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Hole-in-One!



Hello.

Our 14 year old son, Nathan Healy, scored a hole in one on the Bayshore golf course on the evening of July 22. It was on hole #2, 109 yards! We were wondering if Bayshore keeps track of this sort of accomplishment. Perhaps Nathan is the youngest to accomplish this on the Bayshore golf course?

Leo and Christina Healy



2020 Bayshore Pickleball

With the outbreak of Covid 19, the Bayshore Pickleball group were getting antsy to play and get out on the courts after returning from our vacation properties in the south. Finally, in May, we were given the go ahead to play under strict guidelines that were sent out by Pickleball Canada, agreed on by the Bayshore Village Association and players. With social distancing and cleaning practices set up, we began play on May 20. From the first play day in May until the Bayshore Classic held on Saturday September 19 we had over 853 players and 1706 hours logged in on the courts here in Bayshore.

The Bayshore Classic was held on the same day as Mr. Ford announced that we could only have 25 in attendance at the outdoor event. We were lucky that we met the guidelines with 6 ladies going head to head and 10 men in the round robin. With a few cheerleaders on the court, Secretary Deborah May, ballchasers Bill Pike, Julie & Brian Murray and Diane Stoner, we always kept within the 25 person parameter. The Classic winners, Artena Hutchison and Bill Merkley, came out on top of the Women's and Men's play to have their names engraved on the trophy.

Pickleball is a growing sport all over North America for all ages as shown by two new additions to our group from the Torchia family, Joey and Joseph, who were so intrigued watching us play while they were setting up the pool in the summer. They joined the group midway through the season and became a welcome addition to our group, basically watching Joseph run all over the court chasing down shots that we threw his way, and his dad Joey trying to keep up.

This is my final addition to the Banner, as my two-year term as Comish is up and John Alden will be taking over the duties.

John Simerson, Comish
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The Banner and the BVA members are very grateful to everyone who contributed articles to this issue.



**"Remember,
Water on the Water,
Beer on the Pier!"**

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The President's Article



Rick Matthews

We finally managed to hold our fall AGM, albeit with significant, ever changing COVID protocols not allowing members to attend. I believe with the minutes of the meeting, opening and closing remarks, AGM presentations with presenter's notes and a recording of the meeting being posted on our Members Only Website, we have a package members can

view to understand the Board's priorities for the coming year. While we broadcast the meeting live, the recording is not of the greatest quality due to the poor internet at the Hayloft.

We met our primary meeting objectives of approving the Budget and providing an update on our exciting Bell Fibre Program. With the help of members submitting 82 proxies, we were able to manage our required approvals.

The Membership Research, which will also be posted on our website, has provided the Board with guidance for key projects and initiatives moving forward. I thank all that participated in record numbers this year. Clearly implementation of the Bell program will be our primary focus. The Directors will scope the work to be completed, solicit volunteers and form committees as needed. Past research priorities have attracted many subject matter experts as volunteers. Major Capital Projects will be brought back to the membership for approval. Life Cycle of Projects and initiatives vary based on their complexity.

In October, we will start another business cycle with the new Board to plan and budget for 2021-2022. Should a second wave hit the province, we will continue to manage BVA business through WEBEX meetings.

Early in September the AGM meeting package was circulated. It includes all the Directors' Reports. I urge members to take the time to read those reports so that members understand the full magnitude of the work efforts of the Directors within their specific portfolios.

I have decided to volunteer for another term as President to complete the Bell project and follow through on several other initiatives including the spray fields/sewage treatment facility. We have a solid working relationship with Ramara Township. I intend to use that relationship to reduce our water bills in the near future and complete, with the help of the Directors, other plans and programs that we have been working on with the Township.

Remember to sign your Bell contract when you receive it and pay your invoice for a \$700 deposit. We need to formalize your commitment. This is the most important takeaway for you from the entire meeting.

Finally, stay safe. We are aware many will not be going south this year. Deb is working on many activities for the winter, largely outside activities which will all be COVID compliant. We need to keep our guard up. Please, personally reaffirm your commitment to all the protocols of social distancing, wearing masks, sanitizing your hands and meeting social gathering limits. Protect your bubble. I believe we have all relaxed a bit over the summer. We need to stop and think about COVID, especially in this critical fall time period. From now on anyone entering the Hayloft needs to be wearing a mask. It is no different than any store, and Tara is the one at the most risk. This includes everyone.

Hopefully next year at this time we will be in a more normal environment and be able to conduct our meetings accordingly. I, like all of you, miss the interaction with the members in every social setting including meetings.

***Rick Matthews, President
Bayshore Village Association***

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Director of Common Lands



Steve Goulter

The ongoing EAB program ended for the season July 15th, 2020. Most inventoried trees have had one treatment so far – about half the trees last year and half this year. Each tree will have to be treated every two years. Our program covers all trees on Common Lands within the Common Lands annual budget. To treat trees on private properties costs the homeowner a very modest fee compared to a Commercial Arbourist. This coming spring, a concerted effort will be made

to inventory any trees we have missed. If you have an ash tree on your property that does not have a small metal tag nailed to it at eye level, please let us know. A few homeowners have elected not to participate, and we will continue to work with them in subsequent years. Due to COVID we were unable to contact some homeowners this spring. They will be added to a list to contact next spring.

We do have EAB here in Bayshore. A few trees are showing signs of distress and we have had to remove a dozen or so in the last two years. Our treatment plan is our best effort to save as many trees as possible, but only the passage of time will tell how successful we will be. If you have a distressed ash tree, please contact us ASAP so that we can discuss the urgency of removal, as each infested tree acts as a host tree, which can accelerate the spread to other nearby trees. It takes at least two years for a tree to show signs of distress once infested, so it will be impossible to determine the health of a tree until it is too late. This is why it is important to treat all trees as early as possible.

Arbour Plan: With our “Green Infrastructure” in Bayshore Village reaching maturity and with the uncertainty associated with EAB, the Common Lands Directorate (and Committees) are working on an extensive Arbour Plan for all trees on the peninsula. This document will have many elements, ranging from planting of a Heritage Forest, to harbour and shoreline stabilization, to boulevard trees, to plans for all parks, protection from beavers, natural barriers to discourage geese, treatment of birch trees, the ECO park, advice to homeowners as to how to maintain trees, etc. Of course, budget constraints will limit the extent and speed of implementation of these plans, but without the plan, very little progress can be expected. The vast majority of funding for these endeavours, like EAB treatments, will come from the homeowners directly. Once we create awareness through education, many deficiencies will become evident and homeowners will want to improve the way we respect and look after our trees. The monies we have raised, or will be earning in future from EAB treatments, will help provide a revenue source for these efforts.

The results of the recent survey indicate that working on an Arbour plan for our community is very appropriate as it ranked #2 overall as a topic that the majority support. As a small start to the Arbour plan, we will be relocating a donated blue spruce from a private property to the Hayloft this Fall. The big birch tree at the front of the Hayloft is on its last legs, so it makes sense to plan for its demise now by placing this spruce in an appropriate location nearby. A search for a spade truck is underway. A “locate” for services will be paid for by the person donating the tree. The plan is to adorn this beauty with Christmas lights this year.

Ditching: The most important issue is the drainage path from Vicars Pond to the Bay so that it will drain naturally and not require pumping during the winter/spring season. There has been considerable progress on this topic this Fall. The private drainage swale at

198 Bayshore has been cleared and the Township has promised to install a culvert across Bayshore Dr at the east end of the pond. These two items (with minor cleanout of the ditch and one culvert) should solve this issue as there is adequate drop if carefully managed.

The second most urgent drainage areas that need to be addressed are three private swales that drain Township ditches to Barnstable Bay – one at the west side of 168 Bayshore, one at the east side of 204 Bayshore, and one at the storage yard, in that order of priority. These three are grown over, not filled in, and need to be cleared (by hand, not machinery?). We will address these areas this fall.

There are several other drainage issues in Bayshore that will need to be addressed next year. A plan is in the works, but budget and Township cooperation limit progress this year. We continue to work on these issues.

Volleyball Court: The posts are installed in the Harbour 99 Common Area. Hardware to mount the net needs to be installed and a couple of limbs need to be trimmed on nearby trees. Thanks to those volunteers for your help. A special thanks to Terri Papa for making this happen.

