

DELTA PILOT.



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History of the Delta Maple Syrup Festival



Harold Russell, 1967

The Delta festival was the first maple celebration to be established in the area. In planning for Canada's Centennial, a small group of dedicated volunteers met regularly in the Council Chambers at the Old Town Hall. As President of the group, Harold Russell worked tirelessly as he contacted every farmer, arranged for sugar bush tours, promoted sugaring off demonstrations and held jack wax parties. Other community members who were heavily involved with the initial planning included Arch Ostrom, Lloyd Irwin, Vera Sheridan, Mildred Sweet, Sally Halladay, Ronald Morris, Lloyd Sawyer, Howard Jones, Sidney Talbot, and Glenn & Irma Chant.

In the beginning, the festival was a three-day event held in March at which thousands of pancakes smeared with Leeds County butter and flooded with fresh local maple syrup were served to busloads of students on school trips and visitors from communities throughout Eastern Ontario. To keep up with the crowds, meals were served on both floors of the Old Town Hall. Visitors were able to tour 15 local sugar bushes along with watching maple syrup being bottled and maple candy being made in the Confederated Foods / United Maple Products building.



Students enjoying pancakes at the Old Town Hall, 1967

The first event was held on April 7th and 8th, 1967 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. with the elementary school students visiting on Friday, April 6th. Tickets for the "All You Can Eat" pancake meal were available to adults for \$1.00 while children paid 50 cents.



In 1992, the festival was downsized to a two-day event and in 1999 it was relocated to the fairgrounds. The festival continued through the volunteer efforts of many residents and organizations before becoming a project for the membership of the Delta Agricultural Society.

Sale of maple produce in the Confederated Foods building.

Please Support Our Local Syrup Partner Producers!

<p><u>Antoine's Maple Syrup</u> Marwin & Kathie Antoine 342 Lyndhurst Road Lyndhurst 613-928-2473 mkantoine01@yahoo.ca</p>	<p><u>Curtis Valey Farms</u> Ernie Curtis 711 Daytown Road Delta 613-928-2964 darlenecurtis@hotmail.com</p>	<p><u>Findlay Farms</u> Darrell & Rosanne Findlay 118 Kitley-Bastard Town Line Toledo 613-275-4125 cleaner.66@hotmail.com</p>
<p><u>Gunnebrooke Farms Limited</u> The Gunnewiek Family 206 County Road 8 Elgin 613-359-5071 gunnfarm@rideau.net</p>	<p><u>Halladay Maple</u> Darrell Halladay 11337 Miller Road North Augusta 613-246-2923 darrell@halladaymaple.ca</p>	<p><u>Leggett's Maple Syrup</u> Bruce and Kathy Leggett 637B Crosby Road Crosby 613-246-6542 www.leggettmaplesyrup.com</p>
<p><u>Little Rideau Farm</u> Matt Chaikowsky 8929 County Road 42 Westport 613-430-9416 littlerideaufarm@outlook.com</p>	<p><u>Mensen Farm</u> Gary and Susie Mensen 161 County Road 42 Delta 613-928-2555 susiemensen@gmail.com</p>	<p><u>Oak Leaf Maple Syrup</u> Wesley Eyre 564 Upper Oak Leaf Road Athens 613-246-2493 olrmaplesyrup@gmail.com</p>
<p><u>Sugar Maple Farms</u> The Chant Family 3189 Thousand Acre Road Portland 613-246-5854</p>	<p><u>Vali Rill Farm</u> Scott Pattermore 650 Lake Street Plum Hollow 613-924-1905</p>	<p><u>Vincent Family Farm</u> Len Vincent 195 Curtis Lane 613-928-2671 Delta vlenvincent@sympatico.ca</p>



Did You Know?

During the 2024 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. Wow!

We Need Your Help!

If you can assist at the festival by cooking, serving, or cleaning tables, please contact the following:

Leanna Thomas

613-802-9523

leannathomas_1991@yahoo.com



Vendor spaces are still available for outdoor locations and indoor craft sale tables.

