

DELTA PILOT.



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Celebrating the Season



The Lower Beverley Lake Park Management Board would like to take this opportunity to express their heartfelt gratitude to all of the community volunteers and park staff who offered their time and efforts during last month's *Celebrating the Season* festival.

Special recognition and appreciation are extended to the following businesses, organizations and their members who partnered with the Park Management Board to present the festival: The Delta Agricultural Society, the Delta Beautification Committee, the Delta Fire Hall Museum Committee, the Delta Mill Society, the Royal Canadian Legion Auxiliary, the Delta United Church, the Township of Rideau Lakes and Willard's Bakery Products.

A special vote of thanks is also extended to all of the village residents who decorated their property with such beautiful lighted arrangements. Many positive comments were received at the park regarding the festive appearance of our village's streets, homes and yards.

Not only does the "*Celebrating the Season*" festival serve as a catalyst to start off the Christmas celebrations for many residents, it also assists with the promotion of Lower Beverley Lake Park and the Village of Delta as a year-round travel destination.

RIDEAU DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SUPPORT DELTA FOOD BANK

Students at Rideau District High School in Elgin held a food drive during the first two weeks of December. Over 1,000 items were collected and shared with the local Food Banks in Delta, Elgin, Portland, Seeley's Bay and Westport. The food was distributed to the local banks prior to the Christmas holidays. Thank you, Rideau students, for a job well done!



Photo

Students in Mme. Fogels' Grade 8 French Immersion class were the top collectors in the school.



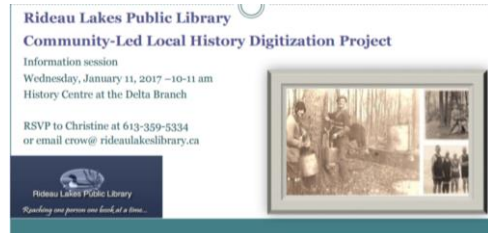
THE DELTA BRANCH OF THE RIDEAU LAKES PUBLIC LIBRARY



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Happy 2017!

During the month of December, patrons of the library had a great time posing in front of the green screen as holiday photo booth and memorable cards were created.



An Open House for community historical and archival organizations will be held at the **Rideau Lakes Local History Centre** on Wednesday, January 11th, 2017 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Contact Christine Row via email to crow@rideaulakeslibrary.ca for additional information.

The **Rideau Lakes Local History Centre** remains open most Thursday afternoons from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. or by contacting Sue via email to rideaulakeshistory@gmail.com for an appointment.

Feel free to contact Ashley via email to ashleyrideaulakes@gmail.com for ongoing **tech support**. One-to-one tech help sessions are available for patrons of the library.

Delta Branch Hours

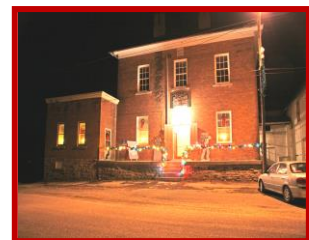
Tuesday 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Thursday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



Rideau Lakes
PUBLIC LIBRARY



The Delta Mill Society would like to wish all residents the best of health, happiness and prosperity in 2017 as the community joins together in celebration of Canada's Big Birthday Bash!



PLANNING BEGINS for the DELTA MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL



As soon as the sap starts to run, the community of Delta begins preparing for the Delta Maple Syrup Festival. This year's event promises to offer entertainment, refreshments, activities and of course, maple syrup and pancakes to the thousands of people who opt to visit the Village of Delta during the Easter weekend of April 15th and 16th.



In preparation for the 50th Anniversary Edition, a special planning meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 8th at the United Church Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend and share suggestions and plans for this year's event.

During the 2016 festival, 2100 patrons enjoyed 130 kg / 286 lbs. of sausages, 240 kg / 529 lbs. of pancake batter mix, 2500 patties of butter, 12 bottles of juice mix, and 400 lbs. /140 litres of maple syrup.

Contact Melinda Cowan at 613-924-1849 or via email to melindaart@hotmail.com for additional information.



DELTA UNITED CHURCH

Delta United Church is in need of a Choir Director/Organist to start on January 8th. Interested parties may contact Cathy Livingston by calling 613-928-2796 or via email to cathy.Livingston@sympatico.ca



DELTA COUNTRY CHRISTMAS 2016

Under the direction of Lynn Gardiner and with the accompaniment of John Yves- Dupperon, the 22nd annual Delta Country Christmas pageant was presented on November 26th.

The event started at the Baptist Church at 6:30 p.m. with a short walk to the United Church before ending at the Mill Drive Shed. There were choir anthems and carol singing amidst the Christmas story narrative and the children were dressed in biblical costumes as they represented the key characters in the Christmas story.



HERITAGE PLAQUE INSTALLED



The historical and cultural significance of Delta's founder was recently celebrated following the installation of a heritage plaque in a north end park in the Village of Delta. Stevens Park was named after Elder Abel Stevens, Sr., a deacon of the Baptist Church, who after founding Delta in 1794 was instrumental in the settling of the former Bastard Township. The plaque also showcases the village's Iron Foundry, the heritage house of Philo Hicock and the former Beverley Elementary School.