Golf Course: Dry hot weather and an unreliable irrigation system resulted in the grass on the greens taking a beating this Summer. After much investigation and consultation with some of the best professionals in the business, we concluded that extensive repairs to old unreliable irrigation equipment would be necessary this Fall. We put together an RFQ and received 10 bids from 3 contractors. Using an evaluation matrix, we were able to narrow down the bids to the one we accepted. Work will begin about mid October (3 days?). The total cost will be less than half of the \$50,000 provided for in the initial budget plan presented at the recent AGM. The Board feels that it is our collective mandate to maintain ALL of our assets at the existing (or better) standard.

Dead Poplar Trees in Golf Course: These 19 trees are now all removed, the wood is gone, the remaining limbs are piled ready for the chipper and the whole area has been cleaned up, grass cut, etc. Bids for a chipper contractor are in. All limbs in this area plus the huge pile in Harbour 99 will be chipped soon. These areas will need a final cleanup before the snow flies. These piles of limbs represent a huge amount of work. We thank all volunteers that were involved all Summer and Fall, cleaning up and trimming so many trees in Bayshore. This effort should put us in good standing in the future and has saved the Association thousands compared to hiring commercial contractors.

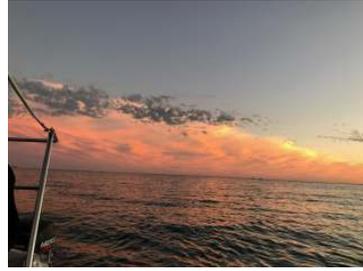
In summary: I would like to say that it is often difficult to keep everyone in the Village “happy” all the time with the work we do or do not do. All one can do as a responsible (volunteer) Director is to try to do what is best for the “common good”, stay within our budget and progress our “Vision” a little bit at a time, where and when possible. It all boils down to judgement as to what is appropriate at any given point in time. With that in mind, I would like to end with a quote from Winston Churchill:

“You will never reach your destination if you stop to throw stones at every dog that barks”.

Steve Goulter,

Director of Common Lands – October, 2020

BVYC Summer of 2020



The Bayshore Village Yacht Club launched in August of 2020, once we moved to larger social gatherings. What a challenging year for us all! The shores of beautiful Lake Simcoe provided us with a reprieve from our homes. There is nothing better than gliding across the water, whether by sail, power, or by paddling.

For those of you who are new to Bayshore, the BVYC is an on-water club that includes everyone in our community. Power boats, pontoon boats, sailboats, PWC's, kayaks, canoes and paddleboards. Whatever your mode of transportation, all are welcome to join in the fun.

The first outing for the BVYC was to Thorah Centennial Park, located between the Trent Canal and Beaverton, on August 13th. The kayakers got an early start by launching at the park and paddling up the Talbot River. The scenery and calmness were captured by ten kayakers. There was a rendezvous of boats and kayakers for a picnic lunch and swim. Ten boats and guests enjoyed the waters. Following the outing, our group grabbed their camp chairs, their favourite beverage and snacks and gathered for the very happy, Happy Hour!

Unfortunately, the weather gods were not in the least bit cooperative for our next two outings to Barnstable Bay and to Carthew Bay. Keeping with the true Bayshore spirit, we actually got together for Happy Hours @ Harbour 99. Lots of great stories! Thanks to Bob Bell for keeping us entertained! We will keep these destinations on the agenda for the 2021 boating season.

The final scheduled outing of the season was the Sunset Sail/Cruise on September 2nd, which also coincided with the "Corn" Full Moon. Close to departure time, the winds were blowing a good 15 knots from the NW – a sailor's dream come true. Our power boat captains and pontoon captains braved the waves and enjoyed a spectacular sunset! Alas, the kayakers had to jump on boats to enjoy the vistas. As the sun set, the winds subsided and we all enjoyed an extended show, as gentle clouds painted a mesmerizing picture. Back on dry land, we gathered around the launch ramp at beautiful Harbour 33. The "Corn" Full Moon made its appearance around 9:00 pm in the eastern sky. We snacked on Corn Poppers to celebrate the event, washed down by one's favourite libation!

We are so lucky to have so many great residents in Bayshore. Those that did not take their boats out that evening joined in with a bit of social time. Many of our new residents participated in the events which is a great way to get to know your neighbours.

While we were unable to have our traditional Launch Party in June and the final Wrap-Up Party in early October, we were able to enjoy a fabulous boating season. A warm fall will allow us to continue to enjoy the waters of Lake Simcoe.

Thanks to all the Captains who invited guests on their boats and were able to share the on-water experience with our non-boating friends this season.

Special thanks to my BVYC committee of Lynda Bertrand, Wendy & Glenn Lucas, Sally McPherson, Leslie Fielding, Bob Bell, Keith Bellamy, Rick Indewey and Patrick Murphy. The team is always there when needed. Looking forward to the 2021 season!

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Gord Smith's Carwash, July 18, 2020



Gord Smith



Rod Turnbull



Rob Thomson arrives in his land yacht



Bob Bell, Keith Meadows, Bill Pike



Marilyn Goulter, Wayne Perzell, Dani Prinzen, Bob Bell, Bill Pike, Keith Meadows



Rick Indewey gives a quick tutorial in car washing to Sharon & Norm Seaward, Mike Pappa & Carlos Cordeiro



Norm Seaward, Rick Indewey, Carlos Cordeiro



Norm and Sharon Seaward



Wayne Perzell, Bob Bell



Wayne Perzell & Rob Fisher



Smith was pleased with the turnout and credits his long list of helpers for the day’s great success. “Of our 320 residents, we had over 110 come through the car wash,” shared Smith. “I guess our signs worked and we got the word out! There are a lot of people to thank and I just can’t name them all.”

Kaitlyn St. Pierre and Lisa Wanamaker, both development officers with the OSMH Foundation, were on hand to help out with collecting donations and sharing information about Soldiers’ ongoing COVID-19 efforts.

“It was a beautiful day for this kind of event and so great to see this small, but mighty village, rallying behind this important cause,” Wanamaker explained.

“We don’t have an end in sight for this pandemic just yet, so events like this, that follow all precautions and can still raise thousands of dollars, are so beneficial for the health of our whole community” added St. Pierre.

To make a donation or host an event in support of Soldiers’ COVID-19 Emergency Preparedness Fund, please contact the Foundation Office today at 705-325-6464 or [found@osmh.on.ca](mailto:foundation@osmh.on.ca).

Bayshore Village residents clean up for OSMH COVID-19 fund
Gordon Smith answers OSMH's call for support; “I thought, I could send a donation or I could do something bigger,”



Bayshore Village resident, Gordon Smith, presents a cheque for \$3,558.50 to the Orillia Soldiers’ Memorial Hospital Foundation, the proceeds from his July 18th community car wash. Pictured from left, Mark Riczu, Executive Director, OSMH Foundation, Lisa Wanamaker, Development Officer, OSMH Foundation, Gordon Smith, car wash organizer, and Kaitlyn St. Pierre, Development Officer, OSMH Foundation. A letter inspired an entire community to join forces and raise \$3,558.50 in support of Orillia Soldiers’ Memorial Hospital’s battle against COVID-19.

Dr. Rebecca Van Iersel, Medical Team Lead of Soldiers’ COVID Unit, authored a letter to the public back in March, requesting support for donations to fund COVID-related expenses, like additional ventilators, personal protection equipment and medical supplies at the Hospital.

Upon receiving that message, Bayshore Village resident Gordon Smith was inspired to take action. “I thought, I could send a donation or I could do something bigger,” he said. “I approached our community association and we decided to host a charity car wash.”

A third of the small community, located on the north-eastern shores of Lake Simcoe, participated in the July 18th car wash that raised just over \$3,500 during the 8 hour day.



Lisa & Kaitlynn from Soldiers’ Hospital help out, collecting donations

Bayshore Village Association Tennis

Nine, of more than a dozen regular tennis players practising physical distancing and our tennis skills. All BVA members are welcome to play tennis with this fun group. We play mixed doubles every Tuesday and Friday, 10:00am to noon. Come on out!



