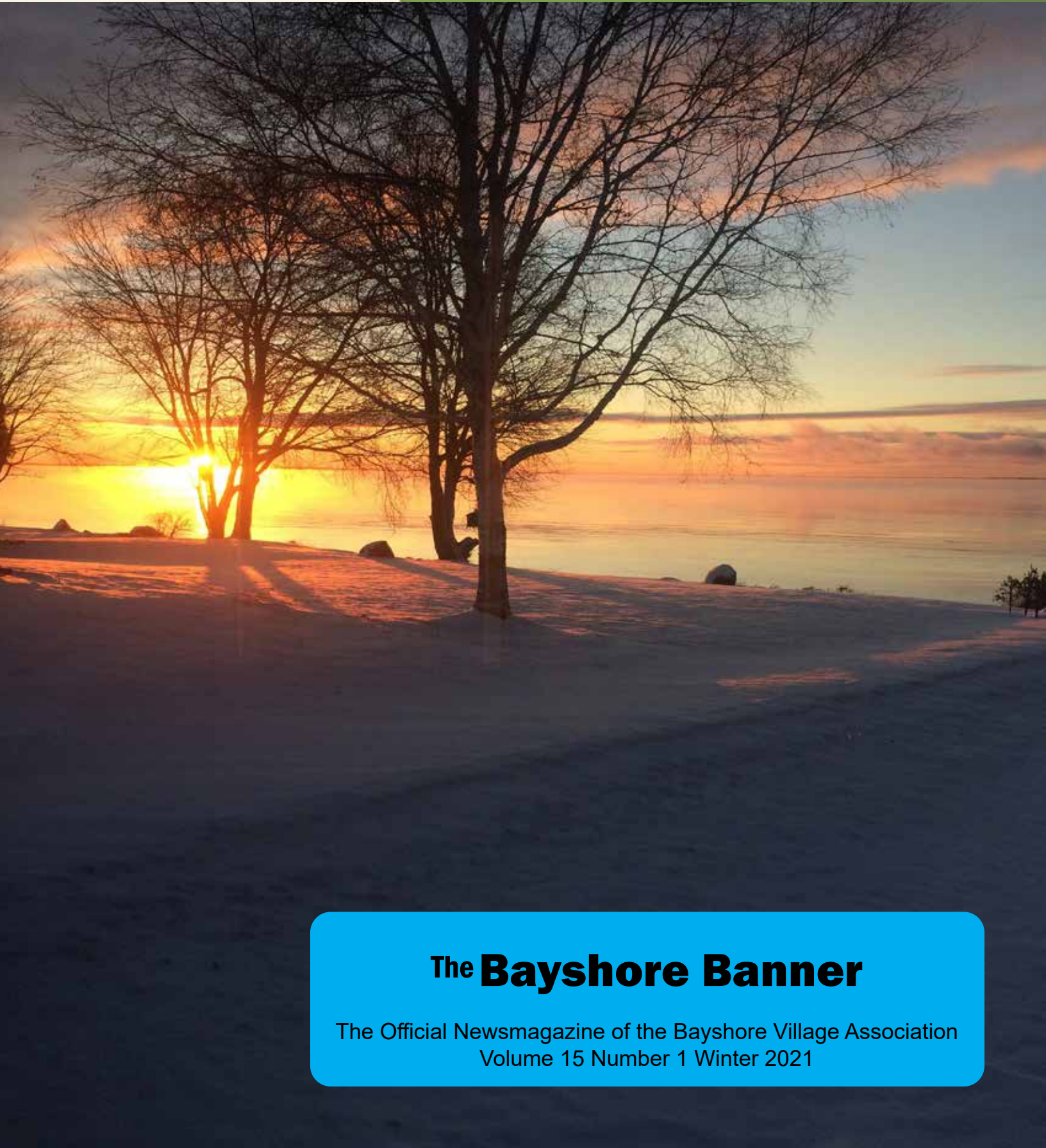




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Welcome New Neighbours

My husband Chris ILes and myself are new to Bayshore at 5 Lavender. We both work from home and are loving the community. Looking forward to eventually getting out and participating when things start up again.

I have watched the beaver, otter and fox all day from my office window.

On my desk is my Corona drinking, mask wearing, money laundering (drying above his head), toilet paper snowman. Fitting for 2020 I think!

I look forward to meeting everyone!



Amanda Knapp

Ian and Helene Maikawa - 4 Thicketwood Place

We're recent retirees from Thornhill, and are lucky enough to have found a new home at Bayshore Village with our new puppy. We are looking forward to joining the community activities in the coming months!

In addition, a warm welcome to our other newest neighbours to Bayshore Village:

David, 109 Bayshore

William and Shirley, 87 Bayshore

Mario and Samira, 16 Thicketwood

Anthony, 86 Bayshore

Darlene, 10 Fernwood

Steve and Merrill, 30 Southview

Shelley and Bob, 6 Lantern

David and Zita, 227 Bayshore

We look forward to getting to know you better! Welcome!