If you are interested in reserving space, please contact the following:

Marlaine Hart

613-928-2800

info@deltafair.com

Vendor reservation forms can be downloaded from

www.deltafair.com

April 19th and 20th, 2025
Delta Fair Grounds, 110 Mill Creek Drive



ALL YOU CAN EAT
PANCAKES flooded with FRESH MAPLE SYRUP

First Order Served with Sausages
3 Additional Sausages for \$5.00

11 Years of Age and Over: \$12.00

10 years of Age and Under: \$8.00

5 years of Age and Under: Free

(Note: HST included in price)

Debit/Credit Cards accepted with \$1.00 Service Charge

At the Fair Grounds

Craft Sales

Upper level of the Fair Exhibit Hall
(both days)

Outdoor Displays (both days)

Local Syrup

Producers

Onsite selling produce at the Fair
Grounds (both days)

Fun for Kids

Magic of Dr. KaBoom

Saturday at 10:00 and 12:00 p.m.

Wagon Rides (vehicle
powered)

weather permitting (both days)

Old Town Hall

8 Lower Beverley Park Road

Ginormous Book Sale

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (both days)

Old Stone Mill

44 King Street

Tours on Saturday from 10 a.m. to
4:00 p.m.

Milling Demonstration at 1:00
p.m.

Blacksmithing Demo on Saturday
from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Athletic & Recreation
Centre**

47 Recreation Drive

Ball Hockey Tournament on Saturday

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Contact Brandon at 613-561-6684
for details

Fire Hall Museum

121 Mill Creek Drive

Stop in for a visit and see Delta's
1937 Fire Truck


Legion Dance

32 William Street

Saturday at 8:00 p.m.

Music by DJ / \$10 pp

Delta Fair Fundraiser

<p>DELTA AGRICULTURE RAFFLE TWO NHL TICKETS APR. 15, 2025 \$10.00 ea. or 2 for \$15.00 No. 051</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>City: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p>	<p>DELTA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY & FAIR RAFFLE</p> <p>WIN TWO NHL GAME TICKETS OTTAWA VS. CHICAGO Valued at over \$500</p> <p>Watch from Level 100 in the "LABBATT'S BREWERY CORPORATION SUITE" on April 15, 2025 REFRESHMENTS ARE INCLUDED and the winner will be announced on April 8, 2025 \$10.00 ea. or 2 for \$15.00</p> <p>Licence#: M856537</p> <p> No. 051</p>
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People wishing to purchase tickets online can E-transfer funds to Brent Rathwell at bigratjasper@yahoo.ca Please include your contact info in the comments or send a separate email. The ticket will be completed and then sent back to the purchaser as proof of purchase. Thank you for your support.

Excerpt from the
The Kingston Whig-Standard
Kingston, Ontario, Canada
Monday, April 05, 1971
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PANCAKES WERE POPULAR AT 2-DAY DELTA SYRUP FESTIVAL

5,000 'slurp' Delta syrup!

By BOB SABO
District Correspondent

DELTA - A festival is happy children eating mounds of hot pancakes covered with maple syrup. A festival is happy adults eating maple taffy freshly poured on cold white snow. A festival is willing townspeople pitching in to create an event to be proud of. That's the way it was here Friday and Saturday as nine area sugar bushes were open to the public. The event, the Delta Maple Syrup Festival, started as a centennial project in 1967. It has now become an annual event that last year saw an attendance of 4,000. This year that number surpassed and almost reached 5,000.



The festival's aim is to acquaint people with the fact that maple syrup is distinctively Canadian and to show young people and adults how maple syrup is produced. The scouts, cubs, school children, and adults who toured the Confederated Foods Ltd., Maple Syrup Plant were given a lot of food for thought. The tour included demonstrations of the pasteurization process, the canning and bottling process, labelling process and processing of maple syrup into maple sugar. They were also shown different grades of maple syrup, some used for candy, some for sugar and one huge 60-pound block of maple sugar of a type that is sent to Sweden and Denmark and is used for sugar curing certain kinds of pipe tobacco.