Created and installed through a partnership between the Delta Beautification Committee, the Rideau Lakes Heritage Advisory Committee and the Lower Beverley Lake Park Management Board, this plaque is the eighth in a series of heritage displays in which photos and anecdotes of Delta's colourful history are showcased. Earlier plaque installations featured Delta Fair, the Baptist, United and Anglican Churches, the Town Hall Building, the stone arch bridge, the Old Stone Mill and Delta's streetscape including the Jubilee Block. Plans are underway to develop a plaque to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Delta Maple Syrup Festival in 2017. Anyone having photos taken at the festival in its early years and are willing to loan the photos for the creation of the plaque are asked to contact the Delta Fair Office at 613-928-2800 or via email to deltafair@ripnet.com.

Photos of the various plaques can be found on the Lower Beverley Lake Park website at www.beverleylakepark.com/attractions.html

Photo (l-r)

Rideau Lakes Mayor Ron Holman, Delta Beautification Committee Chairperson Cathy Livingston and Lower Beverley Park Manager William Morris joined in celebrating the installation of Delta's 8th heritage plaque.



DELTA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY HOCKEY TICKET RAFFLE



OTTAWA SENATORS vs. TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING

MARCH 14th, 2017

2 TICKETS IN THE 100 LEVEL / VALUE \$280.00

DRAW DATE: FEBRUARY 22nd, 2017

TICKETS \$2.00 EACH OR 3 FOR \$5.00

LICENCE #M746281

If you are interested in purchasing tickets, contact Tracy at 613-802-1054

**MUNICIPAL NEWS from
Councillor Cathy Livingston**

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Happy New Year Everyone!

Council has been very busy during the past few months conducting special budget meetings. The 2017 budget will be finalized in late March once the County and School tax rate have been calculated.

The review of the current ward structure has been completed. Residents were invited to attend public meetings and complete surveys as a means of expressing their opinions. A consultant was hired to assist with consolidating the results which have been presented to Council. A decision will be made by Council at their next meeting which is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on January 3rd at the Chantry Municipal Office.

The chartered accounting firm of Allan & Partners in Perth was engaged to re-audit the municipal financial records for the years 2013, 2014 & 2015. This project has been completed.

Cindy Laparade was hired in mid October as the new Treasurer. She has been very busy working with Staff to prepare the 2017 draft budget. We welcome Cindy to the team as she will be a great asset to the municipality.

At the request of Council, interviews were conducted with the Ombudsman to follow up on issues related to financial reporting and the deficit.

The Delta Community Improvement Committee continues to be an active group with their participation in the "First Impressions" program which is coordinated by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. Delta was twinned with Batawa, a community north of Trenton. In October, a delegation visited their community followed by a reciprocal visit to Delta. The Delta delegation will be presenting their findings to the Batawa community on January 28th followed by a similar presentation in Delta by the Batawa delegation on February 25th (tentative date). An open public meeting will be held at the Old Town Hall for those residents interested in hearing about the Batawa first impressions of Delta. Following the presentations, the Committee will be looking for residents who are willing to follow through with the suggested improvements to the village.

A vote of thanks is extended to the Beautification Committee volunteers who decorated the flower pots with the festive Christmas decorations and to the staff of Lower Beverley Lake Park for coordinating and decorating the gazebos, large trees and street light poles throughout the village. Delta looked beautiful during the Christmas season.

2017 will be a very busy time within the Township of Rideau Lakes as we join in the celebration of Canada's 150th birthday. Stay tuned for further details related to the numerous events being held in our community!





Submission Deadline for the March / April Edition Is February 17th, 2017

Beverly Senior Citizens' Club #460

- Regular meeting has been cancelled during the month of January.
- Regular meeting with Pot-Luck luncheon on February 22nd at noon in the United Church Hall.

Delta Agricultural Society

- Regular meeting on January 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the United Church Hall.
- Regular meeting on February 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the United Church Hall.

Delta Food Bank

- Open on the second and fourth Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the United Church Hall. Call Sharon at 613-928-2885 for information.

Delta Maple Syrup Festival

- Planning meeting on January 8th at 2:00 p.m. in the United Church Hall. Everyone welcome.

Delta United Church

- Church is cancelled on January 1st
- UCW meeting has been cancelled during the month of January.
- 'Sweetheart Brunch' on February 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the United Church Hall sponsored by the Monday Morning Coffee Club.
- UCW Meeting on February 15th at 11:00 a.m. in the United Church Hall.
- Annual Meeting on February 19th at 1:00 p.m. Church will be held at 11:00 a.m. followed by a Pot-Luck luncheon.

Good Food Box

- The Good Food Box offers fresh fruits and vegetables at wholesale prices for all community members. Payment is required on the 7th of the month and delivery is on the 3rd Tuesday. Call Claire at 613-928-2761 for information.

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #207 and Auxiliary

- Euchre tournaments are held every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments after the 5th game.



SUNDAY SERVICES	
Baptist Church	9:30 a.m.
Last Sunday of the month is Children's Sunday	
United Church	9:15 a.m.



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