Milestones

How to Host a Covid Birthday Party

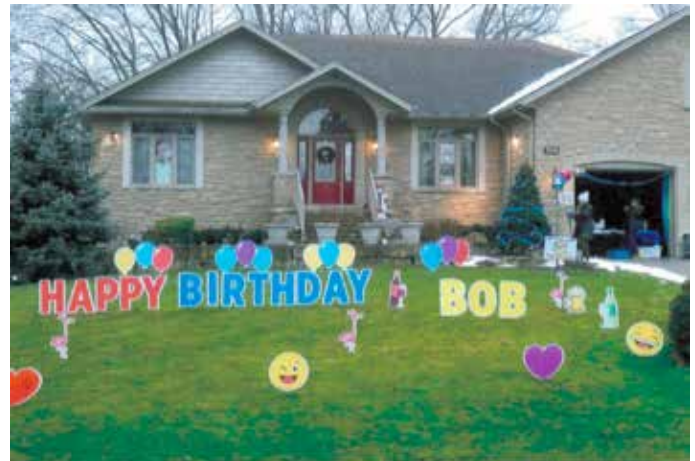
On Friday, December 4, **BOB BELL** celebrated his 80th birthday. It was a surprise party attended by about 60 friends and family. Sixty? How can you do that? Simple! Irene Heinz organized four groups of fifteen, to attend at half hour intervals. Thereby limiting the number attending at any one time.

Of course, attendees were aware of Covid practices like masks, social distancing, and the party was held outdoors. The party was enhanced by a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOB** sign that was placed on his lawn by Larry Smith.

Bob, of course, is one of Bayshore's committed volunteers. No matter what the occasion, golf course, marinas, etc. he is there to help.

Happy 80th Birthday Bob!

Gord Smith



ISABELLA CARNEGIE, longtime resident of Bayshore, is turning 96 years old on January 20. Join us in wishing her the best in the New Year! We love you Isabella! From Darlene, Bob, Debbie and Keith.

Happy Birthday, Isabella, from all your friends at Bayshore Village!



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President's Report



First, I would like to thank Susan Hazlett for stepping forward to engage in the role as the new editor of the Bayshore Banner. Quite frankly if she had not, we would have had to suspend its production and ultimately contemplate outright cancellation. I would also like to thank the past editors John Waldon and Noel Cooper

who have assisted in the transition and Joey Torchia for his recruiting efforts with Susan. Please join me in welcoming Susan to the Banner.

I'm disappointed we were not able to complete the Bell drops from the street to our homes. COVID 19 and the weather did not cooperate this fall. In retrospect, that may be a blessing given the status of COVID 19 recent outbreaks. Even though Bell has some robust COVID protocols for technicians entering our homes to complete the installation, I was always concerned about having Bell technicians moving from house to house during what will probably be the worst months of the pandemic, especially given the age demographics of the Village. Better to wait for spring and the vaccines to complete the job. Bell has almost completed installing all the underground conduits so we will be in good shape to start up in the spring. This is a major focus of the Board and Doug Davies. When complete it will add substantial value, connectivity and utility to Bayshore members' homes.

Directors are moving forward with the Budgets and Membership Research initiatives. We are taking advantage of the closure of the Hayloft during COVID to upgrade the bathrooms and flooring, along with some minor decorating and painting at the Hayloft. I am

excited about the Board's plans and programs for all of BVA's facilities. I believe when we finally break free from COVID in 2021, members will be pleased with all the upgrades and conditions of all our assets. All the work over the last few years along with the current plans and programs will ensure our facilities are in tip top shape and positioned for many years to come. Any major capital projects will be presented to the membership for their review and approval at the next General meeting.

Finally, stay safe. We are aware many are disappointed about not going south this year. This will be the first winter up north in many years for those who would normally travel south. Many are frustrated, tired and exhausted with COVID, but this is not the time to let down our guard. Please, personally reaffirm your commitment to all the protocols of social distancing, wearing masks, sanitizing your hands and meeting social gathering limits associated with the provincial standards. The provincial standards will likely be increasing restrictions over the next few months. I believe we have all relaxed a bit over the summer. We need to stop and think about COVID especially during this critical period. Hopefully next year at this time we will be in a more normal environment and be able to use our facilities and enjoy social events.

I wish all BVA members health and happiness in the coming months. I want to thank all the Directors and volunteers who have managed their portfolios and committees during this past year. We showed creativity in providing all that we could under the circumstances for 2020. They should be applauded for all their efforts.

We will prevail over COVID 19. Stay safe and adhere to the protocols to protect yourself, your families and fellow Bayshore members.

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

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Director of Common Waters Report



Winter brings an end to the pond maintenance for another season and with that a time to reflect on the work that was done.

This year we finalized the aerator switch to bubbler project thus lowering hydro costs and providing a savings to Bayshore. The bubblers which lie on the bottom of the Pond bed help to stop the buildup of silt and debris from settling through the movement of current created by

the air flow generated in the bubbler. The air increases the oxygen level in the pond, a benefit to the health of the ponds and the natural wildlife that inhabits them.