After completing the tour and digesting all this food for thought most children found that they were ready for a more solid kind of food. The huge platters of hot pancakes and maple syrup that were served in the Delta Town Hall were tasty, close to a fruitful day. According to Brent Brown, sales manager for Confederated Foods limited, last year in Ontario a total of 182,000 gallons of maple syrup was produced at a value of \$1,285,000. "When people in Europe buy maple syrup they automatically think of Canada," he said. "We should become more aware of a product that was handed down to us by the Indians and is distinctively Canadian." A total of nine sugar bushes in the Delta area were open to the public during the two-day festival. Festival organizers had hoped



to have 15 sugar bushes open but deep snow on some farms prevented the tapping of trees. Among the sugar bushes open to the public were those belonging to Oliver Pattermore, Gerald Hart, Ross Bell, Lester Holiday, Jack Chant, Arthur Chant, Allan Laming, Archie Ostrom and Ronald White. Lloyd Irvin, of the festival committee, said that about 80 gallons of maple syrup were used to smother mountains of pancakes fed to visitors during the festivities. About \$3,000 was raised for local improvements. Last year the festival organization provided money to assist in installing washrooms and a kitchen at the Delta Community Centre and lights at the fairgrounds. This year's projects have not yet been decided.



Thank You from the Delta Food Bank

The annual Build a Mountain of Food drive, which is sponsored by RCL Automotive, My FM88.1, Your TV, Impression Printing, Hinton Auto Group, and Hometown News, was held at the Delta Country Market on December 14th, 2024. A vote of thanks is extended to everyone who contributed financial and food donations that day. It is important to note that one hundred (100%) percent of all financial and food donations directly support the local Delta Food Bank.

Christmas hampers were distributed to those families/individuals in need of assistance on December 19th, 2024. The hampers included a turkey or ham and all the fixings for a Christmas dinner plus additional items for enjoyment during the holidays. Special thanks are extended to the Mensen Family Farm for donating potatoes and squash, Willard's Bakery in Athens for providing buns, cookies, doughnuts, and pies, and to the individual that bought and donated the turkeys. Thank you to everyone for donating bags of groceries and personal hygiene items. Community supporters are all very special, caring people who look out for those less fortunate. A special thank you is extended to a very caring senior lady who knits all year long, year after year, to donate hats and mitts for the children, women and men who receive a Christmas hamper. Your thoughtfulness will not be forgotten.

The Delta Food Bank is very grateful for the following organizations that donated throughout the year: WTC Communications, Delta United Church, United Church Women, Delta Baptist Church, Rideau District High School Students' Council, the Old Bastards' Vintage Motorcycle Club, Lower Beverley Lake Park Seasonal Campers' Recreation Committee, Lyndhurst Home Building Centre, RWTO Gananoque Branch, ETFO Upper Canada Occasional Teachers Local, Windsor Castle Old Time Fiddle Group, Swans of Rideau Lake, Rideau Lakes Golf and Country Clubs – Christmas in July tournament, Mensen Family Farm and the 2022 International Plowing Match & Rural Expo Local Committee. Thank you one and all.

A huge thank you is also extended to the generous and thoughtful individuals in and around the community who continue to support the Delta Food Bank with donations and contributions that allow the volunteers to operate an efficient service and provide ample food for people in need. An enormous thank you is given to the volunteers who work tirelessly throughout the year to provide such a valuable program to those in need.

Apologies in advance to anyone who has been unintentionally omitted.

Jana Curtis and Linda Gifford, Co-chairpersons of the Delta Food Bank.

Year 18 of the '**Build a Mountain of Food**' campaign was another successful year due in part to the numerous sponsors, contributing businesses / organizations and individuals who have so generously donated to the area food banks.



Build A Mountain, with the assistance of several dedicated volunteers, was able to help fill the shelves in 11 local communities. Thank you one and all for the work that you do!

During the 2024 campaign, a combined total of 180,763 lbs. of food was collected and \$324,279 was received in donations for the 11 food banks.