Front Row: Tom Costigane, Diane Stoner, Linda Wychoff
Second Row: Bill Merkley, Christa Schmid,
Back Row: Norm Seaward, Paul Stoner, Rolf Schmid, John Simmerson

Thank You, John Simerson



Steve Goulter, Director of Common Lands, taking the Poplar trees to the Dump

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We take weekly turns and are always looking for new gardeners to lessen our load. Welcome to our new recruits, Rhonda Wallace, Barb Cordeiro and Marnee Williams in joining us in the spring of 2021.

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Fall is in full swing – can you believe it's October already? Perhaps some of you are looking to fast-forward to 2021. For those who want to see how the rest of the year plays out, we have some great news for you, happening at BOTH library branches!

We are open again and ready to serve you! The Ramara Centre hours are Tuesday-Thursday 10-8 pm, Friday 10-6 pm and Saturday 9-3 pm. The Brechin branch is open Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 10-4 pm, Thursday 12-7 pm and Saturday 10-2 pm. It is MANDATORY to both wear a mask and complete screening questions upon your arrival each visit. Screening is essential for contact tracing if there happens to be a COVID-19 breakout, so it is for your, and staff's, protection! There are other policies and procedures in place and we ask that you respect them during your 30 minute visit. Computers are also available by appointment and restricted to 30 minutes, once a day. Curbside pickup is also available at both branches, if you are not comfortable with coming into the branch. Please place holds through our online catalogue, by calling your local branch, or by emailing us. Not sure what you would like? Tell us your interests and we can make a 'surprise' bag for you!

Our virtual programming is back in action! Although it looks a little different, there are still many available topics of interest for you to access from the comfort of your home. Don't know how to use the Zoom platform? Not to worry. As long as you have a good Internet connection, staff will send you the direct link and will help you with anything that you may need assistance with. It's very user-friendly. So, please don't let the Zoom technology get in your way to participating!

Registration is required for all programs via our website, or calling/emailing us.

Checkout: –Virtual French Chat Group – Thursdays @ 10:30 beginning October 8th. Join this weekly casual conversation group offered in partnership with La Clé. Contact Lucie at lmarchildon@lacle.ca for more information and to receive your weekly Zoom meeting link. Ages 19+. Participants must be able to speak and understand some French.

Trivia Night! – Every other Tuesday @ 7 PM beginning October 13th Join us for different themed trivia, fun for the whole family! Registration is required to access the Zoom meeting link, which will be emailed to you.

Planets in the Sky – Wednesday, October 14th @ 7 PM Join Ian Wheelband of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada for a virtual astronomy discussion on Mars, Jupiter and Saturn, all visible in our night sky!

How to Improve Your Soil – Wednesday, October 21st @ 7 PM Whether you have soil that is impossible to dig or that is loose and sandy, you will learn the best way to improve your soil so you can grow stronger, healthier plants!

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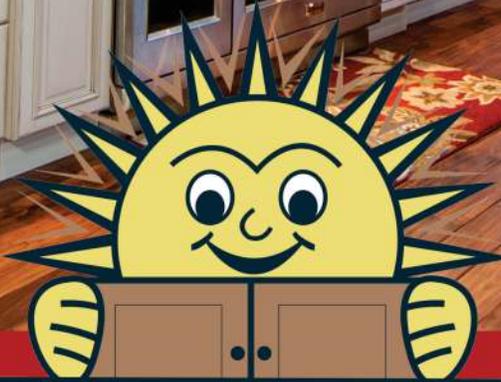
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BRIDGE NEWS SEPT. 24/2020

After a long hiatus, bridge was able to start being played in the Hayloft on August 5. Many thanks to our Social Director, Debbie Rautins and the Bayshore Board for enabling this to take place. We are currently limited to two tables, wearing masks while playing, and disinfecting our hands between each round. The tables and chairs are wiped down after each time, and the tablecloths are laundered between games. These Wednesday afternoon games are open to all bridge players. The first eight to come get to play, others are placed in preferential order for the following week.

The men's bridge on Thursday mornings started shortly after. The same rules apply. In October, we will start Monday evening bridge at 7:00 p.m. and Bridge lessons on Friday mornings at 11:00, following the current COVID precautions.

If you are interested in playing bridge on Monday evenings or Wednesday afternoons, please contact Pat Beecham-Cooper, or Noel Cooper at 705 484-0221.

If you used to play bridge but need brushing up, or would like to learn, then join the bridge lessons on Friday mornings at 11:00. Give Pat a call.

All activities are currently taking place in the Great Room.

Here are the results of the Wednesday afternoon bridge games from Aug. 5 to Sept. 23. These scores are a result of 5 rounds of 4 games each:

Highest bridge score: Fran McVie with 4400 pts.

Second highest: Cathy Sheldon with 4390 pts.

Third highest: Pat Beecham-Cooper with 4260 pts.

Patricia Beecham-Cooper

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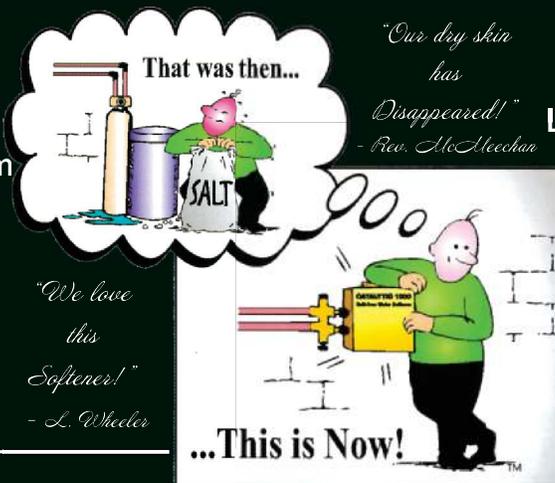
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FROM THE FASHION DESK- FALL 2020

I'm sure like me, thinking of a new fall wardrobe is not at the top of your to do list. COVID has certainly had an impact on our outings to restaurants and social events. So, today, I would like to talk about body types and how to dress for your shape.

There are five body types, Pear, Wedge, Rectangle, Apple and Hourglass. You can also be a combination of any of these as each of us is unique. Here are some guidelines:

PEAR

Your lower body is wider than your upper body. Hips are wider than your shoulders. Your bottom is rounded and your waist is well defined.

Your best assets: shoulders, torso and flat stomach

Goals - emphasize your waist and arms. Minimize your hips.

DO'S - A-line skirts, wear light colored tops and dark bottoms, wear boat necks, square and cowl, strapless dresses to show off arms, jackets that hit right above the waist and opt for pointed toe shoes to elongate the legs.

DON'TS - wear clothing that draws attention to your hips and thighs. No cargo pants or print skirts.

Celebrities who are pear shaped - Kim Kardashian, Eva Mendes, Jennifer Love-Hewitt

RECTANGLE

Your waist, hip and shoulder widths are similar and on the slim side. Athletic look.

Your best assets: Your arms and legs.

Goals - To create curves and show off legs.

Do's - Scoop neck and sweetheart necklines, long jackets, tops with collars or ruffles, wear layers, dresses with ruching.

Dont's - wear overwhelming styles, keep it simple.

Celebrities - Natalie Portman, Cameron Diaz, Kate Hudson, Hilary Swank

HOURGLASS

Your shoulders and hips are similar in proportion and set off a tiny waist.

Your best assets, Curves, curves, curves

Goals- Show off your curves, but don't go overboard, remain elegant.

Do's - Wear fitted dresses, wear a good bra and showcase your bust, wear a belt, try a wrap dress,

wear high waisted skirts to show off your hips, choose lightweight styles and fabrics, wear skinny jeans

Dont's - Don't hide your curves under baggy clothing

Celebrities - Beyonce, Salma Hayek, Scarlett Johansson, Halle Berry

APPLE

Most of your weight accumulates above the hips, which are narrow. Back, ribs, and shoulders are broad and you may feel wider than other body types.

Your best asset - Those fabulous legs!

Goals - Elongate the torso, show off your legs

Do's - Monochromatic looks, V-neck tops, Belts, Empire tops and dresses, boot cut and flared jeans to create an even line from the shoulders down, wear shorter skirts.