Not all aerators (fountains) were replaced. Many were left in place for both aesthetic and beneficial purposes. Along with the bubblers, the surface current created by the aerator helps in keeping debris from settling to the bottom of the ponds.

A job well done over the past few years by the pond masters and pond assistants! A huge thank you to Wayne Perzel and his over and above work preparing the bubblers and installation.

Over the winter some repairs are needed for the remaining aerators to have them ready for springtime installation.

A big hurray for Vicars Pond residents as finally Ramara has repaired the ditching, adding a culvert to drain the pond, and we can now control water flow, preventing high water levels in the pond.

The beavers in the ponds and residents' complaints about them have all but stopped. Wrapping of trees and shrubs has worked to reduce damage to them. It's great to live in harmony with the nature we enjoy in Bayshore Village.

The foxes have returned to more normal numbers now that the kits have matured and moved on. The foxes plagued by mange seem much healthier thanks to Des Barnes and Bob Plue who trapped and treated the sick.

An agreement was made with Wildlife Management Group Inc. to extend their services into November and December to keep us goose-free as many flocks were looking for winter grass to feed on. Again, Michael Von Kaitz and his team have done a fantastic job in keeping Bayshore mostly goose-free.

Many thanks to the Pond Masters, Wayne Perzel, Jim Fielding, George Miller, Randy Sinotte, and Glenn Lucas, and their assistants, Joe Sokolowski, Brad Dutot, Ron Joseph and Brian Hutchinson. Welcome to our newbies Randy Smith and Joe Latorre.

A special thanks to Dave Horbay and Tom Hall for stepping up to become licensed to apply the herbicide to the ponds and harbours, aiding George Miller who has been doing it solo for a season.

Thanks to Kathy Hutchinson for your service to the Bayshore Village Community for all the work you have done through the years treating the ponds and harbours and keeping our waters clear of weed and algae.

Happy New Year to all!

Keith Meadows
Director, Common Waters



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Common Lands Director's Report



EAB: As of July 15, our treatment program ended for this year. I remind everyone that each tree will have to be done again every two years. This program will restart about mid-May, 2021. We will be looking for more volunteers to operate the two injectors. To streamline the process, we will retreat all the trees that were done last year (2019) without asking

repeat customers to authorize the work. A new resident will be approached so that we can explain the process and get authorization.

Tree Trimming: The 19 dead poplar trees have been removed from the golf course. The wood chips are available to put onto your flower beds, etc. Please help yourself. The remaining stumps will be removed next Spring.

The huge pile of brush at 99 has been removed. The wood chips are available – please help yourself. Some of these chips will be added to the pathway to the beach area and around the perimeter of the Harbour to help keep weeds in check.

A contractor has cut some dead trees and dead limbs around the Village. We are gradually collecting these and taking them to the dump.

Arbour Plan: A plan for all trees, shrubs around harbours, shoreline stabilization, planting replacement trees, etc., is in work and will be presented at the next Board meeting.

Speeding/Stop Sign: There has been NO noticeable OPP presence in Bayshore lately, with reports of continued speeding and running through stop signs.

We encourage everyone to go onto the web and enter an "OPP.ca" report if you witness a vehicle speeding or running through a stop sign. We will continue to work this issue. Please help to do your part in calming traffic by slowing down. Also, please tell your visitors, friends and work parties/contractors to respect our traffic laws.

I have identified a small group of concerned members (Road Safety Committee) who have some ideas that we could implement. We have presented some of these ideas to the Township and they are cooperating. Most of these ideas will not be implemented until Spring 2021.

Note that the Police Committee has been disbanded, with no replacement announced as yet.

Hayloft Areas: We had planned to relocate a 12 foot high spruce tree from a resident's front yard to the Hayloft front lawn, but the contractors spade truck broke down, so this will be attempted again in the Spring. The big birch tree will get trimmed one more time but will probably have to be removed soon. The old crab apple tree to the east of the Hayloft will be removed as it is preventing the cedar hedge from growing as it should.

Golf Course: The irrigation system has been totally rebuilt (at well below initial cost estimates). The greens have all been refurbished. The Irrigation System has been winterized. The sand storage area has been upgraded and winterized so that debris does not contaminate the sand and to improve its "look" from neighbours' perspective.