Instilling a Passion for Our Heritage"

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Email: info@deltamill.org

Website: www.deltamill.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/DeltaMill

We Are Hiring

The Delta Mill Society has several positions of summer employment available as mill interpreters for university or secondary school students who are interested in gaining experience at a significant National Historic Site of Canada. The position involves greeting visitors to the mill and showcasing the mill with the many stories it represents. Full training and support are provided. Depending on the grant funding program used, applicants must either be returning to school or be between the ages of 15 to 30 years and a Canadian citizen who is eligible and willing to register with a government grant program. Full details can be found on our website, www.deltamill.org



2024 Interpretive Team (l-r) Ella, Alex, Jaime and Tyler in the Mill Shop.

Working summers at the Old Stone Mill is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the heritage of the mill and the area and to interact with the visiting public. Training and a competitive wage are available.

Delta Maple Syrup Festival – April 20 & 21

The Old Stone Mill will be open on the Saturday of the Maple Syrup Festival (April 20th) between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. During that time, a milling demonstration will be held at 1:00 p.m. The Blacksmith Shop will also be open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday.

The Old Town Hall will be open on both Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a Ginormous Used Book Sale. The sale is jointly sponsored by the Delta Mill Society and the Rideau Lakes Library Board. A vast selection of books will be available for purchase by the public for a free-will donation. Proceeds from the book sale will be shared equally between the two sponsors.



Delta Baptist Church Closure



With deepest regret, the decision has been made to close the Delta Baptist Church effective March 31st, 2025. Members of the community are welcome to join the congregation for a special service of conclusion and de-concentration on Sunday, March 30th at 9:30 a.m.

Thanks are given to all the members and adherents who have been faithful in gathering for worship and serving within the church along with the gracious support enjoyed within the greater Delta community. Over the years, the Delta Baptist Church has enjoyed fellowship and support

through its participation with the Canadian Baptist of Ontario & Quebec and it has engaged in broader mission outreach through partnerships with the Canadian Baptist Ministries.

For over 200 years, the Delta Baptist Church has had a spiritual presence within the greater Delta community by providing a place for worship, witness, and fellowship, not only for Baptists but for many others as well. We thank God for His work in our lives, our church, and our community throughout the history of the church. As Baptists we recognize that the church consisted not just in organization or building, but in those people called to new life as followers of Jesus Christ. So, we continue to pray that that calling may be lived out in daily life even after the closure of the church. We are reminded of Jesus' words recorded in Matthew's gospel and often repeated in our utterance of the Lord's Prayer, "*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*"

In the late 1700's, Elder Abel Stevens came to this part of Upper Canada, bringing settlers and preaching in farmhouses and local schools. By 1811, the Baptist settlers erected the shell of a church building in Delta. Later Anglican parishioners helped to complete the interior of the church and worshipped there, eventually buying the church from the Baptists in 1864. This original building is now St. Paul's Anglican Community Centre. In the following years, Delta Baptists worshipped with the Phillippsville Baptist Church until 1879 when it was decided to erect the current building in Delta. The Presbyterians contributed to the building fund and the Methodists offered their building as a place of worship during the time of construction. The building was completed in 1880, and a dedication was held in December of that year.

A Sunday School area was added to the church in the early 1900's and then a fellowship hall was added at the end of the 1900's with the old sanctuary and Sunday School area being renovated, while a kitchen, washrooms and wheelchair access was provided.

Many ministers have served the Delta Baptist Church since its beginning with Elder Able Stevens. After his death in 1816, his son Abel Jr. carried on the ministry. Most recently, Rev. Nelson Trafford and Rev Brian Wheaton served the church. Many people will have memories of Bible Study, Sunday School, youth groups, and Vacation Bible School.

Photo

Members of Yester-year planning Vacation Bible School.



Diner's Club / Connections Café



With the closure of Delta Baptist Church on March 31st, 2025, the monthly Diner's Club that has been held at the church will also cease to exist. For more information related to other Diner's Club locations in the area, contact Marion Rice (Community & Primary Health Care) in Brockville at 613-342-3693 Ext: 2036. A special vote of thanks is extended to all the volunteers and participants who have supported this program over the past decade.

New Original Play – “Old Jesse’s Flask”

Two performances of an original play, *Old Jesse's Flask*, written and performed by the **Rideau Players** will be the highlight of the weekend of April 26th and 27th. Jesse's flask is an heirloom associated with family and fantasy. When a carefree reunion goes hilariously wrong, the amazing bottle is a dysfunctional family's last hope. One evening performance will be at the Old Town Hall at 7:30 pm on April 26th and a matinee show will be held at 2:00 pm on April 27th. Admission is \$25 per person with all proceeds going to support the Delta Mill Society. Tickets will be available at the door on a first come, first served basis or at the Bastard Coffee House and Deltawood Farms in April. Tickets can be reserved by contacting Chris at 343-585-5277.

