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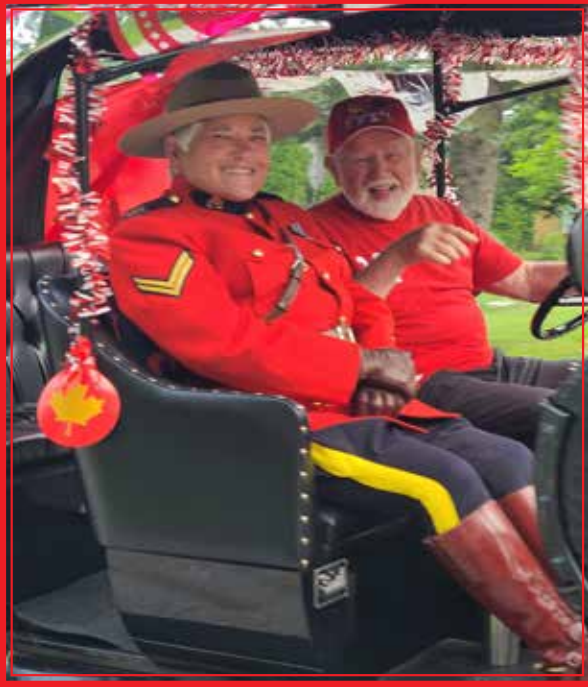


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## Canada Day 2023



Cathy Dickenson and Bob Newton sharing a laugh while riding in the Canada Day Parade. More photos on pages 10-13.

## What A Catch!



Bob and Catherine Plue's grandson, Atticus, got his limit his first time downrigging. 14 lb and 16 lb Trout! Make sure you see other photos of great catches in Simcoe on page 22!

## Welcome New Neighbours!

Catherine and Jim, 1 Sandlewood  
Brian and his daughter, Amanda, 5 Sandlewood  
Alexander, 182 Bayshore Drive

*Welcome*



Mary Nolan loves her new "lawn ornament" – too bad it keeps moving!



Sharon Seaward, what big feet you have! Find out what this is all about on pages 26 and 27.

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who contributed articles and photos to this issue.



Beautiful photo capturing two swans at dusk.  
Photo by **Deborah Antenore**. See page 28 for  
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## President's Report



I hope this message finds everyone in good health and ready to enjoy a great summer. As your elected President, it is both my privilege and responsibility to help promote a harmonious community and uphold the values that make our neighbourhood such a wonderful place to live. In this issue, I want to address an important matter that requires our

collective attention – compliance with the association's bylaws.

Our bylaws are a carefully crafted framework designed to maintain the quality of life we all cherish, and to provide a fair and equitable means of ensuring all members can enjoy their homes to the fullest.

Unfortunately, it has come to my attention that there are some instances where a few individuals are not fully adhering to these bylaws. This is concerning, as it can lead to disputes, misunderstandings, and a deterioration of the harmony we strive to maintain. To preserve our community spirit and protect the value of our properties, it is vital that we all respect and abide by the rules we have collectively agreed upon.

I understand that everyone may have different circumstances and occasionally find it challenging to meet certain requirements. However, it is important to remember that as members of this association, we have a shared responsibility to contribute to its success and abide by the rules for the greater good.

In light of these concerns, I would like to emphasize the following points:

1. **Familiarize Yourself With The Bylaws:** It is essential that all homeowners take the time to read and understand the association bylaws. Ignorance of these rules cannot be used as an excuse for non-compliance. You can find the bylaws on the BVA website Members Only section.

<https://bayshorevillage.ca/members-only/current-by-laws>

2. **Open Lines of Communication:** If you have questions or concerns about specific bylaws or require assistance in meeting certain requirements, please reach out to the association's board. We are here to help and find solutions that benefit all members.
3. **Promote a Culture of Mutual Respect:** Let us create an environment where all homeowners feel comfortable discussing issues related to bylaw compliance. Constructive dialogue and cooperation will help us address concerns and find compromises that respect the best interest of the community.
4. **Enforcement:** To maintain the integrity of our association, it is essential that we promote fair and consistent enforcement to ensure that no individual's actions undermine the rights and expectations of others. Our initial steps will consist of gentle reminders of non-compliance prior to enforcement. Patience, understanding and cooperation are key.
5. **Collaborative Approach:** I urge you to join me in taking a proactive role in encouraging compliance among our neighbours. Lead by example, gently reminding others of their obligations, and promoting a culture where everyone understands and respects the importance of adhering to our bylaws. By working together, we can foster a community we can all be proud to call home.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Have a safe and fun summer!!

**Gunther Gratzner**  
**President**



*Photo by Deborah Antenore*



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## Director of Common Waters Report



This spring, we initiated a program to “service” all of the aerators (fountains). The pumps are a sealed unit so the only thing that can really be serviced is to make sure they are working when plugged in, check that the amperage is correct, and inspect the electrical cords. We took in four fountains this spring and the remainder will go in next year. One

pump had to be replaced as well as some electrical cords. Unfortunately since we only took in four of the fountains for servicing, we still experienced some issues. One of the fountains from Beaver Pond is waiting for 28 metres of new electrical cord which we are hoping will come in any day (this cord had been repaired a number of times in the past and there were four areas that needed to be replaced). Another fountain on Duck Pond is working intermittently and we are still troubleshooting the issue. We expect to have both of these fountains working shortly.

The Pond Masters and Assistants have begun adding dyes and enzymes to the ponds. These are added monthly to help reduce the weed and algae growth. We have been doing this for a number of years and they pose no danger to gardens or pets through irrigation.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Brian Cracknell to the team of Assistant Pond Masters. If you would like to help out, please don't hesitate to contact me. Herbicide spraying will commence sometime around the middle of July. A notice will go out prior to spraying, letting people know which ponds will be sprayed this year and reminding those people not to irrigate their lawns for a few days immediately afterwards.

A reminder to everyone that they need to stay vigilant about chasing the geese off their property. If you don't want to be chasing geese off your property, there are many ways to deter them from coming onto your land. These include planting shrubs such as dogwood or tying fishing line onto stakes and attaching strips of material to the line. The Bayshore Village Association invests a significant amount

of money for the Goose Management Program each year so your co-operation is much appreciated.

Members from the Wildlife Management Group are here in Bayshore every other day (sometimes daily) scaring the geese away. They change the times they are here from morning to evening so the geese don't get used to seeing them at one particular time of day. They are limited to how aggressive they can be at certain times of the year, particularly when the geese are molting and there are goslings around. We are anticipating a new automated laser light to be installed at Harbour 33 sometime during the week of June 12, 2023 with the intent that the laser light will frighten them so they do not come into the harbour. Both Wildlife Management and the BVA will be monitoring the effectiveness of this new system in the hopes that we can install additional automated lasers at other locations here in the future.


Please don't forget to use the Goose Reporting Tool on the Bayshore website. By filling out the form, you help identify problem areas to the Wildlife Management Group. However, please do not submit multiple reports for the same birds on the same day.

Avian Flu: We have modified the form to allow for reporting of sick or dead birds. This is another reason the keep geese off your property as there have been reports of dogs getting sick after eating feces from infected birds.

Do not feed the geese or swans! Ramara recently passed a bylaw (2022.95) which states that “No person shall throw or place, or permit to be thrown or placed any type of feed in a yard for the purposes of feeding birds or wildlife.” It goes on to say that homeowners have a responsibility to maintain the ground underneath a bird feeder by regularly cleaning up spilled birdfeed. If you know of someone who likes to feed the swans, geese or ducks, they may not be aware this regulation. Please let them know.

We are still looking for two chemical sprayers (people who oversee the spraying of the herbicide in the ponds and harbours). These people will be provided online training that will allow us to have two licensed individuals again.

**Steve Miller**  
**Director of Common Waters**

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## Hayloft Amenities Director's Report



Hello Bayshore. Summer is here, but someone needs to tell the weatherman. It is nice that I have had few complaints about the pool not being open at this point, but we need some good weather to effect the repairs. We have had some ongoing issues with the pool and many things have been bandaged so long that serious thought has to be given

to our future use of the pool.