Don't - emphasize your bustline

Celebrities - Drew Barrymore, Queen Latifah, Jennifer Hudson, Oprah Winfrey

WEDGE

Also known as the inverted triangle, featuring a broad chest and wide shoulders which are in proportion to a narrow waist and hips.

Your best asset - your lovely legs

Goals - To accentuate your lower body while softening your shoulders and upper body.

Do's - wear bright colors on bottom, wear wide leg pants, wear full skirts, tops that call attention to your waistline

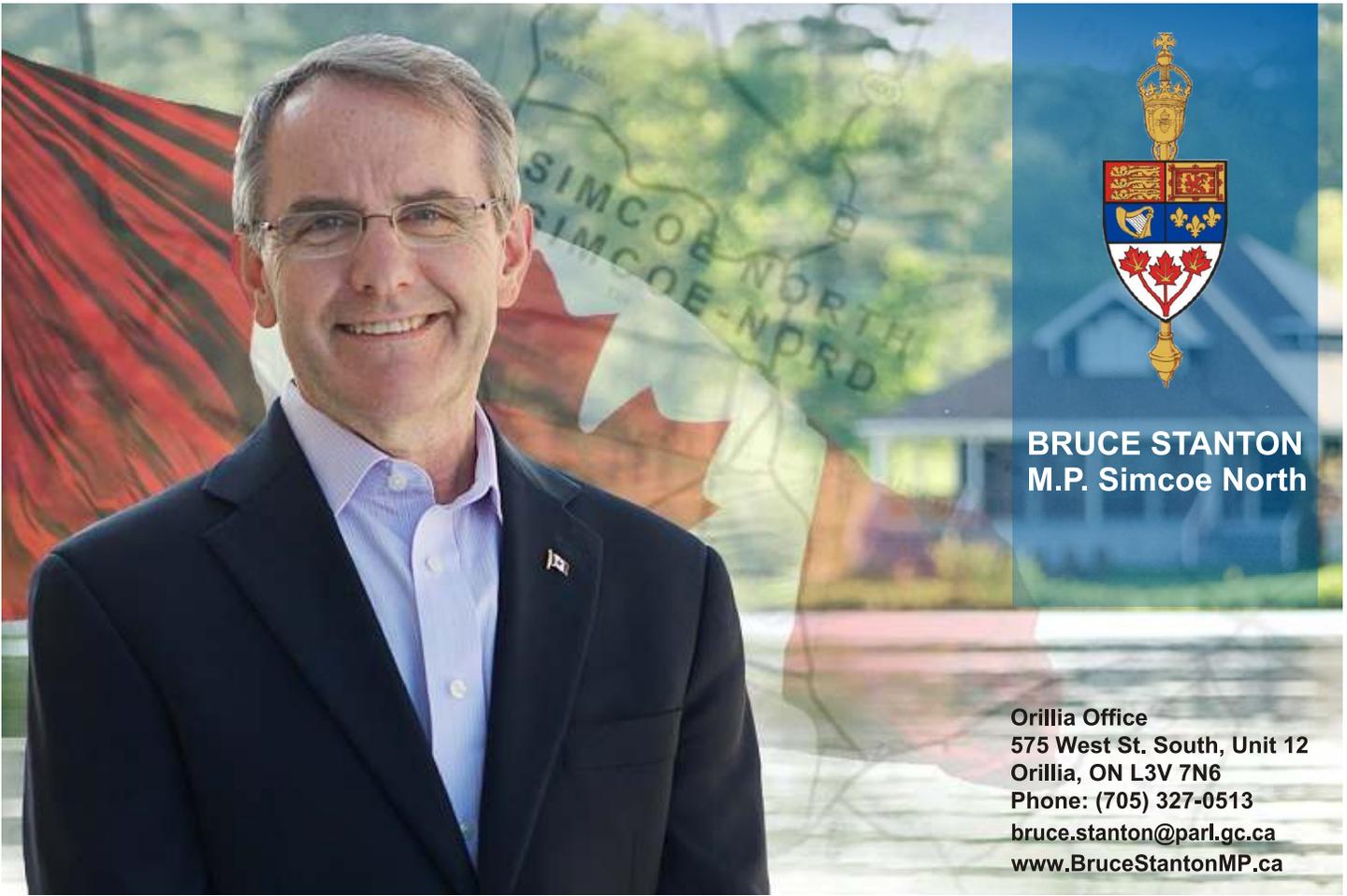
Dont's - wear spaghetti strap tops, don't wear boat necklines

Celebrities - Naomi Campbell, Demi Moore, Renee Zellweger, Teri Hatcher

Finally, something new to consider, permanent make-up. Have your eyebrows done, eyeliner that stays on and lips that have colour all day. If you want more on this, please contact me. Have a great fall season, keep safe and healthy



*Respectfully, Brenda James
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Recent Newcomers to Bayshore Village



Hello from Chris ILES & Amanda KNAPP of 5 Lavender Court. We moved here Sept 10th from Milton.

(left our grown children there!) We both have careers we love and maintain home offices.

Looking forward to participating in activities. We both love everything about the outdoors. Chris's fav's are snowmobiling, ATVs, Amanda adds snowshoeing, biking, hiking, kayaking and yoga too. Spent many days travelling for work and pleasure which we miss like everyone else post COVID. Thank you for the warm welcome to Bayshore!



Hi, we are Stuart and Lori Simpson. We moved to Bayshore this summer from Brampton.

We are avid campers who have spent many summers travelling the province to find the perfect place to retire. We have good friends who found Bayshore

first and moved here. Our search ended after our visit to their new home. This is the absolute perfect fit for us for retirement. We love the water and outdoors. You will find us swimming at Park Lane Park or practicing to improve our golf games. We are so grateful to be in such a great community and look forward to meeting many more of the residents over the coming months.

Photo Not Available

Hello Fellow Bayshore Residents.

We are Ross and Kathy Fidler and we are new to Bayshore Village as of September 8th. We are excited to join the community and look forward to meeting many of you over the coming months.

We are both retired and have been living in Orillia for the last 15 years, but decided to make the trek east as we have heard so many positive things about Bayshore.

Ross enjoys pickle ball, bike riding and playing cards but really loves shooting pool. I enjoy reading, walking and crafts of all kinds.

We are at 2 Lavender Court. Please drop by and introduce yourselves if you can find us under the mountain of boxes we will be unpacking.



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BVCC Wrap Up for 2020

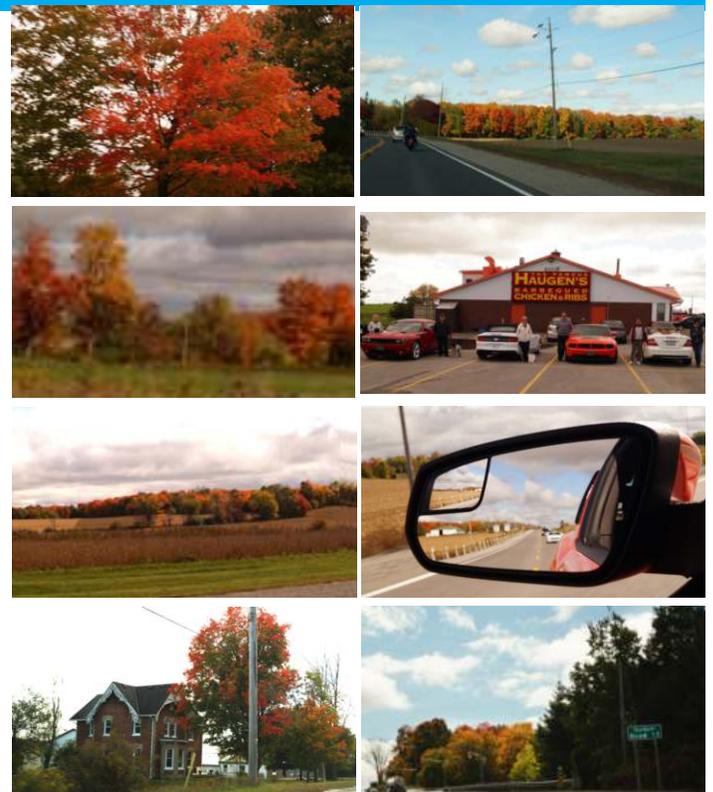
2020 has been a year I will remember for a long time. Many challenges, missed opportunities but yet many good times. I hope you all had fun during our 5 cruises this year and enjoyed the fellowship of our club.