A COMEDY BASED ON AN ORIGINAL STORY BY THE RIDEAU PLAYERS

OLD JESSE'S FLASK

DELTA - ELGIN - ATHENS

Ticket sale's are available at the door, however it is first come first serve. You can reserve your seat starting in the month of April, tickets will also be available at the Bastard Coffee House, Deltawood Farm, or privately by calling Chris at 343-585-5277

Jesse's Flask is a heirloom associated with family and fantasy. When a carefree reunion goes hilariously wrong, the amazing bottle is a dysfunctional family's last hope.

Venues

Delta, Old Town Hall

April 26 - 7:30pm

April 27 - 2:00pm

All proceeds are donated to the Mill

Athens, Joshua Bates Centre

May 9 - 7:30pm

All proceeds are donated to The Athen's Public Library

Elgin Lion's Club

May 10 - 7:30pm

All Proceeds are donated to The St Luke's Thrift Shop school lunch program





Pancake Dinner

Enjoy a 'Shrove Tuesday' evening meal of pancakes and sausages on March 4th between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the United Church Hall. Coffee / tea / cold beverage will also be available.

Admission is by voluntary donation while the friendship is free!



Your blue box has a new boss!

Starting March 1, 2025, **Emterra Group** will be responsible for Rideau Lakes' recycling.

Who do I call for customer service related to recycling?

Please contact Emterra

Customer Service: 1-888-597-1541

customercareont@emterra.ca

Do I need to recycle differently?

No, please keep sorting your recycling as you do now, alternating weeks for Fibres and Containers.

Will my collection day be different?

NO – your collection day for recycling will remain the same

Will I be able to bring recyclables to the Portland Transfer Station?

NO – the transfer station will no longer accept blue box material as of March 1.

Why are these changes happening?

The Ontario government has made the producers of recyclable materials responsible for funding and operating the recycling system. Emterra has been selected by these Producers to collect material on their behalf.



Winter Carnival 2025

Thanks to all the volunteers, sponsors and residents who participated in the Family Day Winter Carnival that was held at the Delta Athletic and Recreation Centre on February 17th.

Rideau Lakes Business Recognition Program open for Nominations



The Township of Rideau Lakes is pleased to announce that nominations are now open for the Business Recognition Awards.

Each year, the Township calls for nominations of businesses located in Rideau Lakes to recognize and celebrate the hard-working business owners and entrepreneurs that provide employment and services in the municipality. The program is sponsored by G. Tackaberry & Sons Construction Co. Ltd., KPMG, and RBC Royal Bank of Canada.

“Do you love a local business? Nominate them! Nominations will remain open until the first Friday in March,” says Marie White, program coordinator, “the application is simple to complete, and we can provide assistance. We hope to see lots of businesses nominated.”

In 2025, a new award category entitled, “New Business Award” was developed for businesses between 1 and 3 years old. This award replaces the former Young Entrepreneur Award, to include entrepreneurs of all ages. The Rideau Lakes Economic Development Committee is happy to introduce the new award category to recognize young businesses that are newly established. There is an online nomination form using SurveyMonkey, in addition to the traditional Fillable PDF. This not only makes the nomination process easy, but because the form is now available as a link, people can share the nomination form with their online networks.

Once the deadline of March 7th, 2025, arrives, a panel of judges will assess the applications and select the winners. Winners will be celebrated at the annual Business Awards Breakfast, scheduled to take place on Wednesday, April 16th at the Elgin Lions Community Hall.

Nominations may be submitted online at rideaulakes.ca/awards

Trivia Night at the Bastard Coffee House

Hoping to see all the regular players there and a warm welcome to all newbies!

Doors open at 5:00 p.m. with games starting at 5:45 p.m.
Bring your smarty pants and see you there on the last Friday of each month.

