptoms.

**If you feel unwell please "Stay Home & Stay Safe"!**

Register for our Monthly Newsletter



**Follow us on Facebook &/or Instagram**  
(Ask about joining our Virtual Book Club on Facebook)

Check out our Digital Collections available 24/7



### WE ARE OPEN FOR BROWSING

Branch	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<b>Delta</b> 613-928-2991 <a href="mailto:delta@rlpl.ca">delta@rlpl.ca</a>	x	x	4 - 6	x	2 - 4	x	10 - 12
<b>Elgin</b> 613-359-5315 <a href="mailto:elgin@rlpl.ca">elgin@rlpl.ca</a>	x	4 - 6	2 - 6	2 - 4	10 - 12	2 - 4	10 - 12
<b>Newboro</b> 613-272-0241 <a href="mailto:newboro@rlpl.ca">newboro@rlpl.ca</a>	x	x	4 - 6	x	2 - 4	10 - 12	10 - 12
<b>Portland</b> 613-272-2832 <a href="mailto:portland@rlpl.ca">portland@rlpl.ca</a>	x	4 - 6	x	2 - 4	x	10 - 12	2 - 4
<b>South Elmsley @ Municipal Hall</b> <a href="mailto:southelemsley@rlpl.ca">southelemsley@rlpl.ca</a>	x	x	x	2 - 4	x	x	10 - 12

Curbside Pick-up: Place Holds from home, contact during pick-up times or email [info@rlpl.ca](mailto:info@rlpl.ca)  
 Need a library card contact [info@rlpl.ca](mailto:info@rlpl.ca) and we will be happy to set you up with a library card and PIN.

## 'RED RIBBON' COOKBOOK PRODUCTION UNDERWAY

While COVID-19 may have forced the cancellation of the Delta Fair, volunteers continue to work behind the scenes on various fair projects including the production of the 'Red Ribbon' Cookbook.



The cookbook will be unique in that amongst old and new recipes, historical news and anecdotes of the Delta Fair and the Delta Maple Syrup Festival will be included. Hundreds of recipes will be included in the cookbook which will be available in time to make an excellent Christmas gift.

Thanks to assistance from the Canada Summer Jobs Program, a grant was provided to hire Rideau District High School Student Kristen Lavery for an eight-week period to assist with the production of the project.

### Photo (l-r):

Summer Student Kristen Lavery and Fair Directors Effie Warren and Connie Rathwell have been compiling hundreds of recipes for inclusion in the cookbook.

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## DELTA FAIR ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Delta Agricultural Society will be held at the Fair Hall on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Come and help plan the 191<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Edition of the fair: July 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021.  
New members are welcome!



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## DELTA BAPTIST CHURCH



Delta Baptist Church is now open for Sunday worship services at 9:30 a.m.!

For the safety of the congregation and the community, attendance is restricted to 30% building capacity. Everyone is asked to maintain physical distancing both inside and outside the building while wearing face coverings. Visitors who are interested in attending should call 613-928-2963 or 613-499-3008 or email [deltabaptist@gmail.com](mailto:deltabaptist@gmail.com) to check on seating availability.

A Pastor's video message is posted on Facebook weekly and may be found at <https://www.facebook.com/DeltaBaptistChurchDeltaOntario>.

## TERRY FOX VIRTUAL RUN



The Terry Fox Foundation is excited to announce that Canadians will continue to support cancer research through Virtual Runs from coast to coast to coast this September. Terry once said, “Anything is possible if you try.” Today, 40 years later, the Foundation has become innovate as well – something that Terry would have appreciated. Help celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Terry’s Marathon of Hope by joining today.

- **When:** Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup>
- **What:** A virtual Terry Fox Run: One day, uniting in spirit, not in person!
- **Where:** Wherever you are! Around your neighbourhood, backyard, down the street or around the block. Walk, Ride, Run!
- **How:** Register as an individual, family or a virtual team – start your fundraising effort!
- **Why:** Because cancer research cannot wait for COVID-19 to be over.  
Because Terry would want people to try.  
Because its the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Terry’s Marathon of Hope!

For additional information, visit <https://terryfox.org/run/> .



### FIRE PREVENTION WEEK | OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup> TO 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

This year’s Fire Prevention Week theme, “Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!” is aimed at educating everyone about the simple but important actions that they can take to keep themselves safe in the kitchen.

***Unattended cooking is the number #1 cause of fires in Ontario.***

## LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE PARK

Cottage / campsite reservations for the 2020-2021 season being accepted daily and can be made by calling 613-928-2881.



### Fall Camping Special

(September 8<sup>th</sup> to September 25<sup>th</sup>)

20% Discount on campsite rental fee;  
Minimum of two nights stay required

### Thanksgiving Special (September 26<sup>th</sup> to October 12<sup>th</sup>)

25% Discount on campsite rental fee;  
Minimum of two nights stay required.



## CELEBRATING THE SEASON

Looking ahead to November / December, it is very difficult to forecast the state of our society and what COVID related restrictions will be in place at that time. Questions regarding the ability to host the event given crowd limitations, the willingness of patrons to attend the event, the ability to transport patrons on the wagons while respecting social distancing requirements, the ability to serve hot chocolate / cookies and the proximity to Santa and Mrs. Claus for photos are just a few concerns. Given all the above, a decision to cancel Celebrating the Season 2020 was made during the Park Management Board Meeting on June 29<sup>th</sup>.