Our fall colour cruise was a success. The trees showed us their colours and the drive uneventful. We were able to eat inside at Haugens in comfort as they were almost empty. For most of us it was our first time there, and we wondered what this place was like. Upon entering the restaurant there was a poster of their annual classic car event that showed hundreds of cars showing their stuff. With good fortune, we may be able to attend this show in 2021.

I missed the car shows which were always interesting. On the other hand, I spent a lot less time cleaning cars prepping for those shows. Coping with a pandemic has been hard, but the club still managed to get out and stay safe.

I wish you all a happy and healthy balance of 2020 and look forward to a great 2021. Stay safe, and best wishes,

James & Susan



Removing the Dead Poplars - by Steve Goulter, Director of Common Lands



Bocce Ball



A very informal form of Bocce Ball was started up in August.

We were able to play outdoors with social distancing in effect, lots of hand sanitizer and rules to minimize contact. For each court of 4 people, only one person did the measuring, one person did the score keeping and if your twosome started playing with red bocce balls you played both games with the same red balls.

It is a game that can be played by any age and it was well attended by every age group.

John, the fellow that cuts our Bayshore golf course, was able to cut the area where we played behind the tennis courts shorter than usual, and although the ground was kind of up and down, it was the same for everyone. Lots of laughs, exercise and fresh air.

We had as many as seven courts going one week. Next year, if everyone is still keen to play, we will start up earlier in the year. Thanks for all your help and attendance.

Donna Wilson

Addendum: Unfortunately, near the end of September, there was a new directive sent out by the Ford government, lowering the number of participants allowed in outside gatherings, so Bocce Ball had to be cancelled for the rest of the year.

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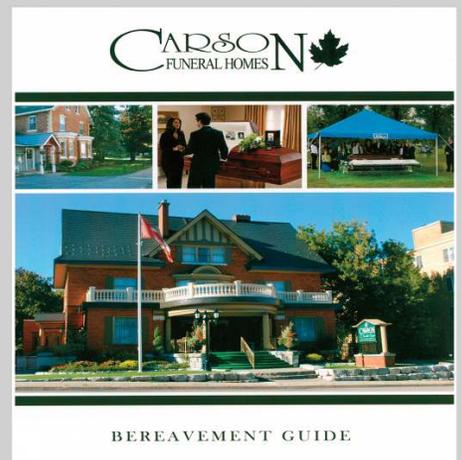


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Happy Hour Mixers

The Happy Hour Mixers ran successfully every Friday from June 12th till September 4th. Some Fridays we had numbers as high as 38 participants with 5 backyard hosts. Despite COVID conditions, we were able to socialize in safer, smaller numbers and meet new residents and renew and better our acquaintances with others. We also delighted in seeing different Bayshore views from our host's backyards which gave us a deeper appreciation of how beautiful Bayshore is. The photos show some of these happy socializers.



Brian Murray, Mary Andrews, Jim Bruce, Astrid Bruce, Wendy Lucas, Julie Murray,
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Anne and Paul Graham, Norm James, John and Kathy Alden,
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SENIORS - CHOOSING TO LIVE AT HOME

One of the most difficult decisions for seniors is whether to live at home or move into a senior care home. With the Pandemic and all its problems – the decision has now become even more harder, in that most seniors know they do not want to move into a care-home, but they are also faced with the challenges and fears of living by themselves at home. Here are some useful tips to ensure seniors can continue to live in the home they love, in a community they have belonged to, in the most safe and secure way.

SAFETY

It has been established that 90% of falls happen at home. Hence, making your home safe should be the first priority when deciding to live at home. Be it something simple as installing safety bars, brighter lights or a more complicated process such as ensuring wheel chair access, ensuring floors are installed with non-slip material, ensuring that the kitchen and bathroom have easy access, an age in place expert should be consulted and all measures taken to ensure the safety. A fall is the first thing that should be avoided.

CARE

We all pride ourselves in being able to take care of ourselves. However, as we grow older, even performing simple tasks can have adverse effects. It's better to be safe than sorry. Hire a cleaner to deep clean your home once a month, a handy man to take care of fixing things around the house. Don't put yourself at risk. For those seniors whose spouse may need more care, hiring a PSW to come in for a couple of hours maybe the best decision you will make for yourself and for your loved one.

FINANCIAL

Most seniors are not aware that there are many grants and other financial products available to assist you in living at home comfortably and be able to afford to pay for renovations, care and even fund your travel and other things you have always dreamt of. Getting advice from an expert on how to access these financial products or even your own insurance which you may not be aware of would ensure you can continue to live in your home without the added burden of worrying if you can afford to do so.

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Q: Why do French people only have one egg for breakfast?

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During a recent password audit by a company, it was found that an employee was using the following password: "**MickeyMinniePlutoHueyDeweyLouieDonald-GoofyEdmonton**"

When asked why she had such a long password, the employee rolled her eyes and said, "Duh! A good password needs to be at least 8 characters and include at least one capital."

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Apparently, you can't use "beefstew" as a password. It's not stroganoff.

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I Burnt my Hawaiian pizza. Should've cooked it on aloha temperature.

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In the 90's, carbohydrates were healthy and fat was the enemy. So, during my teens and early 20's, I became a vegetarian and adhered to a very strict "no fat" diet. I ate bread and fruit and A LOT of sweet potatoes. Not surprisingly, I remember very little from that time being that my body and brain were running on empty. At some point during this ridiculous food-phase, my family went to Italy. It was difficult to find food that I would eat but it was especially difficult at one restaurant. After scouring the menu, I decided on a plate of pasta. No butter, no sauce – just plain, boiled pasta. The waiter looked at me blankly and then at my parents who translated just in case he had misunderstood. He had not. After some back-and-forth between him and my parents, he finally wrote down the order, shaking his head in disbelief. I don't speak Italian but I imagine the conversation went something like this:

Waiter: Is your daughter crazy or something? You must force her to eat something that tastes good.

Parents: What can we do? She's as stubborn as a mule.

Waiter: She has the chance to eat food prepared by a master chef. Does she go to museums and stare at a blank wall? Does she look only at the floor of the Sistine Chapel?

Parents: Those are clever analogies but thankfully she doesn't have issues with art, only food.

Waiter: She needs her head examined.

Parents: We totally agree. Oooh, that Osso buco looks good. We'll try that.

My wet noodles finally arrived - personally delivered by the chef. He had to see for himself what lunatic would not want to be fed by an epicurean genius such as himself. He slowly placed the plate in front of me while his dark eyes dared me to eat this insulting order. I carefully wound the pasta around my fork and took a bite. I

nodded appreciatively and kissed my fingers, giving the universal sign for "delicious" while he began sobbing loudly into his hands – the universal sign for, "tourists are the worst."

I have made up for lost time by eating a mostly high-fat diet in my adult years. Sadly, I would not recognize a piece of bread if we passed on the street. "Pita, Pita is that you?"

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This pandemic has started me worrying about the possibility of food shortages in times of crisis. What if we Bayshorians had to hunt and gather our own food? My advice is: "keep your friends close, but keep the fishermen closer". I should start watching some hunting videos on YouTube to keep myself useful to my neighbours. I hear that squirrels are the chicken of the trees.

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Due to the current economic situation in the world, I've started a dating site for chickens. It's not my full-time job, I'm just doing it to make hens meet.

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A pregnant woman from Virginia was involved in a car accident and, while in the hospital, she fell into a coma. When she awoke days later, the woman noticed that she was no longer carrying a child, and asked, "Doc, what happened to my baby?"

The doctor replied, "Ma'am, you've had twins! You're the proud mother of a handsome baby boy and a beautiful baby girl. Also, you should know that while you were in a coma, your brother named the children for you."

"Oh, no!" shrieked the woman. "Not my brother! He's not really all together, if you know what I mean!"

The doctor replied, "Well, ma'am, your brother named your daughter Denise."

"Oh, that's not so bad," smiled the woman. Then, hesitantly, she asked, "What's the boy's name?" The doctor grinned and said, "Denephew."