- March 28th
- April 25th



Farmer's Breakfast



Come and enjoy a morning of fellowship and a delicious breakfast at the Harmony Lodge Hall in Phillippsville on the 4th Tuesday of each month. The menu includes bacon, sausage, eggs, hash browns, baked beans, pancakes, toast, juice, coffee, and tea for \$12.00 per person. There is only one sitting at 8:00 a.m. so be sure to come early and get your seat!

Breakfast dates include March 25th and April 22nd.
For additional information, contact Len Vincent by calling 613-928-2671 or via email to vlenvincent@sympatico.ca.





Daylight Savings Time

begins on
MARCH 9th
at
2:00 a.m.

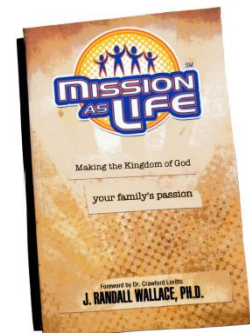


Residents are encouraged to take part in **Earth Hour** on March 22nd from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. During earth Hour, residents are asked to turn off non-essential lights and appliances to raise awareness of the need to act on climate change. Additional information can be found online at wwf.ca/earthhour.

Pilgrim Book Club

The book of study for the month of March is "*Mission as Life*". This is an easy read and a great book for all who want to create a family environment where authentic Christianity can flourish.

This book which was written by J. Randall Wallace, a former Pastor in Elliot Lake, comes packed with a wealth of experience. Following a couple of years of ministry there, he and his family relocated to live amongst the poor in the Appalachian Mountains where he started a ministry known as Mustard Seeds and Mountains.



Once the book has been read, residents are invited to come together on April 30th at 60 King Street in Delta for a pot-luck dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by discussion of the book. "Building on the foundation of Scripture, the goal of this book is to ignite within families a desire to make advancing the Kingdom of God a priority in how they use their time, treasure and talents. It outlines how regular community service anchors biblical values into family life and elevates personal spiritual development to new levels by putting faith into action."

Copies of the book are available by calling David Okum at 613 803-1008 or Sharon Okum at 613 928-2228 or by sending an email to apilgrim@myyahoo.com. In addition, participants are asked to confirm their attendance at the pot-luck dinner with David or Sharon.



Trash 2 Treasures

As the saying goes... 'one person's trash is another person's treasure'!

Do you have used items that are of no use to you any longer, but are not quite ready for the landfill? They might become someone else's treasure! Saturday, April 26th has been marked as Rideau Lakes' Trash 2 Treasures Day. Residents are asked to place their 'trash' at the end of the driveway, with a "FREE" sign, and turn their 'trash' into someone's 'treasure'.

This is a great opportunity for people to travel throughout the Township, collect little treasures, take them home and re-use the items that are surplus for someone else.



Delta Branch of The Rideau Lakes Public Library

18 King Street, Delta, ON K0G 1E0

Delta Branch Hours

Phone: 613-928-2991

Website: www.rideaulakeslibrary.ca

Facebook: www.facebook.com/rideaulakespubliclibrary



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



Delta is the location of the Rideau Lakes History Centre which features local histories, genealogies, archival materials and a microfilm reader. The History Centre is open during Library Branch hours on most Thursday afternoons between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Appointments may be made by emailing rideaulakeshistory@gmail.com.



Looking Ahead!



St. Paul's Anglican Community Committee

SPACC wants to cheer you up with thoughts of our **Annual Spring Yard Sale** on May 24th. It will be held - rain or shine - in the Hall at the rear of the church and on the lawn from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Mark your calendar and clean out the closet. If you wish to donate clean items, call Claire at 613 928-2761.

Community Excellence

It will soon be time to once again honour Delta area residents with the presentation of the **Citizen of the Year Award** and the **Youth Award of Excellence**.

Don't wait until the deadline to begin considering a deserving candidate. Start thinking now!

Lower Beverley Lake Park



Camping reservations for the 2025 and 2026 seasons are now being accepted by calling 613-928-2881 and leaving a message.

Campers may also submit their reservations online by completing the website registration form at www.beverleylakepark.com. Confirmation calls will be returned on Wednesday mornings between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Using The Park While It Is Closed?