The repairs that are ongoing at this point were started last fall to address a sharp edge issue with the plastic slab dividers. A company was contracted to lift the concrete slabs and remove the dividers. About 70 percent of the lift was completed before the coping stone started to break away. I stopped the project and agreed to pay 25 percent of the contracted cost.

As I write this, the rain is coming down very heavily and it is making further concrete work difficult. The edge coping has to be re-sloped with concrete before the health department will okay the reopening.

The propane heating system has been repaired as it required a complete heat exchanger replacement. Further work is required on the solar system as some damage was done by the winter winds.

The pool is now about 40 years old. My hat is off to its builders, since the pool itself is in excellent condition for a concrete pool. The underground system of pipes has been

pressure tested and found to be sound. The decking is an issue that will continue to be a problem. A simple fix would be to cover the offending concrete with a deck of some type of wood-like material.

The surrounding fence is delaminating and needs attention as well.

The propane heating system is going to get even more expensive as gas prices continue to climb. A better control system needs to be installed to make the solar and propane system work together more efficiently.

So, that is where we are. In the recent past, there have been upgrades to the Hayloft building, tennis and pickleball courts, and upgrades in all the harbours. The golf course is an area of particular pride with the improvements to the irrigation system and overall management.

Where do we go from here? Suggestions have ranged from, "Fill it in," to "Let's cover it so we can use it all year." With the changing demographics in the Village, it will be interesting to see what the survey tells us with regard to its use. Perhaps it's time to put a focus group together and develop a strategy for the future of the pool. Give it some thought, Bayshore, and if you know of any good pool architects, let me know. It would be nice to see a plan or two drawn up. In the meantime, we are trying our best to get the current one open.

We are still looking for volunteers for pool opening/closing, and testing duties. We pay for your service, up to \$30 per day. Let the office know and I will arrange training.

**Rod Turnbull**

**Director Hayloft Amenities**

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## Tennis Tom Costigane – Organizer

The tennis group plays on Tuesday, Friday and Sunday, 10:00 am to 12 noon, May through June and September through October.

In the summer months, July and August, play is from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

This is a very welcoming group, playing mixed doubles. No matter your level of play, come on out for some fun.

**Tom Costigane**



**(L-R) Bill Merkley, Tom Costigane, Diane Stoner, Kate Switzer, Jeff Switzer, Paul Stoner**



## Golf Classic

The 2023 Bayshore Classic golf tournament was held on Saturday, June 24. The weather we experienced was far from perfect, but it takes more than a little rain to dampen the spirits of the participants.

Thanks to the many volunteers who came out to help to make this event successful: Murray and Margaret Bisset on the grill; Doug McPherson, Wendy Lucas, Velma Burley, Joanne Lusch and Janet Sauve on ticket sales for the fun and games, which included Buy a Mulligan, Just How Many Golf Balls Are Actually In There and the 50-50 draw; Leslie Fielding and her crew, Catherine Plue, Irene Heinz, Maura Hughson, Sally McPherson, Donna Wilson, and Janice Latorre who made sure that the athletes were well fed at both lunch and dinner. Thanks also goes to Irene Heinz for securing items for the silent auction which once again proved to be a success.

The golf course was in fine shape, thanks to the continued efforts of the golf course crew lead by Marc Bertrand and Rick Indewey – the additional benches were most welcome. The putting green course, set up by Norm and Sharon Seaward, proved to be challenging and fun!

The winners of this year's sell out tournament were:

Special Putting Award	Terri Papa
Straightest Drive	Helene Maikawa, Bob Plue
Closest to the Pin	Bev Joseph, Jeff Drayton
Putting Course	Karen Semple, Bob Hepburn
Golf Course	Mary Ellen Simerson, Tom Tobin
Overall Winner	Lisa Tobin, Wayne Perzel

Last, but not even close to being least, a big shout out and thank you to our sponsors this year who generously supported this event. Please consider supporting these local businesses, many are Bayshore residents\*, if the opportunity arises!

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**Janice Latorre**

**Photos by Janice Latorre and Kate White**



## Director of Common Lands Report



**EAB (Emerald Ash Borer):** Treating our Ash trees was completed last week. Eugene had eight very enthusiastic volunteers helping this year so the work went very quickly. We have two soil injectors (which require considerable maintenance to keep them working properly), which makes the process efficient. Eugene updated the database and added a few trees that have grown big enough to qualify. None declined the service this year.

A special "THANK YOU" to all who participated and especially to Eugene.

**Tree Planting:** We will not be planting trees this year, as we require a sizeable order in order to get wholesale prices. Save up your tree order for next year. If anyone would like assistance in planning, please let us know. Note that most trees we planted last year are healthy. We lost one of six maples at the hayloft and one evergreen in Harbour 33 for no apparent reason.

**Stump Removal:** We will be getting our stump removal guy (Stump Eaters) to come to Bayshore again. If you have a stump that you would like to get rid of, let me know and I will add you to the list for an estimate.

**Beaver Monitoring:** Please report signs of beaver activities ASAP. There was a beaver hanging around in Beaver Pond, but it looks like it moved on last week.

**General Cleanup:** Cleanup this year was spread over a period of four days which provided a better result, with less burnout. We had 44 people involved in total, with about 100 hours of work accomplished. The next week, we tackled a major cleanup in Harbour 99 – removal of several dead trees and limbs, cleanup of the storage bin area, removal of dead vegetation around the harbour, raked the parking lot, etc. – all of which went into another dumpster. Redefinition of the lines around the volleyball court and erection of the net was accomplished as well. Another 30 volunteers participated.

**Harbour 33 Area:** There is a small section of a culvert that will need to be repaired by the Stephens.

**Harbour 66 Area:** The retaining wall renovation is complete and gravel has been added to the parking lot. The culvert extension (we received permission for 35 feet!) and removal of excess rocks at the shoreline at #12 Thicketwood will be completed this week. Note that we have agreed to cut back the shrubs on the West side to the height of the bottom of the light standards only as they act as a deterrent to the geese invasion and provide shoreline stabilization. We will be looking at adding more low growing shrubs in this area to fill in the open gaps, adding a short walkway from the bridge and adding signage indicating that this area is available to members to enjoy. The property line defining the Common Land will be investigated and better defined later this week.

**Harbour 99 Area:** The task to add fill, arbour stone and drainage to the north side of Harbour 99 is included (and was approved) in the long-range plan for this year. This area is very low and it is usually impossible to cut the grass or walk in this area until mid-summer. We will establish a "buffer" zone of 10 to 15 feet by planting bushes, grasses, etc., which will act as a goose barrier. This plan includes expanding the parking lot and adding more gravel. The curbs that are in a pile will be placed after that work is completed to prevent

vehicles from entering the park. This work will likely be completed this fall after the lake level is lowered.

**Grass Cutting Contract:** Tom Pond is our new onsite grass contract person. He has had a challenge keeping up, but is working out very well. If anyone has any issues, please contact me.

**Walkways:** General maintenance on the walkways will be ongoing. The walkway to the west of the tennis courts was completed in late May. This task was an example of what can be accomplished with our very enthusiastic volunteers. On the chosen day, about 14 people showed up at 9:00 and the job was finished by 11:30! A special "THANK YOU" to everyone who helped out!

**Flag Poles:** The flagpole at the entrance needs to be repaired and relocated away from the adjacent tree. A new flagpole will be installed at Harbour 99. This work will be completed by the end of June.

**Goose Deterrent:** The issue of goose management was not effective last year. I propose that we get a planning session organized ASAP to put up a defence system, such as a wire fence all around Harbour 99, etc., using input from the management company. Harbour 33 is a different challenge, and the use of the proposed laser may make sense here.

**Eco Park:** Bridges and benches will require some maintenance this year. We have a couple of volunteers doing some work this month.

**Ponds:** We tested the water in three locations for e.coli, and the tests showed very low levels. We plan to do more testing in the near future. We are concerned because we see very little evidence of wildlife in the pond lately.