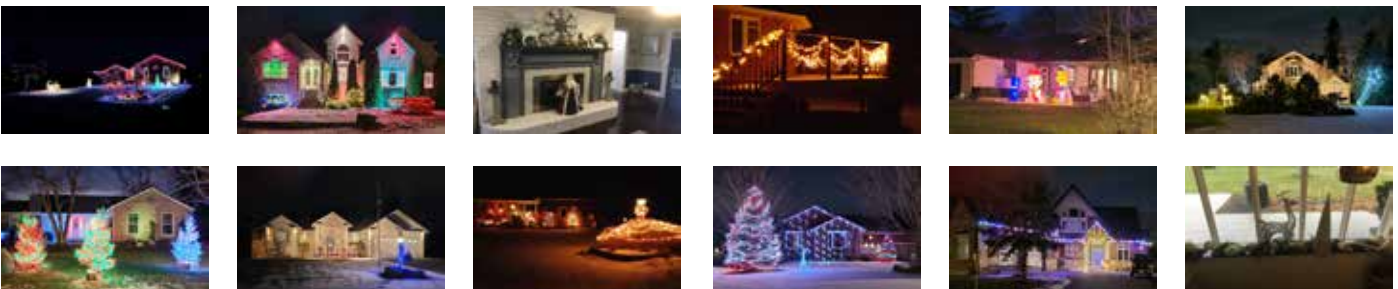
Harbour 33 Parking Lot and Surrounding Areas: Our contractor needs to relocate one post and extend the driveway culvert. Plantings and flower beds will be upgraded in the Spring.

Drainage/Ditches: The Township provided a drainage path from Vicars Pond to Harbour 99. This will, hopefully, prevent excessive pond levels over the winter and next Spring. Vicars is at "datum" level as of December 20, 2020. The drainage easement at the new house at 198 Bayshore has been deepened and cleared. It now provides good drainage for the Township ditches in the vicinity. We will be improving drainage in several other easements next Spring.

Volleyball Court: The posts have been installed. This amenity will be functional for the Spring.

Steve Goulter
Director of Common Lands

Homes for the Holidays



Although we cannot celebrate Christmas with loved ones, decorating our home brings some cheer and warmth to our hearts. So many other ways of being with loved ones through FaceTime, phone and, for those gone from us, their memories. Celebrate your life and those around you. Give thanks that you are safe and healthy. Merry Christmas to all from **Marika Relvas**.

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Pickleball 101

The 2020 Bayshore Village Pickleball season was one of the longest on record with the last game played at the end of November. As long as the courts were dry and there was no snow on the ground, the dedicated group came to play.

Last summer my dad and I started playing pickleball with the regulars and even though we started off a little shaky, we were immediately welcomed by all members of the club, despite our total lack of knowledge about the sport. If you are also unfamiliar with the fastest-growing sport in North America like I was, here's how it works.

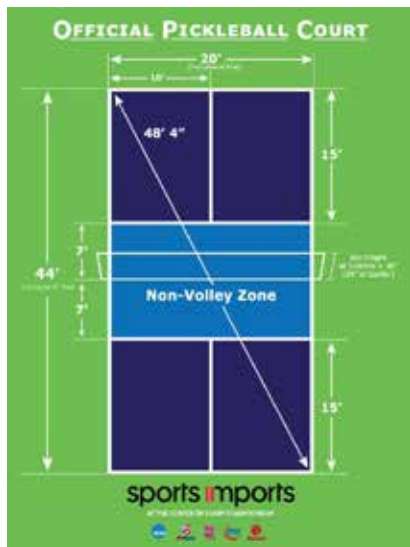
Pickleball is a paddle sport, easily described as a mix of tennis, ping pong, and badminton. The game is played on a 20' by 44' court, usually with four players (two on each team). Each player is equipped with a wood or composite paddle designed to hit a perforated plastic ball, very similar to a wiffle ball. The main objective is to hit the ball over the net into your opponents' court. The ball is always served diagonally, and points are only scored by the serving

side. If a point is won, the server alternates service courts until they lose a rally. After a serve, players must let the ball bounce once on each side of the court before they are allowed to hit the ball. After that you can volley, or hit the ball before it touches the ground. Players are also not allowed to volley in a 7' by 20' zone on either side of the net, commonly known as the "kitchen." You must allow the ball to bounce first before entering the kitchen and hitting

the ball. The first team to score 11 points, leading by at least 2 points, is declared the winner.

Some pickleball slang you're likely to hear at the BVA courts include:

- Dink - a soft shot that is hit so that it just clears the net and drops into the kitchen. Some players think "dinking" is for losers. :)
- Smash - an overhand shot directed downward into the opponent's court.
- Caveman - overly aggressive hard-hits and Neanderthal behaviour. Typically performed by a male player who is losing badly.
- Piker - lovingly named after a legendary BVA player. Usually occurs when standing at the baseline and fumbling a shot that was directed low to the ground.
- Poach - crossing over into your partner's side of the court to hit a ball.
- Sugar - usually yelled in frustration when a play doesn't go one's way.



L-R Bill Merkley, Joey Torchia, Randy Hutchison, Ria Searle, Arlena Hutchison, Anne Pike

If this sport sounds exciting to you, be sure to join us this summer on the courts! New members of all skill levels are always welcome.

Joseph Torchia

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Social Director's Report



We wish everyone a Happy New Year as we look forward to good times ahead!

The Social Committee focused its effort on decorating this past fall and for the Holidays. We started with Halloween: pumpkins, spider webs and other assorted decorations of the scarier type. A pumpkin decorating contest was held. Thanks to all who participated and donated pumpkins to the display.