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Did you know that if you get really close to a lighter flame it smells like burnt nose hair?

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Stay sunny and stay healthy Bayshore!



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Living the Dream in Africa

In these early days of autumn, when we're still dealing with "the virus" and practising social distancing and self-isolation, it's truly remarkable to look through our books of pictures we so carefully selected to commemorate our 26-day adventure in Africa last year!

Sopa Lodge in Kenya, near the base of Mount Kilimanjaro, was an excellent place to begin our journey (and we learned how to properly use the huge bug nets over our bed). The safaris we went on were indescribable. We saw elephants, lions and Cape buffalo....oh my! They were the first three we saw of "The Big 5".



Next, we travelled to Zimbabwe and felt blessed to be in a room facing the waterhole. Animals of all types came to drink in the early morning and at dusk. We learned about vultures and the meaning of Africa's circle of life. Highlights for us here, included a Boma Dinner and Drum Show with dancing, fortune tellers, the opportunity for me to eat a Macimbi (worm), fun at a local market, where I successfully bartered my Canada socks for a carving of "The Big 5", a glorious sunset cruise on the Zambezi River, a spectacular tour of Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, and

a story-telling experience at the base of the Dr. Livingstone memorial statue. I'll save the story of encountering red ants while sitting on a dead stump for another time! In addition, one of Herb's highlights was zip-lining with some of our fellow travellers across Victoria Falls Gorge from Zimbabwe to Zambia...without a passport!

Then, we flew to Johannesburg, South Africa, to begin our longest tour, appropriately called "A World in One



Country". Pretoria, our first stop, was delightful, with the jacaranda trees and the bougainvillea in bloom. The memorial to Nelson Mandela was awe-inspiring.

Our next stops were Kruger National Park and the surrounding sites. We had splendid accommodations at Perrys



Bridge Hollow and we made good use of the outdoor shower (no photos of that)! We began with a drive along the spectacular Panoramic Route and experienced God's Window (a breathtaking view of the escarpment edge of the Park), Bourke's Luck Potholes and the Three Rondavels. We experienced several moments of grace while visiting these incredible sites.

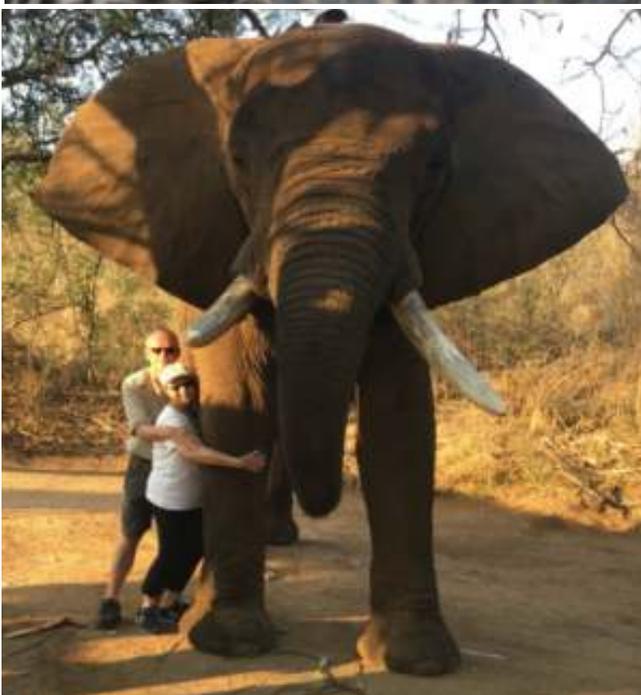
We spent most of the next day on safari in Kruger National Park, one of Africa's largest game reserves.



Skukuza was our base camp. We saw many different animals including the elusive leopard (our #4 of “The Big 5”) and lots of photogenic giraffes.

We also visited Elephant Whispers, an elephant reserve on the Sabie River. We savoured each moment we interacted with Tembo, a 35 year old, 6.5 ton bull that stands almost 3.5 m tall. This was truly one of those lifetime experiences!

Despite the rain, we visited the independent Kingdom in South Africa now known as Eswatini (formerly called Swaziland). We basked in their cultural and culinary delights. Then we moved into Zululand and saw the rhinos in the Hluhluwe-Umfolozi Game Reserve. The last of our “Big 5”; we saw many rhinos up close and personal. Truly magnificent!



A boat tour of The Greater St. Lucia Wetland Park was a lovely way to begin our next day and then we travelled to Durban, the 3rd most populous city in South Africa. The Botanic Gardens were beautiful and the Durban Beachfront was a cultural melting pot. We really enjoyed putting our feet into the Indian Ocean

From Durban we travelled to Port Elizabeth to explore Tsitsikamma National Park, and then drove another 100km to our hotel in Knysna, a small town nestled on the banks of a beautiful lagoon directly across from Featherbed National Park. The day at the Park was like being on a walking retreat!

Our travels continued south to Oudtshoorn, known as the “Ostrich Capital”, and Cango Caves, one of the world’s great natural wonders.



The following day we were blessed to visit Akkerboom Primer School just outside Barrydale. The students and teacher were as happy to see us as we were to see them! They sang traditional songs that were fabulous, but there wasn’t a dry eye in our crowd when they sang an enthusiastic “O Canada”! The students



were very quick learners when they were presented with new Frisbees.

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Living the Dream in Africa.....cont'd From Page 31

Our official tour ended in the magnificent city of Cape Town. Highlights of this part of our tour included visiting Table Mountain (the view from the top was truly awe-inspiring), Simon's Town and Cape Point. We also enjoyed a "Hop On Hop Off" bus experience. The Cape Town waterfront was lovely and our last "Evening Dinner Show" was lots of fun! South African wine is fabulous, and exceptionally inexpensive!

My brief recount of our phenomenal journey to Africa does not do our adventures justice. As David Livingstone, the famous explorer in Africa once wrote, "It is far easier to travel than to write about it". Or perhaps it's summarized best by author John Hemingway who said, "If I have ever seen magic, it has been in Africa".

.....And now Herb and I wait patiently, and dream of the next adventure we'll experience when the world opens up once again.....

By Catherine Hermans



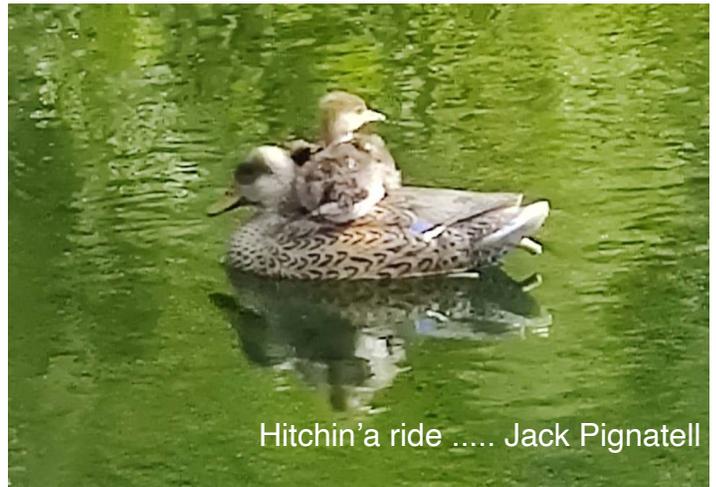
BVCC - Car Cruise August 2020



August 23rd was a beautiful day as we set out from Bayshore for another unforgettable trip through the countryside of Ontario.

The journey took us to Peterborough where we initially planned to eat at The Favourite Greek, owned by Pat Bellamy's daughter, Denise, and son-in-law, George. Unfortunately, due to Covid, we ended up in Beavermead Park where we dined on a delicious take-out Souvlaki meal. Many thanks to George and Denise





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Maple & Bacon Glazed Brussels Sprouts

Yield: 4 Servings

Ingredients

5 bacon strips, chopped
1 pound fresh brussels sprouts, trimmed and cut in half
3 Tbsp. butter
1/4 cup chicken broth
1/4 cup chopped pecans (optional)
1/4 cup maple syrup
1/4 tsp sea salt
1/4 tsp pepper



Directions

1. In a large skillet, cook bacon over medium heat until crisp. Drain on a paper towel.
2. Prepare brussels sprouts by trimming off the base and cutting them in half or quarters if they are really large. Using the same pan that you cooked the bacon in, saute the sprouts in butter until lightly browned, 4-5 minutes.
3. Stir in broth, pecans if using, maple syrup, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 5 minutes. Uncover, cook and stir until the sprouts are tender- don't overcook them. Sprinkle with bacon and serve.