**Steve Goulter**  
**Director of Common Lands**

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## Making Bayshore Beautiful

Everyone notices our exceptional gardens at the entrance and the Hayloft. It's all done by our wonderful volunteers! Thank you one and all for all your hard work! Left to right pictured here are: Kate Switzer, Mike Papa, Sherri Richardson, Heather May Horbay, Terri Papa, Asmita Raina, and Wendy Lucas. Missing from the photo are: Nori Drysdale, Karma Hepburn, Nancy Wallingford, and Kevin and Diane Peebles.

**Photo by Donna Wilson**



*Thank You Volunteers!!*



## Director of Harbours and Storage Report



Being Director of Harbours and Storage for almost four years has been a very rewarding experience for me, all due to the people I have worked with. Just coming off my first two years back in 2018, and with the help of Keith Bellamy and Andy Rodrigues (who has since moved away from Bayshore), we took on the job of taking apart and rebuilding Harbour 33. With over 40 people offering to help, and

1,200 plus hours, we did it, and still to this day, it is quite a showpiece here in Bayshore.

Being Director is one thing, but if you don't have volunteers, it could be quite challenging and time consuming. So please people, when they ask for help please come out and volunteer. In 2022, I took over for Kevin Fox as Director, due to the fact Kevin moved out of Bayshore. Before Kevin left, he had the plans for rebuilding Harbour 66 well on the way, so all that basically needed to be done was to decide on the contractor that would do the job. We decided on Stephen Contracting who reside right here in Bayshore. They have done a great job on the new steel wall, and the addition of more gravel to level out the parking lot. And I can't help but mention all the little extras they have done to make everyone else's job much easier.

We have updated the electrical, thanks to Orillia Electric, and along with volunteers and myself, we ran a new main water line. One dock was rebuilt, thanks to Dave Renaud, and Brian Finnegan.

By the time you read this report, Harbour 66 should pretty well be finished. If you drive by you can't help but notice the excellent job that has been done by everyone. But a big part of the way the harbour looks is due to the efforts of Mario Camille, the Harbourmaster. Harbour 66 has never looked as good as it does now, and I'm quite sure he isn't finished adding his own personal touches. I know he takes a lot of pride in making it look the best he can.

At this time I would also like to thank Keith Bellamy who looks after Harbour 33, and Patrick Murphy who looks after Harbour 99, for all they do in their respective harbours, along with all their helpers.

And last but not least, is Gunther Gratzner, our President here in Bayshore, who still remains in charge of the storage yard, also known as "The Storage Guy." Thank you for all you do.

As far as staying on for another two year term, I haven't quite made up my mind yet. But with people like this, doing what they do, I'd be crazy not to.

**Bill Pike**

**Director of Harbours and Storage**

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There are not enough words to express how wonderful this year's Canada Day turned out to be! So here is just a brief summary of all of the days events:

The weather was perfect! We started with Steve Miller opening the day, introducing our dignitaries, and the raising of the flag with everyone singing the national anthem. Coffee, orange juice, and breakfast goodies donated by residents, were served by volunteers, and Pat Beecham gave out Canadian items.

The parade was awesome this year! Organized by Gunther Gratzer, there were many themed floats, mainly highlighting Bayshore activities!

The Fishing Derby, always a hit with the children, was a success due to the work of Keith Meadows and his ever-ready team of anglers and helpers! The smiles of the children lit up Harbour 66! There were 73 children registered this year! Winners of the derby were: the Biggest Fish category was won by Carter Hackett (11 years old) with a 13.5 inch bass; Most Fish was won by Sybil Hirashi (six years old) who caught seven fish; Smallest Fish was won by Owen Dickinson (two years old) who caught a 2.3 inch fish. Every child, (*all 73 of them!*) went home with a prize for participating.

We served over 400 people for the BBQ. Unbelievably, every burger was cooked perfectly and we had ample food. Any remaining food was delivered to the Lighthouse who are always grateful. Joe Latorre won the 50/50 draw of \$145.00.

The Pet Contest was brought back this year and run by Brenda James and Kathy Alden. Winners were : Best Canada Day Costume, Marvel, a mixed breed dog shown by Easton; Funniest Costume, Finn, a sheep-a-doodle shown by Andrew; Most Unusual Pet, Salem, a black cat shown by Aiden; Best Trick was a tie won by Stella, a roosevelt terrier shown by Karyn and Marvel shown by Easton; and Longest Tail was won by Mando, a black lab shown by Lia.

The Children's Event was run by Willy Harrison. A scavenger hunt, children's carnival, and some games were held. The children had fun and excitement was in the air!

Finally, the Sail Past, organized by Dave Renaud, really was spot on with timing and number of boats this year.

There are hundreds of people to thank. Participants, volunteers, the Social Committee, the organizers, the photographers, dignitaries, bakers, shoppers, and so many more. Thank you for making this year's CANADA DAY one of the best ever!

**Debbie Rautins**

***Thank you to the following who sent in their photos of Canada Day! We wish we had room to print them all! Thank you Mary Andrews, Laurel Dewar, Jim Fielding, Leslie Fielding, Gunther Gratzer, Susan Hazlett, Janice Latorre, Michelle Martinez, Liz Meharg, Mary Nolan, Janet Sauve, Sharon Seaward, Mary Ellen Simerson, Dawn Sutherland, and Donna Wilson***

*A HUGE thank you goes out to Debbie Rautins who coordinated all the Canada Day events, activities and volunteers! A Herculean task! To say the day was amazing is an understatement! On behalf of everyone,*

*thank you*

### Sharing Place Food Drive Leslie and Jim Fielding – Organizers

Congratulations to everyone in Bayshore Village for their generous Canada Day donations to the Sharing Place Food Bank. We reached a Bayshore record high of \$920.00 and 1,077 pounds of food!!!

Sharing Place loves seeing our proud faces arrive, and eagerly await us.

Many thanks go to my team of Merrill and Steve Miller, Jim, and our family.

Be proud Bayshore!!!!!! With our amazing donations, we will be helping many families in need. Thank you!

Enjoy your summer and stay tuned for our Christmas drive.

**Leslie Fielding**

















## In Memoriam

We are saddened to announce the passing of the following friends of the village:



**RON JOSEPH** – It is with profound sadness and a broken heart to announce the passing of Ron, my husband, partner and very best friend, after a lengthy illness. I will truly miss his great sense of humour and wit and his ability to make me laugh everyday.

Ron, a proud member of the Brooklin Hunt Club, loved the outdoors. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoyed many years of boating on Lake Simcoe. He had taken up the game of golf again over the past few years and looked forward to his weekly outings with the men's Bayshore golf group.

He will be sadly missed by anyone who knew him.

*"I wanted you for life, you and me in the wind  
I never thought there'd come a time our story would end  
It's hard to understand, but I guess I'll have to try  
It's not easy to say goodbye  
For all the joy we shared, all the time we had to spend  
Now if I had one wish, I'd want forever back again  
To look into your eyes and hold each other when we cried  
It's not easy to say goodbye  
I remember all the great times we had  
So many memories, some good, some bad  
Yes, and through it all, those memories will last forever  
There's peace in where you are, maybe all I need to know  
And if I listen to my heart, I'll hear your laughter once more  
And so I have to say I'm so glad you came my way  
It's not easy to say goodbye."*

My love always and forever, Bev



**ERNST OLAF STOSCH** – It is with broken hearts that we announce the passing of Ernst Olaf Stosch on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 in his 90th year at the Orillia Soldiers Memorial Hospital where he died of cancer.

Olaf and his wife, Eva-Maria, immigrated to Canada in 1957 from Berlin, Germany. He will be remembered for his easy-going ways, his friendliness and his ever-present kindness.

Olaf worked for Sears Canada Limited for almost 30 years in the Data Processing Department, where he developed important programs for that company and became the manager of that department. He retired from Sears in 1990 and he and Eva moved to Bayshore Village in 1992 until 2019. He learned to play golf and was an active member of Bayshore Village Community. He started dressage riding and rode in different countries around the world. He and Eva enjoyed travelling and organized many trips with members of the Twin Lakes Probus Club. Olaf was also an active member of the Champlain Seniors Service Club.