When December came, the committee put to use all the indoor decorations to decorate outside the Hayloft. Two trees were decorated inside and looked gorgeous from the outside. We received many compliments on how beautiful the Hayloft looked!

Terri Papa designed the beautiful wintry arrangements outside the entrance to the Hayloft. The kiosk was decorated with toys and animals. Steve Goulter put up lights at the Bayshore entrance. Jim Fielding and Wayne Perzel helped with hanging garlands and the outside lighting.

Our other event was a Holiday accessory clothing drive. Thanks to everyone who provided hats, mitts, gloves, scarves and socks! Linda Bridges, Marg Bisset, Janice Latorre, and Leslie Fielding sorted and delivered the items to the Salvation Army.

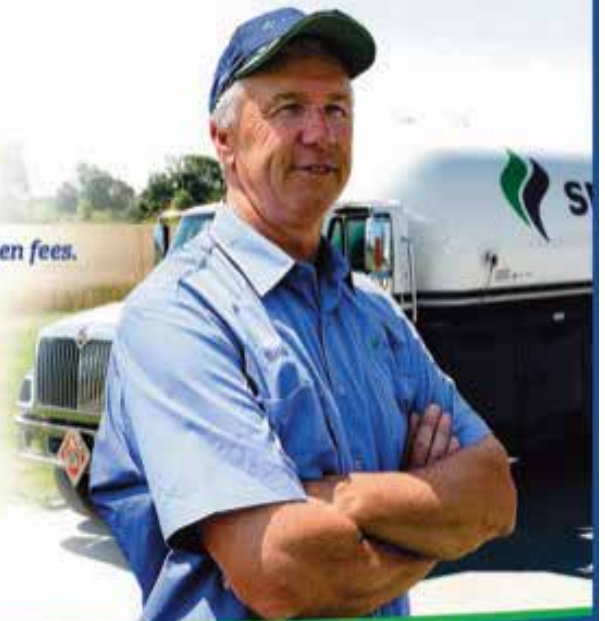
We will continue to communicate with residents as we look to possible activities in the New Year. It may be a while so let's continue to support each other in other ways until those Happy Days Are Here Again!

Debbie Rautins
Social Director



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Hayloft Amenities Director's Report



Season's Greetings to all Bayshore residents. This is my first report since taking on the Directorship of the Hayloft amenities. This position has allowed me to meet and work with many of the active groups here, even during the current pandemic conditions.

In the past year, we did manage to get the pool open with the blessing of the local health department, and had a very successful carwash in favour of our local hospital. The pool was pressure tested and found to be sound. In the spring, we are planning to have the solar heating system repaired and tied into the gas heater. This should save a few thousand dollars in operational heating expense. Many of the on-going certified safety features of the Hayloft have been looked after, including fire alarm and elevator services. The furnace was replaced in the great room during last winter and spare parts were saved for the other two furnaces in the Hayloft.

I am very pleased to announce that a contract has been awarded to a local firm to get our Hayloft washrooms updated. Some of the other associated repairs will also be carried out before we expect that we will be allowed to fully reopen. This includes replacement of the dart room floor and changes to the exterior of the room to prevent water infiltration that has caused past problems.

Some changes are also coming to our Mail kiosk area. New large package lockers will be added within the next year. We are at the mercy of Canada Post for that, however, this should save a few trips into the Brechin post office for those on-line purchases.

I want to thank all of the volunteers that have contributed to all of the Hayloft events and operations this past year. Your efforts are so important to the success that we enjoy.

Looking forward to a Merrier New Year!

Rod Turnbull
Director of Hayloft Amenities

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Halloween 2020

Halloween at Bayshore Village was a great success this year! Homes on Sandlewood and Lantern were chosen this year to host all the ghouls and goblins. Houses and the Hayloft were decorated and residents turned out in full force to welcome all the children. Some ingenious methods for handing out candy safely included hanging bags of candy on clotheslines, handing out goodies using

tongs, or making up individual treat bags for the children to choose their own goodies. A huge thank you for a great event goes out to the Social Committee, led by Debbie Rautins, and the residents who worked so hard to make this so much fun. Well done everyone!

Susan Hazlett



Deck the Hayloft with Boughs of Holly falalalalalalala

The Hayloft was all decked out for the holidays in December 2020. Special thanks to Terri Papa for making the beautiful urns. Great job everyone! Photos courtesy of Sharon Seaward.



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Tennis at Bayshore. It May Be Winter But...