Simple Grilled Vegetables

Yield: 6 servings

Ingredients

1 large white onion
1 large red pepper
1 large yellow pepper
8 mushrooms
1 small cauliflower
3 carrots
2 zucchini



Directions

1. Peel the onion and chop into medium chunks. Cut peppers in half and take out seeds and stems. Cut into chunks. Wash mushrooms and cut into chunks. Cut cauliflower in half and chop into small to medium chunks. Peel carrots and cut into slices. Cut both ends off the zucchini and cut into chunks.
2. Place all the vegetables into a large bowl and mix together. Pour in a generous portion of olive oil and add sea salt and pepper to taste. Mix well.
3. Place grill baskets on the BBQ on medium heat. Add the vegetables and cook until tender. (I cook the veggies until the cauliflower is slightly charred)
4. Serve with grilled meat or you can serve this dish as a side with scrambled eggs.

Carrot and Kale Vegetable Saute

Yield: 8 servings

Ingredients

8 bacon strips, coarsely chopped
4 large carrots, peeled and sliced
2 cups peeled cubed butternut squash (1/2 inch pieces)
1 red pepper, seeded and chopped
1/2 cup finely chopped red onion
1 tsp smoked paprika
1/4 tsp salt
1/4 tsp pepper
2 plum tomatoes, chopped
2 cups chopped fresh kale

Directions:

1. In a large skillet, cook bacon over medium heat until crisp, stirring occasionally. Remove bacon from skillet and drain on paper towel. Pour off all but 1 Tablespoon of drippings.
2. Add carrots and squash to drippings; cook, covered over medium heat for 5 minutes. Add pepper and onion; cook until vegetables are tender, about 5 minutes stirring occasionally. Stir in seasonings. Add tomatoes and kale; cook, covered, until kale is wilted, 2-3 minutes. Put the vegetables into a serving dish. Top with bacon.



Report From The Ramara Trails Committee

The Ramara Trails Committee has continued to make progress with it's plans to build connecting trail links from the southern border of the township at the Talbot River to the Narrows Bridge at Atherley on the west and Washago in the north. Most of this route was proposed in the Ramara Active Transportation Plan completed by Burnside and Associates back in 2010.

The trail from Atherley north to Washago is proposed to be totally off road and will be part of the Trans Canada Trail, now called The Great Trail. Naturally we keep as much of the trail off road as possible, especially avoiding Highway 12.

This year has been more challenging as all our meetings have been conducted remotely, though I must say that the group has become quite efficient with the process. We were even able to have a few work bees keeping the group small, social distancing and wearing masks.

The following is a summary of work completed this year as of early August:

1. Mapped the trail loop from the southern boundary of Ramara to Lagoon City and back on secondary roads. (Should be in the Simcoe County Trail Guide this fall)
2. Mapped the trail from Bayshore Village to Atherley on secondary roads. (also in the Simcoe County Trail Guide this fall)
3. Repaired some areas of trail damage behind the marina storage area in Lagoon City and installed railings on a new bridge. (work bee)

4. Raised a low bridge east of Laguna Parkway.
5. Graded, compacted and installed screenings on the part of the trail connecting to Laguna Parkway and to the rail line heading north.
6. Cleared brush off the rail bed from Boundary Road to the Casino (2 work bees) in preparation for construction of trail. Hired a company to chip the brush on this new section of trail.
7. Removed stumps, graded, compacted and placed approximately 6 inches of screenings on the Boundary Road to Casino trail. Now you can cycle from Bayshore Village to the Casino.
8. We are in the process of planning signage for all Ramara trails.
9. A donated Trans Canada Trail sign has been restored to its original condition and will be installed and unveiled later this fall.
10. Wood on all the benches along the Atherley Trail has been replaced by one of the trail committee members.

At this time, we have committee members from south of Lagoon City, Bayshore Village, Atherley, east shore of Lake Couchiching and Washago.

Anyone interested in being part of this energetic and progressive committee may contact

Artena Hutchison at 705-484-1238 or e-mail artena_hutchison@hotmail.com



Lake Simcoe News

Good afternoon,

On behalf of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, I am pleased to inform you that the news was released today. I have attached the news release for your ease of reference. As you know, the Lake Simcoe Protection Act, 2008 requires the government to report on monitoring results every five years (the first was released in 2015), as well as our progress to implement the protection plan annually. This report responds to both of those commitments.

The Ontario government is committed to protecting and restoring Ontario's water resources, including Lake Simcoe and its watershed, as outlined in our Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan. This report documents our actions and progress achieved over the past decade, including some encouraging results.

The actions and progress to date are an indication that our ongoing remedial efforts are having a positive impact. We will build on these successes as we continue to take action to protect and restore the lake.

The report also summarizes the advice that the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks has received since 2015 from the Lake Simcoe Coordinating and Science Committees.

I want to thank everyone – from the local conservation authorities to Indigenous communities, municipalities,

agricultural and commercial sectors and residents – who worked so hard on implementing actions to protect and restore the ecological health of Lake Simcoe.

In the coming months, we will once again be seeking your advice and expertise in a 10-year review of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan to assess if updates need to be made to continue to protect and restore the lake. If you have questions regarding the actions taken to implement the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan described in the report, please contact Carolyn Switzer at or 416-301-0575.

For more information on the results of monitoring programs described in the report, please contact Dr. Joelle Young at or 416-327-4864.

Both Carolyn and Joelle can also be reached toll free at 1-800-565-4923.

Best Regards,

[Madhu Kapur Malhotra](#) | Manager, Waterways Protection Office | Great Lakes and Inland Waters Branch | Land and Water Division | Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks | [E](#) 647-200-7488



NEWS

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Ontario Taking Action to Further Protect Lake Simcoe

Province invests over \$500,000 as part of ongoing work to improve the health of the lake
July 17, 2020 11:05 A.M.

BARRIE — The Ontario government announced today that it is investing \$581,000 in four new projects to help find better ways to reduce the amount of pollutants, such as phosphorus, from entering Lake Simcoe. Local projects like these are key to restoring and protecting Lake Simcoe and its watershed and support the province's commitment to protect our air, land and water, as outlined in the [Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan](#).

These projects will build on the significant progress already made. A report released today by the Ontario government shows the health of Lake Simcoe is improving as a result of actions taken to protect and restore the lake and its watershed.

"Ten years ago, local environmental and conservation organizations, advocates and all levels of government came together as a community to restore the Lake Simcoe watershed, resulting in the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan," said Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. "Today, we are celebrating the progress we have made together to protect and preserve this vital region, and I look forward to continuing this work."

The 10-year report on Lake Simcoe shows the restoration of more than 15 kilometres of degraded shorelines, the planting of more than 55,000 trees and shrubs, and the creation and restoration of 120 hectares of wetlands have resulted in encouraging signs of recovery including:

- A 50 per cent reduction in phosphorus loads from sewage treatment plants entering the watershed;
- Decreased amounts of algae over time; and
- The successful reproduction of cold water fish such as lake trout, lake whitefish and cisco.

"The results of the 10-year report are very encouraging, but there is more work to be done," said Andrea Khanjin, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and MPP for Barrie-Innisfil. "We all have a role to play to restore and protect the lake and I am proud Ontario will continue working to keep Lake Simcoe clean."

Protecting and restoring the health of Lake Simcoe requires collaboration with key partners, including local conservation authorities, Indigenous communities, municipalities, agricultural and commercial sectors and residents. This fall, the government is inviting all its partners, including the general public, to participate in a 10-year review of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan to see if it needs to be updated.



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 For more info contact Debbie @ dcol26825@hotmail.com



The Social Committee was able to provide a few events over the summer. We began with Canada Day and Happy Hours in the backyards of participants. Thank you goes out to Wendy Lucas for her work in organizing these back yard get togethers.