Heartfelt thanks go out to the caring staff of Leacock Retirement Lodge, Leacock Care Centre and the staff of the OSMH Harvie Wing.

He will be missed by Eva, his wife of 66 years, his "daughter", Kristen Wenghofer, and her family, his relatives in Germany and the USA, and his many friends.





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## Bridge News

### Velma Burley and Noel Cooper – Organizers

After 15 years at the helm, Pat Beecham-Cooper retired as the organizer of the Wednesday bridge group, but is still offering lessons on Friday mornings at 11:00 am. To thank Pat for her years of dedication to bridge in Bayshore, a surprise party was held for her after bridge on May 24th. She was surprised, especially to see Noel who she thought was golfing. Fran McVie, who has known Pat a long time, gave a heartfelt speech thanking Pat, which touched all of us. The group gave her a gift certificate to Theo's restaurant in Orillia, which she and Noel used that evening.

Velma Burley has enormous shoes to fill but, with the assistance of Judy Kielly, the Wednesday group is carrying on as usual from 1:00 to 3:30 pm weekly. Thanks to the return of the snowbirds, we had four tables of bridge players on May 17th! Please contact Velma at 905-809-3753 or burleyv55@gmail.com if you would like to join in the fun on Wednesday afternoons.

The results for the Wednesday bridge group from March 29 to June 7:

Highest score: Patti Norris Rigby with 6,360

Second: Dorothy Hall with 5,540

Third: Cathy Sheldon with 5,290

Monday bridge has also been well attended as of late with usually three tables playing on Monday mornings at 10:00 am. Scoring is all about the cards you're dealt, and the scores on some days have been surprisingly low. However, some players have recorded fine accomplishments during the past three months:

Pat Beecham, about whom you have already read in this column, racked up 6,400 points on May 29. Lloyd Lockhart came second at the same table with 5,740; he would have won at any other table, that day and many other days. Pat also won on April 10 and May 15. Her exploits, earning \$3 each time she wins, are keeping the family in groceries. Jack Fraser returned from Arizona and scored 4,650 on May 22. Maria Saringer took home first prize money with 5,340 on April 24. Noel Cooper got his name in the Banner by scoring 4,550 on May 1.

Everyone is welcome to join us on a Monday morning. Please get in touch with Noel Cooper at 705-484-0221 or nhpcoop@yahoo.ca.

Bridge takes place in the Hayloft's Great Room.

**Velma Burley and Noel Cooper**



**Pat's Playboys**



**Pat's Thank You Party**

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## Car Club

### James Schulz – Organizer

It's been a while since the Bayshore Village Car Club had an outing. The past couple of years have been a challenge and I have also been on some extensive trips which kept me out of the country in the past year.

I would like to invite any Bayshore Village members to join the Car Club. We invite those with classic, exotic, muscle or unique cars to join. We have approximately five to ten outings a season which include participating in local car shows and car cruises, for example to Parry Sound with a picnic lunch, and, as usual, participation in the BVA Canada Day parade.

If you would like to join please contact jimschulz12@gmail.com by email with your name, contact number, year and make of your car. Hope to see new members joining in on the fun.

**James Schulz**



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## Easter Egg Hunt

Franchi Torchia and Shania Raina, Youth Social Committee – Organizers

The Easter egg hunt was a resounding success at the Hayloft, drawing 34 enthusiastic children who eagerly scoured the grounds in search of 1,147 hidden eggs. The event brought the community together and provided a memorable experience for all who attended, creating cherished memories of a fun-filled Easter celebration. A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who came and participated in the event, making it a special day filled with laughter and joy.

Special thanks to Mary Andrews for her generous donation of chocolate and plastic eggs, which added an extra touch of sweetness to the occasion.

As my time as the Children's Event Coordinator comes to a close and I prepare to head off to university, I want to extend my deepest appreciation to everyone who has attended and supported the children's events. Your presence and enthusiasm have made these events truly memorable.

**Franchi Torchia**

**Photos by Franchi Torchia and Mary Andrews**



**Above: Mary Andrews and her family wearing their bunny ears – a 20 year Easter tradition beginning when Mary moved to BV.**



*Thank you Franchi, for all your great work with the children and youth at Bayshore! We will miss your involvement, ideas, and your never-ending enthusiasm.*

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*thank you*





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## From The North Arctic Circle To The South Antarctic Circle 2022

I recently wrote an article about our trip to Antarctica this past December. What an amazing adventure! Some residents asked, "Why would you travel to Antarctica?" I had watched documentaries on travel to Antarctica and was drawn to visit this southern continent that is so pristine and unique.

Earlier in 2022, we traveled to Europe to begin a tour of Iceland and Ireland. We left Canada June 1st and returned June 30th. The first part of the trip, we visited Belfast in Northern Ireland, followed by a self-guided tour of the north of Ireland. My mom was born in Belfast and lived there until she was 17, at which time she and her family immigrated to Canada. After our five day tour of Belfast and the north, we flew to Amsterdam and embarked on our cruise to Iceland along with three stops in Ireland before returning to Amsterdam.

2022 was unique for us in that we were in the far north of our blue planet in June where it was daylight for 24 hours a day, and in the south in December where it was again daylight 24 hours a day. 2022 was not a "pack the bathing suit" travel year!

Iceland is a very interesting country with a rich history. While cruising over the top of Iceland to our first stop in Akureyri, we grazed the Arctic circle. In the Antarctic we came within 50 miles of the Antarctic circle but did not make it due to a build up of ice at our planned stop. In both places, it was daylight 24 hours a day. I learned that the Arctic and Antarctic circles are defined by the angle at which the sun strikes the Earth on the summer solstice in the North and the summer solstice in the South. There is no sunset for many days, and 24 hours of daylight for about 10 weeks. The Earth is on a 23.5 degree tilt; when you reach 66.5 degrees latitude and higher, the sun does not set for a period of time.

Icelanders are a hardy bunch, turning to swimming and other sporting events to cope with their extended dark winters. Many public pools are heated by Iceland's thermal geology. We visited thermal geysers, waterfalls, replicated historic villages, and one place where the North American and the Eurasian tectonic plates are a few feet apart. It is the only place in the world where you can see those two tectonic plates and the Mid-Atlantic Ridge above ground. In Thingvellir National Park you can snorkel in the river and actually touch both plates as they are only a few feet apart.

Iceland is a very expensive place to visit, so traveling there by ship is more reasonable and packing and unpacking is not required.

We cruised with Celebrity and everything was top shelf. The ship was about 40% capacity so nothing was very crowded.

After the cruise we returned to Ireland and embarked on a ten-day guided coach tour of Ireland to the south. Another article for the Banner pending!

**James Schulz**



***Shore excursion to Akureyri***



***Gullfoss Falls***



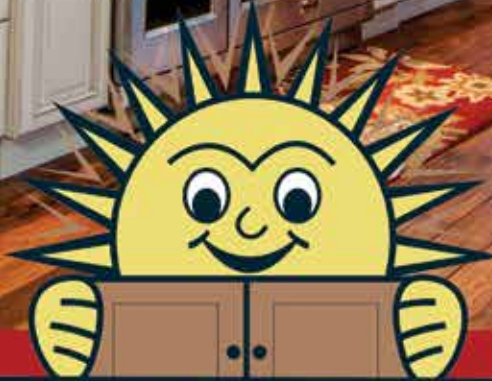
***Two tectonic plates in Thingvellir National Park***



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## Bayshore Anglers

Summer is finally here, and with that, open water fishing in beautiful Lake Simcoe.

Along with bass, many other species are in season: walleye, perch, crappie, bowfin and northern pike are all in Barnstable Bay.