The sports courts have provided countless hours of exercise, camaraderie and fun for Bayshore tennis and pickleball players. One enthusiastic player told us that when they moved to Bayshore Village one of the things that attracted them to this community was the tennis courts. "I had played a few games when I was young and my husband had played on a tennis team in high school and loved the sport. We decided to play with the tennis group here in Bayshore and met wonderful people on the courts. I was not a great player when I started playing but with lots of encouragement, great tips and instruction from other players and of course lots of practice, I improved and love playing." All the players share these good feelings. However, for the past 12+ years the courts have developed significant cracks and damage to the surface and the underlying asphalt base due to water penetration and ice damage. Tennis and pickleball players have spent countless hours on hands and knees repairing the cracks! Such dedication! The annual cost for crack sealer, cement and special acrylic paints is an additional expense. Without these annual repairs the asphalt base would have heaved and broken, rendering the courts unusable.

A committee of players interviewed four sport court contractors and has found a solution to ensure the courts remain a valuable asset in good condition for all Bayshore members. The name of the restoration process is "Asphalt Penetration Lift." In the asphalt business, "Lift" refers to the addition of a new layer on top of an existing layer instead of the more costly removal of the existing asphalt base. "Asphalt Penetration" is made with layers of decreasingly sized stone and sand, which is sprayed with an asphalt emulsion to build up a 3-inch layer. In addition, a fibreglass reinforcing mesh is applied to a middle layer.

Along with reducing pain and injury that could be caused from playing on a standard hard court, this surface requires very little ongoing maintenance and maintains hard court principles of play with a soft asphalt composition. And most important in our situation, it has the advantage of being "able to be installed directly on top of an existing hard court in the form of a lift as an alternative to repairing a surface that is damaged beyond what a standard acrylic resurface and paint application can repair."

Quality references for the preferred provider confirms the advantages of this restoration proposal: Ben Peters says, "I have been in our house in the Craighleith Homes Association (a 1980 community of 320 homes with a recreation building, a pool and two lighted tennis courts) in Waterloo for 27 years. We have had the courts resurfaced many times (by other companies) only to have them cracking within a little more than a year. When Court Contractors restored our courts a little over nine years

ago we couldn't have been more pleased with the surface. My description of the courts would be just a littler slower than hard courts, easier on the knees and they play really well. We now need just a little colour maintenance but they are standing up really well, no cracks. We are very pleased."

Mike O'Hare, facilities director of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury told us: "Yes, we are very pleased with the work Richard and his crew at Court Contractors did for us on our two Bradford sites. A total of six courts at Lions Park and at Centennial Park were restored about 11 years ago (2009) that have held up very well using the asphalt penetration lift process. We had large cracks with grass growing through them as well as uneven areas. The acrylic surface and line painting is still good. I would say maybe in 2021 we will contact Richard to re-paint with acrylic and fresh lines. They are honourable folks to work with." This court builder is the only contractor offering a seven year crack-free guarantee!

The sport courts are a long-standing valuable asset owned by all members through their membership in the association. The Board of Directors recognizes that all the Bayshore Village Association amenities are assets that are an important part of the value of our homes and that the proper maintenance of the existing amenities is an important principle for the Board.

Soon it will be Spring and we will be back to hitting tennis and pickleball balls to our friends on the other side of the net. This is an invitation to all Bayshore Village Association members to come on out to the tennis and the pickleball sessions. What better way to look after your health and meet a group of fun and friendly people. See you in early May 2021.

Tom Costigane





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Bayshore Community Service Crew

The Bayshore Community Service Crew is a new group in Bayshore Village designed to assist our high school residents in contributing to the community in a positive way. They are comprised of three students (Muskaan Raina, Shania Raina and Franchi Torchia) and one adult (Sharon Seaward).

Our first attempt in reaching out to our community for help was a Socktober sock drive for which residents of the Bayshore community put out new pairs of socks on their verandas and the Crew went around the community in a golf cart to pick them up. In total, the Crew collected 740 pairs of socks. They were then separated into men's, women's and children's, and delivered to the Lighthouse Soup Kitchen and Shelter in Orillia. With the help of the Bayshore community, we accomplished our mission of providing warmth and comfort to vulnerable and homeless citizens for the upcoming winter season.



For the holiday season, the Crew put together a glasses and financial food drive. We had a drive-by donation drop off stationed at the Hayloft, which collected used eyeglasses for the Lions Club of Orillia and money for the Sharing Place Food Centre. The recycled glasses were redistributed through the Lions Club to needy people around the world. The money raised from the financial food bank donations helped the Sharing Place buy fresh fruits and vegetables to serve a community of approximately 1700 people a month. Following Covid-19 safety measures, the Bayshore Village residents' generous donations raised \$2,524.35 and 196 pairs of eyeglasses!



The Bayshore Community Service Crew is excited for future prospects in order to further help the community. The small efforts of our community members manifest and spread to provide light for people across the globe! It is in our unity, that we have the power to evoke change. Thank you Bayshore!



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Meet the Crew...

Hi, my name is **Muskaan** and I am a seventeen year old student at Patrick Fogarty. As a high school senior, I am university bound in the fall. I am planning to go into business administration for my Undergraduate Degree, and pursue it further in my post-grad. I hope to one day be an integral part of corporate America, working on Wall Street and contributing to the ever-evolving international tapestry of business and communication. In starting this Crew, my faith in humanity has been delightfully restored, as there is no better feeling than to witness people, pure in heart, come together to make change in any way that they can.