Residents walking through the park or using the playground equipment are reminded that they are using the facilities at their own risk. Remember that the park is not an off-leash dog park; dogs must be kept on a leash and owners must clean up after their dogs. Doggie bags are to be placed in the waste receptacle at the Gate House. Do NOT leave dog waste along the roadside for Staff to clean up.

National Day of Mourning or Workers' Mourning Day



The National Day of Mourning, or The Workers' Mourning Day is observed in Canada on April 28th. It commemorates workers who have been killed, injured, or suffered illness due to workplace related hazards and occupational exposures.

In December 1990, the Canadian Government passed the Workers' Mourning Day Act which officially acknowledged this day in tribute to all persons killed or injured in the workplace.

Pitch-In 2025

Most people are committed to keeping the area around their homes looking great and free of litter. "PITCH-IN RIDEAU LAKES" is an annual program that gives residents a chance to join, expand our areas and set an example to others that we truly care about the beauty and safety of our environment.



With over 600 Kilometers of public roads in our Township, help is needed! Think of the cumulative effort if every resident picks up one bag of garbage! Invite friends, family members, neighbours, groups/clubs and organize a day of "pitch-in" in Rideau Lakes. A huge thank you is extended to all the volunteers who have pitched in every year since the program's inception in 2000.

Participate in PITCH-IN RIDEAU LAKES every April and help keep every neighbourhood clean. PITCH-IN bags are free to volunteers and can be obtained at the Township Office and libraries. Pick up roadside litter, place it in a PITCH-IN bag and set it out for free collection on your regular day (no bag tag required). Only pitch-in litter will be picked up, do not put your household waste in the yellow bag.

Pitch-In Rideau Lakes is held from April 13th to April 26th. For additional information, call Ben at the Municipal Office 1-800-928-2250, extension 230 or via email to brothwell@rideaulakes.ca

Rideau Lakes Fire & Rescue



Under overcast skies with temperatures around -2.3°C (27.9°F) and gusty winds reaching 80-100 km/h, Rideau Lakes Fire Rescue conducted an intensive Ice Water Rescue Training session in Delta on Lower Beverley Lake. The dedicated team braved challenging conditions to practice life-saving techniques, ensuring that they are prepared for emergencies on frozen waterways.

With winter's grip tightening, everyone is urged to exercise caution near ice-covered areas. Remember, no ice is entirely safe. If you witness someone falling through, call 911 immediately and avoid attempting a rescue yourself.

A check list when using heating appliances:

- Have working Carbon Monoxide alarms outside all sleeping areas.
- Outside vents and chimneys must not be blocked, especially after heavy snowfalls.
- Get an annual inspection of fuel-burning appliances.
- Use fireplaces, fuel-burning stoves, or other combustion heaters only when they are properly vented outside.
- Never start a vehicle in a closed garage.
- Never run a generator indoors (including basement, shed, or garage).



Open Air Burning

The Ontario Fire Code prohibits open burning unless approved by the Chief Fire Official. Township Open-Air Burning By-Law allows for such approved open-air burning through a permit process. Any unauthorized burning may result in a fine pursuant to the Ontario Fire Code, and the Provincial Offences Act.



- ❖ Fire Permits cost \$10 for the year.
- ❖ Fire permits are required for all burning except for campfires no bigger than 3" x 3" x 3'.
- ❖ Fire Permits are valid for the calendar year.
- ❖ Fire permits must be renewed prior to burning.
- ❖ **Call before you burn - 1-833-853-3473**

To purchase a burn permit, visit the following site: rl.burnpermits.com

*Notes from Paula and Sue
Ward One Councilors, Township of Rideau Lakes*



Councillor Paula Banks
Email: paulainpolitics@hotmail.com
Phone: 613-284-0238



The Last Word



Councillor Sue Dunfield
Email: 736SueD@gmail.com
Cell: 613-802-1415

Fire News...Rideau Lakes was successful in receiving a Community Emergency Preparedness grant in the amount of \$28,723.88 for the installation of a standby generator at Station 1 in Delta. Firefighters held training sessions in January that focused on ice water rescue. Fire Departments conduct annual training for firefighters in both shore-based and on-ice rescues, ensuring that they maintain their ice rescue skills. Currently, 10 firefighters have been recertified for shore-based rescues, and 15 have been recertified for on-ice rescues. Ice water training will continue in March. We are very proud of our firefighters and thank them for their commitment and continued service.