The walleye, most favourite of the early summer angler, are active at this time while the water is still cold, but finding them is a huge challenge – we know they're out there, but where? Perch are always easy to find in most waters. Crappie like structures such as docks, wooded shorelines and humps, or rock piles surrounded by weeds. Northern pike are like a water wolf, always moving and searching for prey. Like their cousin, the muskellunge or musky, they like the weeds, whether off shoals, drop offs or in the flats. The funny thing is, you can get them anytime and usually by surprise.

Barnstable should hold a good population of musky. Participating in the restocking program held a few years ago with Muskies Canada, The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forests, Sir Sandford Fleming College and the Orillia Fish and Game Conservation Club, thousands of musky were stocked into Barnstable Bay as well as other areas around our area. Most of these fish should now be adults but seem to have moved away or are somewhere out there. It is a mystery as to where they have gone. I have heard of no catches recently. Enough about species, let's talk about catching. First you have to find them. If you want to cover a lot of water, trolling is a great way to find fish.

I prefer to drift and cast. This covers lots of water at a slower speed and you can really see what's below you.

You can also find a spot near some weeds, drop the anchor and cast various lures and see what happens. Some use a mounted trolling motor and slowly move around an area, casting into numerous spots.

Now that we've found them, what to use? You can't beat live bait. It's natural, has all the scents that fish want, is familiar to them, and moves in a natural way. Plastics try to copy the natural look and movements, and many are scented like live bait. Bait manufacturers have even thrown in crazy unnatural colours and some work better. Go figure.

Lures are hard plastics, molded and painted to look like bait fish, frogs and many other tasty things fish like to dine on.

There are also metal lures, spoons and spinners. The broad body of a spoon combined with the flash of polished, reflective metal and assorted paint jobs are a hit with many species. Spinners use the rotating flash of polished metal along with an assortment of body styles to attract a strike. Painted blades of a spinner adds to the flash of the metal on the reverse side. In Barnstable Bay, I find most work, but here are my deadly favourites: Mepps spinners (#3 black fury and #4 red comet), Rapala minnow lures, and Cotton Cordell "Big 0" in chartreuse peach. I like the plastics, using rubber worms on a Texas rig or "whacky worms". Rubber frogs are a blast when working through the reeds or lily pads. Nothing like the big splash of a largemouth bass or pike hitting a surface lure.

So it's time to go fishing, I'm not one for the "early bird gets the worm" theory. I've found morning, midday, and evening

all to be productive in Barnstable. The surrounding areas also offer lots of great fishing. Some venture across the lake to the deeper, colder water for summer lake trout with good success. Some go out onto the many shoals and deep drop-offs for bigger than big smallmouth bass that are world class! In closing, I hope you saw the "Bayshore Anglers" float in the Canada Day Parade. Please read the Fishing Derby write-up in this edition (page 10). It is always one of the many highlights of Canada Day. The excitement of the children and teens can't be beat! Not to mention the adults watching! Until next time, "keep your line in the water and your rod in your hand." See you out there.

And remember, send your stories and pictures to me at meadowskeith1@gmail.com.

**Keith Meadows**



*Even the "big kids" get a thrill catching an off-shoal smallie. Debbie's brother, Hank, enjoying the fishing.*



*Anglers author with a nice largemouth bass*



*G'son Carter Hackett visiting Roger and Colleen Sicard*



*G'son Bentley Hackett visiting Roger and Colleen Sicard*



*Brian Finnegan with a lake trout*



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## VON

Sharon Miller, Wendy Lucas, Linda Bridges – Organizers

Pictured are some of our leaders and participants after our VON Smart Exercise session upstairs in the Hayloft on Friday, June 9th. The two leaders, seated in the centre of the front row, are Sharon Miller and Wendy Lucas, and our third leader, Linda Bridges, was absent.

VON Smart Exercise is held every Friday from 10:00 to 11:00 am. It is a really fun weekly class, with our three very dedicated leaders taking turns during the hour, and with music and “sparkling repartee” to encourage us all to do our best!

**Mary Andrews**  
**Photo by Sharon Miller**



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## Volleyball

Terri Papa – Organizer



This was our first game of the season and we all had a amazing time!

A special thank you to Janice Latorre for taking these amazing pictures, and Joe Latorre for our fabulous scoreboard and stand. Janice and Joe – thank you for sharing Enzo with us. Enzo is our mascot.

None of this would have been possible if Steve Goulter hadn't worked so hard from constructing the posts to the outline of the court. Thanks Steve!

**Terri Papa**  
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## Bayshore Bikers in Amsterdam

On April 18, 15 Bayshore friends flew to Amsterdam to start a cycling adventure. We first spent two days in Amsterdam enjoying the sights of this beautiful city and getting used to the time change.

On April 22, we boarded the *Swaantje*, which means Little Swan, to start our bike and barge adventure. The barge holds 22 guests and six crew members. Every couple had their own cabin that included two sleeping berths and a small bathroom. We were provided with bicycles, some being ebikes, helmets, and panniers. We had two guides that planned our bike routes, a captain that drove the barge, a chef, a host that coordinated daily cabin cleaning and helped serve meals, and a first mate who worked around the barge. We slept on the barge every night and while we were out cycling through the day, the barge moved to the next town to meet us.

We left Amsterdam and headed to Haarlem, a lovely little town with a town square that featured a huge church. The day we got to this town was the day of the flower parade. Every float was made entirely of flowers. Impressive!!

We left Haarlem and pedalled towards Keukenhof gardens which is the largest flower garden in the world. This garden covers 80 acres and is planted with seven million bulbs every year. Tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths were planted in beautiful designs. The scent from all these flowers was incredible!

We caught up with the barge at Leiden, the birthplace of Rembrandt. After a good night's rest, we headed out to the "green heart of Holland." The Netherlands is known for their exports of vegetables, bulbs (five million euros worth of flowers and plants per year), shrubs, cheese (600 million kilos per year), and sheep meat. We cycled past hundreds and hundreds of greenhouses that grow tomatoes, cucumbers, eggplant, shrubs, succulents, and even small trees like Japanese maples. Incredible!! We visited a dairy farm and learned about the production of gouda cheese. The day ended in the town of Gouda where we again met up with the barge for the night.

In the morning we toured the town of Gouda, a lovely town with a town hall that was built in the 15th century. We visited the St. John Church that featured beautiful stained-glass windows. During WW2, these windows were removed, put into wooden crates, and hidden in caves, in people's basements or in barns so that they would not be destroyed by the Germans.

After lunch we headed out on our bikes. One of the best things about this cycling adventure was the unique places that we got to cycle through. We cycled through small villages, along dikes, through farmer's fields (at one point we had to get off our bikes so we could open a gate to cycle along a paved path through a field of sheep). We rode on busy roads, around lakes, along canals, past fields of crops, and past cows and sheep grazing in lush pastures.



***Beautiful Amsterdam***



***Keukenhof Gardens***



***Shopping in Gouda***



***Riding all day is hard work!***



## Bayshore Bikers in Amsterdam (cont'd)



**Wooden windmills in Zaanse Schans**



**Beautiful gardens of flower farms**



**Outdoor cheese market**

The weather was quite rainy and cool so we all had to wear many layers under our rain gear and often had to wear a warm hat and gloves. It sounds terrible, but the experience of seeing this country from a bicycle seat was fantastic!!

The next morning was an early start. By 7 am we were in the building that holds the world's largest flower auction. Forty-three million cut flowers from all over the world are shipped into this building where they are graded, bid on, put into boxes, and then transported out by trucks or planes to warehouses all over the world. This whole process is completed in 24 hours. Wow!!

We headed back to the barge for breakfast and then cycled 33 kms to Zaanse Schans, a unique hamlet where people live and work in original houses and windmills. The hamlet is dominated by operating windmills, the oldest built in 1673, for grinding mustard, spices, paint and oil, and for sawing wood into planks. The windmills in this village were amazing to see and it was so interesting to find out that they are made entirely of wood and can be taken apart and moved when necessary.

The next day we visited another garden that featured rare and historic bulbs and is maintained by retired growers. After wandering around this beautiful garden, we rode to the North Sea coast, a 200 km long sand beach. It was so peaceful to sit on the sand and listen to the sea as it hit the shore.