A Corn Roast was held on August 23. Approximately 85 people attended and 15 dozen corn were cooked. The corn was delicious! It was a beautiful afternoon and the first outside gathering of residents during COVID. The pictures show that everyone had a great time. Thanks to everyone who participated and to the Social Committee for their hard work!

The last activity that was held and was a huge success was BOCCE BALL. This ran for 5 weeks and was the result of organizing and setting up by Donna Wilson. We know this will be on our next years list of to “definitely do’s”. Thank you Donna for getting this up and running and to all who participated and enjoyed playing.

As we head into fall, the Committee met in early September to brainstorm ideas for the coming months.

We were prepared to go forward with some activities and events. However, since that meeting, restrictions on gatherings have been further increased.

Though everything is on HOLD for the next few months, the Social Committee will be ready and looking forward to getting things going when it is safe to do so!

Bayshore Village Invitational Horseshoe Tournament

As far as I know, the first sanctioned Horseshoe Tournament at Bayshore took place on September 6th, 2020. “Invitational” because the tournament was geared towards the Wednesday offsite golfers who play at Cedarhurst. Eight teams of two persons participated in two Divisions (A and B), consisting of a round robin, followed by division playoffs and a final. Action began fast and furious shortly after 1 pm. Our own Bill Pasel doubled as our Colour Commentator between matches. We were blessed with a perfect fall day. Spouses brought special dishes that complimented a BBQ dinner that was enjoyed by all. The final was held after dinner. Pictures (taken by our own Sharon Seaward), show smiling faces everywhere. It did not matter who won or lost. Great laughter, sportsmanship and social distancing was the order of the day. In these difficult times, it was important to have a season ending social for our Wednesday golfers and their spouses. Special thanks go out to Jim Brunner, Bill Pike, Cheryl Hill and all the ladies. Plans are underway for a repeat performance next year.

Congratulations go out to Jim Brunner and Jeff Drayton, our Bayshore resident champions.

Honourable mention goes to Norm Seaward and Marc Bertrand, second place.

Written and hosted by Jeff Drayton and Cheryl Hill





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More Love Than Meets The Eye

I meet a lovely man every Friday afternoon. Glen. He's happy to see me. I surprise him each time. He raises a finger and nods his head to acknowledge me. Then, he smiles. I push his wheelchair down a shining clean hallway to Room 238. His room. I guide the chair toward the large window which frames glorious waving deciduous trees, still green in the early fall.

He sits in the chair complacently while I seat myself beside him. Together, we leaf through a book of antique cars, then turn to another that features environmental wonders close to home. The Credit and Mad Rivers, the Boyne River so familiar to him. He is fascinated. Holds the book close, concentrating on each individual page. Obviously transfixed.

How fitting, I think. We met at the Boyne. He taught Natural Science to Toronto teenagers at the Boyne. How long ago we met. Thirty five years. In the interim, we fell in love, included our children; accepted one another's dear old friends, parents, even ex spouses; made new friends; married. I learned to ride on the back of his motorcycle. I was impressed by his knowledge of horsemanship. His pursuit of adventure. We hiked. We took Tai Chi lessons together as well as clogging lessons. Drove up to the Yukon and Alaska. Bought various boats, trucks, cars, SUVs through the years. All proposed by Glen. We moved from one house to another despite my uncertainty. Glen was always the catalyst. We had ups and downs like every other couple and resolved to stick together, no matter what.

The 'what' came in the form of an Anaplastic Astrocytoma brain tumour. We survived a series of radiation treatments, although the treatment nearly killed him. His brain developed new pathways to relearn walking, speaking, telephoning, banking, playing guitar. Such courage he had. He became a soul searcher writing poetry, some serious to describe his ordeal, some comic to entertain the grandchildren. Even though he regained many abilities, he lost confidence, becoming less engaged in social activities.

Another 'what' lurched into view a few years ago. I noticed Glen seemed to be lapsing into similar characteristics he had portrayed with the brain tumour. Forgetfulness, indecision, anxiety, personality change, even hallucinating. Oh no. I made an appointment with

Bella's Rant

Well, the only thing that's constant is change. Last month, things really changed. This man came along and put a picture of another man on our lawn. There was a sign on the picture that said coming soon, but he didn't seem to come at all. Instead, all these other people kept coming, and we had to leave the house while they were here. Is this another Covid scam?

Then, suddenly, boxes started appearing. Hundreds of boxes of all sizes. My people started putting all their stuff in them. I thought they might be leaving. It was very unsettling. Was I going with them? Where? I wondered what kind of place would be as wonderful as here? I hoped it would be wonderful. There seemed to be a lot of tension as they filled box after box. Tempers became a little short at times. At first, I had never seen the house so empty or neat. Then, the house started to fill up with boxes. They even filled up the garage. One of the cars, the cute little red one, disappeared one day and I haven't seen it since. The other two have to stay outside, rain or shine, since the garage is packed with boxes.

our family doctor, who immediately referred Glen to a gerontologist, both having diagnosed Lewy Body Disease and Alzheimer's.

Here we go. My poor Glen. His Driver's Licence was taken away. But Glen, being Glen wasn't going to give up. He insisted on taking the senior's driving test in Barrie. He insisted later that the person testing him didn't do it right. When the tester asked him if he had seen the stop sign, "yes" he answered, "but nobody was coming so I drove right past." He thought she didn't give him enough chances to correct himself.

I realized sadly, so sadly, this is the beginning of greater responsibilities for me. His adventures were coming to an end.

From January of this year to August, it has been a battle against the odds. I kept hoping, unrealistically, that Glen would improve. As long as he had presence of mind he tried so heartbreakingly hard to regain his senses. It was a heroic effort. Every attempt he made was recorded by me every day. However, we were on a downward spiral. So very difficult.

Since January, he's been hospitalized four times due to hallucinations, stroke, urinary infections and falls. The fourth time, recommended by our doctor to ease admission to Long Term Care. We had been supported by caring PSW's who slightly alleviated my stress at home. However, I was failing. I wasn't as strong as I wanted to be. I carried an oppressive burden of guilt over my inability to look after him for our forever.

I return to Glen on Friday at 2:45, my designated visiting time. I undergo a COVID virus test every two weeks to ensure the good health of Leacock residents, nurses and workers. I look forward to seeing his smiling absent minded handsome face. Just a little tingling of excitement rises as I enter the building and push the elevator button for floor number two.

There he is. Sitting near the nurse's desk, unconcerned, right alongside other residents in wheelchairs. All is quiet. Just as I approach I sense he is going to turn to the man next to him to say something. But I am too quick. I call out to him. He looks surprised. He raises a finger and nods his head to acknowledge me. Then he smiles. I push his wheelchair down the hall towards his room.

Yesterday, they took the pontoon boat for a little ride. Later in the day, it came back to Pier 99 on a trailer. I heard that they are going to clean it up and then, it is off to some place to visit for the winter. Things are really changing around here. I don't like it!

As I said in the last Banner, my walks are still few and far between. I guess I'm lucky to get a walk at all, these guys are so busy. I have been told that this is my last article for the Banner. It's the end of an era. Maybe I'll start a podcast. - Look Out, Pluto!

P.S. Farewell to my good friends Maggie, Mali, Riley and Tazer, and of course, my very good life-long friend, Skipper and his master, Keith.

Yours Truly, Bella



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Milestone: Birthdays

Nora White and niece, Brenda James



HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY
Wishing Nora White a very special milestone birthday as she celebrated her 90th. Born March 7, 1930 in Fort William, Ont. Mother to four children, seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Nora lives in Bayshore with her niece, Brenda and Norman James. Aunt to Keith Meadows and Debbie Rautins.

From all of us with love.

Fern Kerr Turns 90 on October 16th!



This is a big year for Fern. She turns 90. Due to Covid-19, the Bayshore Birthday Bash at the Hayloft has had to be postponed, so stay tuned for a 90+1 party next year. Fern will be moving with Kathi and John to their new custom-built home in Orillia. She has loved living in Bayshore Village for the past 11 years and hopes to keep in touch with all of her Bayshore friends.

Deborah Rautins, Bayshore Social Director



Wishing a great milestone birthday to a wonderful person.

HAPPY 65TH BIRTHDAY.

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