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## St. PAUL'S ANGLICAN COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

St. Paul's Anglican Community Centre will be having an outdoor yard sale at the Church on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and noon. Face coverings are mandatory as are hand sanitizing and social distancing. Please bring your own bags.



For information, contact 613-928-2761. Come and find some treasures!

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## LOOKING TO DISPOSE OF UNWANTED METAL MATERIALS?



The Delta United Church is once again collecting scrap metal, copper, and lead acid batteries as a fund-raising project. Metal materials may be placed inside the container at the farm of Gerald Phillips, 718 Daytown Road, Delta while spent batteries and wire may be placed beside the container. This recycle bin is NOT intended for regular garbage; thank you for your cooperation.

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It is hard to believe that another summer season is almost behind us and what a different season it has been!

The Delta Mill Society decided in June not to open their buildings to the public because of Covid-19 restrictions; however, the Society was fortunate to be able to hire two summer staff through the Young Canada Works Program. They have done a great job in going through all of the archives and artefacts on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Old Town Hall; everything has now been accounted for and documented which has been a goal of the Society for several years.

The Society is now in the process of hiring two employees through the Canada Summer Jobs Program who will be working until the middle of October on various maintenance projects.

Sadly, this year's Harvest Festival and the Festival of Small Halls concert have been cancelled as well. COVID-19 restrictions made it too onerous a task to open the Old Stone Mill for just one day and the concerts were going to follow a different format given that a meal would not be available.

With Celebrating the Season cancelled, it will be a different fall and winter season this year; however, we do still plan to decorate our buildings for the fall and Christmas seasons.

Take care and let's hope for a better 2021 at which time, the Society hopes to be able to open the Old Stone Mill to the public, to provide grinding and blacksmithing demonstrations, to offer bread and flour sales, and to host events at the Old Town Hall.

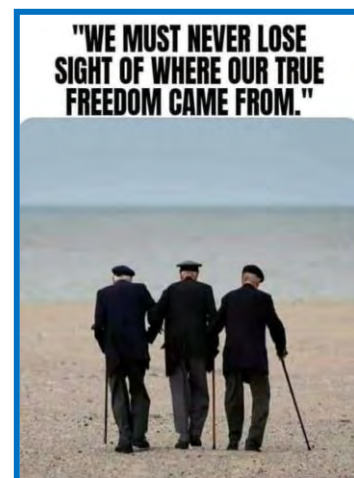
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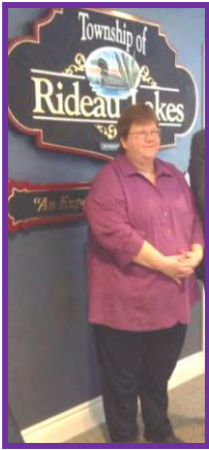
## ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, Branch 207



Thanks to the generosity of Terry Kelsey, a new Canadian flag and an entrance sign were purchased for the Delta Legion Hall. Thanks to Todd and Carrie Evans for volunteering to install both the flag and sign.

Great Community Spirit!





## MUNICIPAL NEWS from Deputy Mayor Cathy Livingston

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Even though many venues remained closed this summer, our Municipal Council has been hard at work. Virtual meetings have continued to be live streamed using Microsoft Teams.

With a recommendation from Council, the United Counties of Leeds-Grenville finally reconstructed and paved, even the shoulders, on County Rd 42 near Athens. Within our municipality, reconstruction work has been completed on the Washburn Road, ditching has been completed along Lake Street, and the Daytown and Harlem Roads have been surface treated.

A new accessible cement sidewalk will soon replace the brick one which leads from 66 to 84 King Street. The bricks will be removed and any resident with current cement sidewalks leading from their homes will be connected to the new sidewalk at no cost. A new section of sidewalk will be installed in the area of 64 King Street; in order to comply with today's width standards, the new sidewalk will be placed between the telephone poles and King Street which will still leave room for parking along the street. The work will be completed in mid-September by W. J. Sherwood & Sons Construction Ltd., in Lyn.

Work related to Phase 2 of the Delta Waterfront Project will tentatively begin during the first week in September. Work will include landscaping, grading, and the installation of the electrical conduits. Efforts continue in looking for grant funding and donations to continue the project.

Hopefully, the property at 42 King Street will soon be cleaned up and landscaped by Fast Eddies' Demolition Company.

With the help of TD Graham Ltd., the Economic Development Committee has reviewed the new signage and logo designs with the best one being recommended to Council for approval. Over time, the current Township signs will be replaced. In September, TD Graham Ltd. will also be making updates to the website which will improve ease of navigation.

Community Halls, playground structures, and public washrooms have been re-opened as part of Ontario's Phase 3 with masks, safe distancing and hand sanitizing guidelines being followed.

Take care and stay safe!



### SUBMISSION DEADLINE

for the November / December Edition is October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

#### LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE PARK MANAGEMENT BOARD

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