The following morning, we visited an outdoor cheese market. This market dates back to 1573, and displayed how cheese was sold at that time. Eight wheels of gouda, which weigh 12 kg each, were loaded onto a wooden carrier with leather straps that was carried by two men to the trading area and then sold to the highest bidder. Quite a sight to see!!

We got back on our bikes and pedalled 52 kms to Amsterdam where we enjoyed a farewell dinner on the barge.

This bike and barge adventure was challenging, but was also such a unique experience to be able to see areas of the Netherlands that can only be reached by bicycle.

Enjoying this experience with friends from Bayshore was the icing on the cake. The memory of this trip will be with us for years to come.

**Diane Stoner**

**Photos by Diane Stoner and Sharon Seaward**

**(L-R) Jim Pruddy, Randy Hutchison, John Simerson, Amanda Knapp, Dani Prinzen, Mary Lynn (Thunder Bay), Jim and Nancy (USA), Lee and Leanne (Australia), Paul and Diane Stoner, Sam and Michelle (USA), Artena Hutchison, Bill Merkley, Deb May, Mary Ellen Simerson, Linda Wyckoff, Sharon and Norm Seaward, Rick Indewey.**





## Around the Village



**Reflections – Sarah Chambers**



**Blue Heron – Janet Sauve**



**Thirsty swans – Donna Sverdrup**



**22 Goslings! – Mary Andrews**



**Fluffiness everywhere – Deborah Antenore**



**Nest – Janet Sauve**



**Water lily – Deborah Antenore**



**Turtle – Conni Bowman**



**Sunning snake - Dave Renaud**

*Thank you everyone who sent in your photos of the flora and fauna of Bayshore! Unfortunately there was just not enough room to include every photo this time, but please keep sending them in – every single contribution is greatly appreciated and might be used in a future issue. Thank you! – Susan*





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## Backyard Happy Hour Mixers

Wendy Lucas and Mary Nolan – Organizers

June 8th was a bit chilly to start our first Happy Hour Mixer of 2023 – but lively conversation soon warmed us up, and the afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed by all hosts and attendees. Backyard Happy Hour Mixers are Thursdays or Fridays at 4:00 pm twice a month until September. Contact Wendy Lucas or Mary Nolan for more information.



**Mary Andrews, Host – photo by Mary Andrews**



**Jeff and Kate Switzer, Hosts – photo by Mary Nolan**



**Lynn McWilliams, Host – photo by Lynn McWilliams**



**Lynn McWilliams, Host – photo by Lynn McWilliams**

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## Kayak Days

Lynda Bertrand and Irene Heinz – Organizers

Welcome Paddlers. Kayak season is here. We have designated Tuesdays as our paddle day. Various trips in and around our beautiful waters are planned.

This first paddle was in late April, ice still afloat. Irene Heinz and Lynda Bertrand headed out to enjoy the beauty of our lake. If interested in joining our paddle group, let a paddler know and we can chat about our excursions. Weather and wind conditions are always a priority for a safe paddle. Paddles Up!

**Lynda Bertrand**

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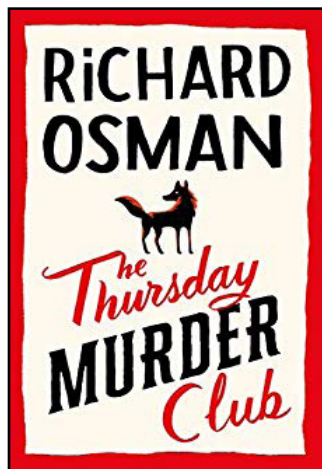
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## Bayshore Reads: *The Thursday Murder Club*, and *The Windsor Knot*

Up for some British Crime Drama? Who better than the British for some great books?

With the recent coronation of King Charles, I thought it might be interesting to highlight two British writers who have written books with very clever storylines.

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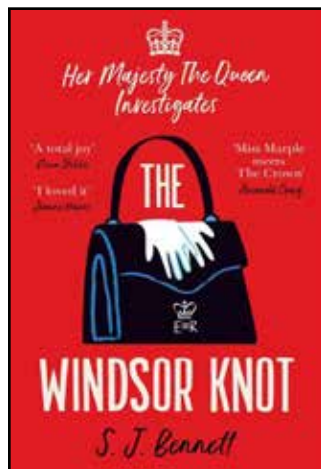
### ***The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman**

Author Richard Osman is a British journalist, comic, and TV personality. His first book, *The Thursday Murder Club*, introduces us to four folks in their 70s, living in a retirement community in a quaint English town. Bored with the traditional retirement pastimes of puzzles and knitting groups, they decide to form their own club to solve old unsolved murders. Each group member

brings their own lived experience to the club – a secret agent, a nurse, a union representative, and a psychiatrist. Analyzing people, crime scenes and motives is right up their alley. Elizabeth, Joyce, Ron, and Ibrahim now find themselves in the middle of a mystery and two current murders right in their village. They decide to take matters into their own hands, and solve the murders themselves. What I love about this book are the characters, the twisting storyline, and the great dialogue. Everyone including the police, dismisses these four “old fogies” as not smart enough to solve a murder. They soon learn that these retired folks are very capable detectives. The plot has many twists and turns and keeps the reader guessing “who did it” right until the very end.

Rarely does a book deliver as promoted as being a “laugh out loud” and wildly entertaining read. This one did! I laughed many times and loved the premise of folks in our age range showing just how finding that passion – solving murders – keeps them young. The book was recommended to me by a friend, who couldn’t put it down and stayed up all night just to finish it.

There are two more books in the series of the Thursday Murder Club, with a fourth coming out this fall. I’m on the second book, *The Man Who Died Twice*, and loving it just as much as the first.



### ***The Windsor Knot* by S.J. Bennett**

When a murder happens at Windsor Castle, a most unlikely character decides to quietly investigate and solve the murder – Queen Elizabeth! The book incorporates the regular activities of the Queen’s life, such as attending grand balls, touring hospitals, hosting dignitaries, and meeting the Prime Minister, all while thinking about the murder.

Since the Queen just can’t go around investigating on her own, she enlists the help of her most treasured confidants and friends to seek out details and report back to her. Even some of the family members show up too! But of course, this is all purely fiction (or is it??)

This is a cute read for any Royal family follower and mystery buff. I love the idea of thinking that Queen Elizabeth was a sleuth in her spare time. Again, interesting characters and plot lines, and lots of twists too.

There are two more books in the series. I also enjoyed the second one, *All the Queen’s Men*, and look forward to reading the third shortly. I’m not sure what the future will be for this series considering the main character has passed, but it’s fun to think that the Queen continues to live on in our hearts and pages as a solver of great mysteries.

It’s a great time for a fun summer read and I hope you enjoy these two British treats. They are as delicious as a cup of Earl Grey and a scone. Let me know if the books make their way to your reading list.

Cheerio!

**Pamela Bowes**







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### Starters:

Why don't scientists trust atoms? Because they make up everything!

Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love, and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent!

I told my wife she should embrace her mistakes. She gave me a hug. Turns out, she misunderstood what I meant by "embrace."

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. It's impossible to put down, even though it's very uplifting.

### So you think you know everything:

A crocodile cannot stick out its tongue.

A dragonfly has a life span of 24 hours.

A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds.

A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.

A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.

A snail can sleep for three years.

More importantly, 1 hectare = 2.47 acres



### OK, some puns, the lowest form of wit they say:

A bicycle can't stand alone; it's just two tired.

Broken pencils are pointless.

How much did the pirate pay to get his ears pierced? A buccaneer.

I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.

Prison is just one word to you, but for some people, it's a whole sentence.

Please, please STOP.

### If you're still using these, then you're older than dirt:

Heavens to Murgatroyd! Hey – it's your nickel. Knee-high to a grasshopper. Fiddlesticks! Don't take any wooden nickels. See ya later, alligator! More \_\_\_ than Carter has liver pills.