My name is **Franchi** and I am a grade ten student at Patrick Fogarty Catholic Secondary School. My dream is to attend McMaster University to study Health Sciences and to get a job in the medical field. Recently, I earned my certification for National Lifeguarding, and this year I hope to enjoy another summer working at the Bayshore pool. Through the fundraising efforts of the

Crew, I have been fortunate to meet more neighbours. I feel so grateful to live amongst such generous people.

My name is **Shania**. I am in grade nine and also attend Patrick Fogarty Catholic Secondary School. I hope to someday pursue a career in the realm of chemical engineering and study at the University of Toronto. One of my passions, outside of school, is music. I enjoy playing guitar, piano, ukulele, and singing, and have just recently received an award for my musical ability and love for the arts. With this Crew, it has been amazing to see Bayshore come together as a whole, and help those in need.



Thank you so much to all the residents of Bayshore who have kindly donated and supported us and I hope to see you all again at our next charity event!

Muskaan Raina



Left to right Shania Raina, Muskaan Raina, and Franchi Torchia

The Bayshore Community Service Crew is guided by the wonderful mentorship of **Sharon Seaward**.

Thank you for all you do, Sharon!



Recipe Corner with Diane Stoner

Trying to get healthy after the holidays? Here are some lower carb recipes to try.

Chicken Casserole with Sweet Potato Sauce “Low carb and oh so good!”

Ingredients:

2 large sweet potatoes
Olive oil
1.5 Tbsp Italian seasonings
1 clove garlic
10 chicken thighs cut into cubes
1 large yellow onion
1 red pepper
1 package sliced mushrooms
2 cups brussel sprouts cut in half or quarters
1 head broccoli
1 large can of coconut milk (14 fluid ounces)
Salt



Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 400F
2. Peel and chop sweet potatoes into 1 inch cubes and put into a bowl. Coat with olive oil and Italian seasonings. Place the prepared sweet potatoes on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper and place in oven. Bake until tender (about 20 minutes). Take out and let cool.
3. Melt some coconut oil in pan or use olive oil and saute garlic. Add chicken and cook. When cooked, put chicken into large bowl and set aside.
4. Add all veggies to pan and cook until just tender. Add veggies to chicken and mix well.
5. Put cooked sweet potatoes into vita mix blender and add coconut milk. Puree until smooth. Add salt to taste.
6. Place chicken/vegetable mixture into glass 8x11” casserole dish. Pour sweet potato sauce over mixture and place into oven. Bake at 350F for 30 minutes or until bubbly.
7. Let cool slightly before serving.

Easy Beef Stew Crockpot Recipe

Ingredients:

2 Tbsp coconut oil
2 pounds stewing beef cut to about 2” cubes
1/4 tsp salt
2 cups chopped onion (2 medium onions)
2 cups chopped celery (2 stalks)
2 cups chopped carrots (2 medium carrots)
2 cups chopped parsnips (3 small parsnips)
1.5 cups chopped sweet potato (1 medium sweet potato)
2 cups water
1 cup coconut milk (One 400 ml can)
1 Tbsp curry powder or tumeric
Salt to taste



Directions:

1. Heat coconut oil in a large pan over medium-high heat. Brown the stewing beef, being careful not to overcrowd the pan. Sprinkle about 1/4 tsp salt over the beef as it cooks. The beef just needs to be lightly seared and not fully cooked. Transfer the beef pieces into the crockpot (3 quart size) once they have been browned on all sides.
2. Add onions and celery to the same pan that the beef was cooked in. Brown for about 5 minutes then add to the crockpot.
3. Add carrots, parsnips and sweet potato to the crockpot.
4. In a small bowl, mix together the water, coconut milk and curry or tumeric. Pour this mixture over the contents of the crockpot. Cover and cook on low in the crockpot for 8 hours, or on high for 4 hours.

Recipe Corner with Diane Stoner

Glazed Salmon and Bok Choy Sheet Pan Dinner

Ingredients:

- 1 small bunch thin asparagus (about 10 oz), tough ends snapped off
- 2 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- Two 6-oz skinless salmon fillets (about 1.5" thick)
- 4 tsp hoisin sauce
- 4 baby bok choy (about 10 oz), halved lengthwise
- 1" piece fresh ginger, peeled and grated, (1 Tbsp) (optional)
- 1 scallion, thinly sliced on the bias

Directions:

1. Position a rack in the centre of the oven and preheat to 425F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper. Lay the asparagus in the centre of the prepared baking sheet, drizzle with 1 Tbsp olive oil and toss with 1/4 tsp salt and 1/8 tsp pepper. Roast until the asparagus just begins to change colour, 5 minutes.
2. Remove the baking sheet from the oven and place the bok choy to the left of the asparagus. Drizzle with the remaining 1 Tbsp olive oil and sprinkle with the grated ginger, 1/4 tsp salt and 1/8 tsp black pepper; toss to coat. Place the salmon to the right of the asparagus, spacing them evenly apart. Brush on hoisin.
3. Roast until the bok choy is tender and the leaves begin to crisp, the asparagus is tender, and the salmon is cooked through yet still moist, about 12 minutes more. Divide salmon and vegetables between two plates and top with sliced scallions.