Trash News...With the upcoming transition to producer responsibility for recycling coming on March 1, the Township can make some changes to how it currently collects waste at the curbside. Stay tuned for more information by checking out the website or calling the office and speaking with Ben Rathwell, Works and Facilities Coordinator at 613-928-2251, Ext. 230.

Youth News...The Wednesday Afterschool Program continues for students ages 5 to 11 at South Crosby Public School and the Teen Youth Club Program, that is in partnership with the Township and Rideau Lakes Library, is offered once a month to teens that attend Rideau District High School. Contact Christy for more details by calling 613-928-2251, Ext 238.

Senior Adult Programming News...Confirmation was received in January that the Seniors Active Living Centre (SALC) grant application was successful. The Golden Years Program funding totals \$40,000 and will be funded by the Government of Ontario with \$10,000 in-kind from the Township. The \$40,000 will be equally divided (\$5,714.28 each) amongst the seven Community Enhancement Committees (CECs) to help support Senior geared programming and events. SALC will fund programming that involves dining, arts-crafts, card games, physical and social activities.

And finally, if you smoke.... the **Smoke Free Ontario Act, 2017** (SFOA) prohibits smoking and vaping on the following Rideau Lakes Municipal Properties:

- Entire premises of any childcare centre or place that provides an early years' program or service.
- Any public area within 20 metres of a public school's grounds.
- All children's playgrounds or public areas within 20 metres of a playground.
- All publicly owned sporting areas, their fan/viewing areas, and public areas within 20 metres of these places.
- An enclosed workplace (any part of a building, structure or vehicle with a roof that an employee works in or visits, even during off-hours).
- An outdoor shelter that has more than two walls and a roof if the public or employees are invited to use it.

Enjoy the final throws of winter and the warmth of spring and don't hesitate to reach out to your Councillors with any comments or concerns.



Beverley Senior Citizens' Club #460

- Meeting on March 26th and April 23rd for a pot-luck luncheon at noon in the United Church Hall.
- Exercise classes every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. in the Legion Hall; sponsored by CPHC.

Delta Agricultural Society

- Meeting on March 31st and April 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fair Office.
- 58th Annual Maple Syrup Festival on April 19th and 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Fair Grounds.

Delta Athletic and Recreation Society

- Meeting on March 18th and April 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Recreation Centre.

Delta Baptist Church

- Closing ceremonial service on March 30th at 9:30 a.m.

Delta Food Bank

- Open on the second Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in St. Paul's Community Centre.

Delta United Church

- Pancake / Sausage Supper on March 4th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.

Delta United Church Women

- Meeting on March 19th and April 16th at 11:00 a.m. followed by a pot-luck luncheon in the Church Hall.

Good Food Box

- Fresh fruit and vegetables are available at wholesale prices for all community members. Call Liz at 613-928-2902 for information.

Harmony Lodge

- Farmer's Breakfast on March 25th and April 22nd at 8:00 a.m. in the Harmony Lodge Hall.

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #207

- Meeting on March 4th and April 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the Legion Hall.
- Super Euchre on March 8th and April 12th at noon; doors open at 11:00 a.m.
- Ham Dinner and Easter Scavenger Hunt on April 12th; time to be announced on Facebook.
- Maple Syrup Festival Dance on April 19th at 8:00 p.m.; music by DJ.
- Dart games played every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m.
- Euchre games played every Friday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Legion Hall; doors open at 6:00 p.m.
- Youth cornhole played every Saturday night at 6:30 p.m. in the Legion Hall.
- Adult cornhole played every Sunday afternoon at 12:30 p.m. in the Legion Hall.

Royal Canadian Legion Auxiliary, Branch #207

- Meeting on March 20th and April 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Legion Hall.



SUBMISSION DEADLINE for May / June is April 18th, 2025.

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES
 United Church at 9:15 a.m. / Baptist Church 9:30 a.m.



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