### "It's that Little Johnny again ..."

A new teacher was trying to make use of her psychology courses. She started her class by saying, "Everyone who thinks they're stupid, stand up!" After a few seconds, Little Johnny stood up. The teacher said, "Do you think you're stupid, Johnny?" "No, ma'am, but I hate seeing you standing there all by yourself!"

Little Johnny watched, fascinated, as his mother smoothed cold cream on her face. "Why do you do that, mommy?" he asked. "To make myself beautiful," said his mother. She then began removing the cream with a tissue. "What's the matter," asked Johnny "Giving up?"

The math teacher saw that Johnny wasn't paying attention in class. She called on him and said, "Johnny! What are 2 and 4 and 6 and 44?" Johnny quickly replied, "CTV, Global, CBC, and the Cartoon Network!"

### Pick of the Litter:



After closing time at the bar, a barfly was proudly showing off his new apartment to a couple of his friends. He led the way to his bedroom where there was a big brass gong and a mallet.

"What's up with the gong?" one of the guests asked.

"It's not a gong. It's a talking clock," the barfly replied.

"A talking clock? Really?" asked his astonished friend.

"Yup," replied the barfly.

"How's it work?" the friend asked, squinting at it.

"Watch," the barfly replied. He picked up the mallet, gave the gong an ear-shattering pound, and waited.

The three stood looking at one another for a moment. Suddenly, someone on the other side of the wall screamed, "You again?! It's three-fifteen in the morning!"

*I'm taking care of my procrastination issues. Just wait till the next edition and you'll see.*

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## Garage Sale

Jane Davies, Doug Davies, and Anne Harwood – Organizers

The streets of Bayshore were busy early (VERY early!), on Saturday, May 13th for our Annual Community Garage Sale. We had perfect weather, a great turnout, and loads of participating households. Many thanks to Jane Davies, Doug Davies, and Anne Harwood for organizing the event, and to Kate White for supplying the street signage.

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## Real Estate Meeting Kate White – Organizer

Bayshore Village Board of Directors, led by Kate White, held an information session and luncheon on May 17 inviting our local realtors to learn more about our community.

Representatives from the following agencies attended:

*David Nicholls - Century 21 BJ Roth*

*Deborah Blackmore - Century 21 BJ Roth*

*Darlene Elder - Royal LePage Real Quest*

*Doug Sexsmith - Royal LePage Real Quest*

*Barbara Simpson - Re/Max Right Move*

*Kate White (Resident) - Century 21 Lakeside Cove Realty*

*Kari Cipolla - Century 21 Lakeside Cove Realty*

*Roger Selman - Century 21 Lakeside Cove Realty*

*Melissa Taylor - Keller Williams Realty Centres*

*Susan Hazlett (Resident) - Coldwell Banker*

Rick Matthews gave the presentation which included topics such as our amenities, activities, bylaws, fees, management of properties, goose control, Bayshore history, Bell Fibe Program, and governance. Emphasis was placed on our bylaws and other information realtors need to know when buying or selling homes in Bayshore Village.

Many of the realtors in attendance who did not know about Bayshore were, not surprisingly, amazed at our beautiful homes and all that Bayshore offers to its residents. They asked many great questions such as bussing for school children, youth activities, pet restrictions, utilities (municipal not septic, for instance), internet, use of Hayloft for events, tee off times, etc.

They were also very impressed with the amenities and low cost to residents for member fees, harbour and storage yard usage.

When listing your home, please consider using one of these realtors who took the time to learn about Bayshore as well as those who regularly advertise in our Banner.

**Debbie Rautins**



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## Mardi Gras

Party Time at Myrna and Bob Finlays for "Mardi Gras" – **Photos by Marika Relvas**





## Bocce Ball Donna Wilson – Organizer



Another great bocce season has begun. The other day, we had 16 players in attendance and fun was had by all. This is a casual bocce ball game played on grass courts. The grass can be kind of lumpy but that makes it interesting and the challenge is the same for everyone. Sign up on the green sheet posted each week on the bulletin board under the overhang at the Hayloft. I pick up the sign-up sheet on Sunday night for the following Monday game. You don't have to play every week, just when you can, and no experience is required.

Bocce Ball games are every Monday from 1:00 to 3:00 pm behind the tennis courts. Hope to see you there!

**Donna Wilson**



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## Humour on the Water



Two fish swim side by side up a river when they swim straight into a concrete wall...one fish turns to the other and says "Dam!"

Q. How long does it take the average person to learn to sail?

A. The average person never learns to sail.

A couple were on a boating trip. They were laying on the deck looking up at the sky.

One said to the other, "Look up, what do you see?"

"Well, I see thousands of stars. What do you see?"

"I see someone has stolen our bimini!"

The Admiral's Motto: "Do it schooner, rather than later!"

Once upon a time there was a famous sea captain. For years he guided ships all over the world and he was admired by all. Never did stormy seas or pirates get the best of him.

He had a ritual he followed every morning. He would lock himself in his quarters and open a small safe and read the contents of an envelope every day.

One day the captain died at sea. After laying the captain's body to rest, the first mate led the crew into the captain's quarters. He opened the safe, opened the envelope and he turned pale as he read.....

"Port Left

Starboard Right"



## The Tale of the Bayshore Midge

The little bitty midge  
There are so many  
What are we to do?

They descend on the Village in May  
And it's October before they go away  
When we moved here, we were told  
that the bugs weren't bad  
How were we to know??

They form a black cloud high in the sky  
They get in your mouth as you bike by  
They don't sting but they sure are annoying!!!  
Wish they would go away!

Some people want to coat them in chocolate  
Some people want to feed them to the fish  
Some people say to put them in the compost  
Some say that they would cook them  
and add them to a dish.

The annoying little midge  
There are so many  
What are we to do??

**Diane Stoner**

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## Happy Appy Hour

Debbie Rautins and The Social Committee – Organizers

There was a great turnout for the Happy Appy Hour on May 5th – a tradition to welcome back our “snow birds.” Everyone brought an appetizer to share and wine was provided. Thank you to Debbie Rautins and the Social Committee for organizing everything including the set-up and clean-up.

*Susan Hazlett*



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It's summer time! A big "welcome back" to our seasonal patrons.

We have an update to share about the Brechin branch – Council has made the decision to close the branch and is committed to finding a new location. To read the entire press release, please visit our website or drop in at the Ramara Centre branch. We hope to serve and see you there, soon.

Our Ontario Park Day Passes are flying off the shelves! If you have a certain day, week or weekend that you will be needing one, over the summer months, we highly recommend placing your hold and suspending it to come up one week before requirement. If you would like assistance, please contact us.



### Summer Highlights:

Registration is required and can be done on our website, EventBrite, via phone, email or dropping in! All programs occur at the Ramara Centre branch or as noted.

Free, twice daily programming is available for children. Check out our website or EventBrite page for a full list of details and registration.

New this summer - adult programming!

### Ramara's Roving Book Club

Wednesdays on July 19th, August 16th, and September 20th from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. The Library invites you to join our new "walk and talk book club!" Participants will be provided with a book to read for the month, then members will meet at a predetermined location in Ramara to walk while we talk about the book. Discussion questions will be provided. This is a great opportunity to try new authors while burning calories! The first meeting will be at Lovely Day Park in Atherley after reading the first title: *The Latecomer* by Jean Korelitz. Pre-registration is required.

### Murder Mystery Party @ Your Library™

Thursday, August 10th from 6:30 - 9:00 pm. Inside a regular, ordinary library on a seemingly ordinary day, people read, research and enjoy the peace the library offers. Ramara Library is known for its community involvement, unique activities, programs and welcoming atmosphere. However, one evening, romance writer Lady Cattersley, has been snuffed out in the "stacks", but whodunit? Join us to find out! The first ten people registered will be assigned a character, however; there may be more involved.....mwah ha ha ha!

### Pop Up Pottery Painting at the Library!

Friday, July 28th 2:00 - 6:00 pm and Saturday, July 29th 9:00 am - 2:30 pm. Pre-order and pay from a selection of pottery pieces available through the library and enjoy a drop-in time to paint. Orders must be in by June 30th. Cash only.

**Teens-To-Go** (Ages 11-18). Register for this program to receive a take home kit with a craft and activity for you to do on your own time. This also includes the opportunity to have a movie, book and snack handpicked by our

awesome librarians to surprise you with to enjoy, based on your interests. Sign up by July 15th and August 15th.

**Take Home Kits** (Ages 4-12). Due to popular demand, we have three kits available for long weekends! Be sure to sign up for one, two or all three by the deadline date. These will go quickly and are limited in quantity. One per family.

*1st Kit – Canada Day:* Sign up by June 17th for pick up from June 24th to 30th.

*2nd Kit – Civic Weekend:* Sign up by July 22nd for pick up from August 1st to 5th.

*3rd Kit – Labour Day:* Sign up by August 19th for pick up from August 29th to September 2nd.

**Books, Boards and Bites** (Ages 12-18). Tuesday, July 25th and Tuesday, August 29th from 5:00 - 7:00 pm, join Vanessa for Books, Boards & Bites, where participants will be combining three of the best things in life – books, board games, and pizza. We'll discuss current reads, play some interactive board games, and top it all off with some delicious pizza.

Twice daily between July 11th and August 25th, we have great, FREE programming happening for all ages. Registration is required for all programming (unless noted) and can be found on our EventBrite page or by contacting the library. Spaces are limited.

We have three summer reading clubs again this year with some updates for you to enjoy! Be sure to register your children or grandchildren to keep up with their literacy skills this summer with a chance to win amazing prizes!

Story Walks are back this summer with two excellent stories for families and friends to enjoy! Head to the Lagoon City Trail or walk around the outside of the Ramara Centre branch during July and August.

Did you know that we have a unique lending collection? Borrow puzzles, tablets, a projector, educational manipulatives, therapy lights and more at either branch location! Contact us for more info.

Prefer materials digitally? Be sure to download the cloudLibrary and PressReader apps onto your smart device. You can check out or download hundreds of eBooks, eAudiobooks, newspapers and eMagazines via these systems.

Need assistance with technology, printing, faxing, photocopying, laminating and other inquiries? We are here for you! Stop by during our open hours to speak with a friendly staff member.

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## In Praise of Bayshore Villagers

As soon as my husband, Manfred, and I both retired, we decided to step out of the rat race of the city as well as the work life.

We moved to Bayshore Village in August 2022, leaving what we thought was our “forever” home in Richmond Hill. We had debated about which northern community to call our “real” forever home. As we refined our search, Bayshore Village was the clear winner. We were so fortunate to learn it also came with a very friendly and active community.

Coming here, we knew NO ONE. We were thinking we may be off to a rough start with so many new things to find out about both the house AND the community. We could not have been MORE wrong, starting from the very first day here!

We had an extensive tour of the house with Bob McCutcheon (former Bayshorite) and his wonderful friend, Lloyd Lockhart, who pointed out various features of the home and how to maintain them. Special shout out to neighbours, Connie and Randy, for answering our gazillion questions too!

Then came the moving of the slate! We had purchased Bob’s snooker table before he moved. He made all the arrangements to have the table relocated. I was almost in tears when we saw all the guys who had come out to help move the slate. They didn’t know us, but they helped out when Bob and Lloyd asked. I remember saying to the guys

that if this is what Bayshore is like, we REALLY picked the right place!

Since then, we have played darts, bocce ball, watched some pickleball, and gone for some swims. I also joined a painting class which was a great ice breaker, even though I sadly found out that I am not as good as my mind thought I was – ha ha!!! Everyone was always very encouraging and fun! Then there is the morning walking group! What a GREAT way to start off each weekday morning! I’ve come to know the group of regulars, and there are occasional walkers that I have gotten to know as well. What a crazy bunch! There is always someone to chat with as you walk, and listen to all their interesting stories and jokes (and jokers!) I’ve attended a few “Tea & Chat” gatherings (although I don’t drink tea – ha ha!) and have met even more great people who share their stories and ideas, etc. The idea of everyone working together to ensure the community stays strong is very appealing and we are glad to start being a part of that.

We have been here just under a year now, and in that time, we know more people HERE than our previous two city neighbourhoods (totalling 30+ years) combined! That certainly says something about where we now live!

Thank you to all we’ve met for making up such a great community, and to those we are yet to meet along the way!

**Johanne and Manfred Lusch**

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## Canada Connect

Do you enjoy painting? Would you like an interesting way to share your artistic talents? Are you looking to connect with others and have some fun? Do you like to contribute to community projects? Would you want to be part of a global initiative, with a focus on Canada?

If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, I invite you to visit [www.connect.muralmosaic.com](http://www.connect.muralmosaic.com) to learn about a global art project, connecting the world through a unique, shared painting experience.

The program aims to bring together communities, families, and loved ones in the creation of a painting mosaic – a quilt of art, if you will. When you sign up, you are provided all the materials you will need to create and paint a five inch square canvas tile. You are assigned a colour palette that matches the seasons (spring, summer, fall, winter), but you are free to design and paint whatever subject you like.

All the individually painted tiles are then collected and arranged to bring to life a massive collective mosaic, depicting a tree. The completed mosaics are displayed across the globe.

Canadian born and raised – feel free to contribute to the Canada Connects mosaics. Snowbirds who escape the winter weather for fun in the sun – feel free to select America Connects. Those who are world travellers – pick the country that is meaningful for you.

The process is simple, fun, and very rewarding. My mother and I participated earlier this year, and our paintings are now part of the mosaics recently unveiled across Canada! We are already working on our next submissions and invite you to participate as well.

Happy painting!

**Deborah Antenore**







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Tuesdays and Fridays 3:00 - 5:00 pm.  
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Subject to change depending on weather.  
Contact John Alden.
- **Pickleball Lessons** Wednesdays and Saturdays 3:00 - 5:00 pm. Contact John Alden or Randy Hutchison.
- **Volleyball** Thursdays at 6:00 pm at Harbour 99. Contact Terri Papa.
- **Mixed Doubles Tennis** Tuesday, Friday and Sunday mornings. Contact Tom Costigane.
- **Car Club Outings.** Contact James Schulz.
- **Bocce Ball** Mondays 1:00 - 3:00 pm behind the tennis courts. Contact Donna Wilson. Sign up by previous Sunday on sheet at Hayloft kiosk.
- **Backyard Happy Hour Mixers** Thursdays or Fridays at 4:00 pm twice a month until September. Contact Wendy Lucas or Mary Nolan.
- **Wet Hogs** set out Tuesdays at 6:00 pm from Harbour 33. All PWC riders welcome.
- **Golf Leagues:** Ladies on Mondays at 10:00 am, Mixed on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm, Mens on Fridays at 9:00 am. Contact Irene Heinz or Marc Bertrand.
- **Bayshore Golf Ryder Cup** Saturday, September 9th. Contact Marc Bertrand.

## YEAR-LONG CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES:

- **Yoga** Wednesdays 10:00 am in the Hayloft. Contact Lynda Bertrand.
- **Italian Rummy** Mondays at 2:00 pm Contact Barb Thurgood.
- **Ladies' Tea & Chat** Tuesdays 2:00 - 4:00 pm. Contact Kristina Frise.
- **VON Smart Exercise** Fridays at 10:00 am. Call 705-326-7021.
- **Daily Walking Group** is open to all. Join our early morning outdoor walks around Bayshore.
- **Mahjongg** Thursdays at 1:30 pm in the Card Room. Contact Irene Heinz.
- **Bridge Lessons** Fridays at 11:00 am. Contact Pat Beecham-Cooper.
- **Bridge** Mondays at 10:00 am. Contact Noel Cooper.
- **Bridge** Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. Contact Velma Burley.
- **Leslie Sansome Walkfit Workout** will resume in September in the Hayloft upstairs. Contact Rhonda Wallace.
- **Organized Darts** has finished until September but feel free to use the dart boards anytime. Located in the card room.



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