Herb Stuffed Pork Tenderloin

Ingredients:

- 2 Tbsp dijon-style mustard
- 18 ozs pork tenderloin
- 1.5 cups shredded spinach leaves
- 6 pieces finely chopped bacon
- 1 onion finely chopped
- 6 large mushrooms finely chopped
- 2 eggs
- Pork Rub (lots of recipes online), salt, pepper

Directions:

1. Trim fat from meat. Make a lengthwise cut down the centre of roast, cutting to, but not through, the other side. Spread the meat flat.
2. Place tenderloin between two sheets of plastic wrap and pound meat lightly with the flat side of a meat mallet to about a 13x8" rectangle. If necessary, use a portion of a second tenderloin to make 18 ounces. Overlap and pound the pieces to make a single rectangle.) Fold in the narrow ends as necessary to make an even rectangle.
3. Spread mustard evenly over tenderloin.
4. Stir together spinach, bacon, onion, mushrooms and eggs in a medium bowl. Spread mixture over pork.
5. Roll tenderloin up jelly-roll style, beginning at narrow end. Tie meat with string and centre, then at 1" intervals. Place meat on shallow roasting pan. Brush oil over meat. Sprinkle with pork rub, salt and pepper.
6. Roast, uncovered at 375F for 50-60 minutes (or until meat thermometer registers 160F).
7. Transfer to warm platter. Remove strings; keep warm while preparing sauce.
8. To serve, cut tenderloin into 12 slices. Spoon Mustard Sauce over each serving (optional).

Mustard Sauce (optional)

In a small saucepan, combine 1/3 cup sour cream, 2 Tbsp mayo, 2 tsp dijon-style mustard, and 1 tsp honey. Cook over low heat for 2-3 minutes or just until heated through. Do not boil. Serve immediately with pork slices.



A Cautionary Tale

Since my husband Glen is living in Leacock LTC, I have resolved to take care of things and try to live my life. I have been able to visit often and see that Glen's situation in the home is comfortable and accommodating. He is being treated diplomatically and respectfully by those cheery PSWs.

It was time then to resolve other parts of our lives together properly, one of which was to rid myself of the overwhelming responsibilities of owning a Florida condo. I was blindly optimistic when I encouraged Glen to co-own a little villa in an all-senior community in spite of the obvious fact that Glen's health was declining. I truly imagined that escaping the winter cold would make him healthier. It didn't. We used it only a season and a half. I had to rent it out just to facilitate the high HOA (maintenance fees). I finally came to the realization that I cannot keep it, as much as I loved being there.

Time to sell. I engaged a real estate agent who was familiar with our situation. We had kept in touch since she had sold it to us. Good. Things were moving along. We had eager buyers with cash! I could feel the pennies raining down. Oh bliss! Then things screeched to a halt. Since we two people owned the condo, the real estate company needed two signatures to sell it. Glen, in the swamp of Alzheimer's is unable to sign anything. I have letters from two doctors which state that fact which did not impress the company. But, Eureka! I have a Power of Attorney! I sent it along, congratulating myself upon our prescience in signing POA's years ago.

Would you believe? That was not successful. To my dismay, the real estate company would not accept it. Under Florida law (and maybe Ontario too), a POA must have signatures of two witnesses. My POA has only one witness, which was all well and good in the year 1994. However the law changed, apparently in 1995.

I have called the office of the lawyer who had facilitated our POA's. He is heroically dealing with this morass in which I am entangled.

This is written as a WARNING to my friends and neighbors. PLEASE review your legal papers. Ensure they are up to date.

Gail Carter

COVID-19 Protocol

Mitigate the Danger

As an Aerospace Engineer, I have continually analyzed how to mitigate danger. If anything were to go wrong, for example, if there was even a remote chance of something happening that could endanger the situation, we would face this possibility and plan what could be done to protect against that eventuality. This is how an aircraft is designed. This is why airplanes are much safer than any other form of transportation.

I have applied this thought process to all aspects of my life, specifically, to my health.

When I heard that there was a new virus out there, I researched how to protect myself. I soon realized that it was similar to the seasonal "Flu", so the protocol was easy. The right ratio of Vitamin D, C and Zinc was arrived at. It turns out that getting the Zinc into your cells is not easy. If there is sufficient Zinc in the cells, a virus CANNOT replicate itself and you will not get sick. I found out that this is how the (off-patent) drug Hydroxychloroquine works – it simply allows the Zinc to enter all the cells in your body, thus providing protection. If you wait until you get sick, stopping the replication process is not easy. This is one of those times when being proactive is very sensible.

Since I prefer the holistic approach, I went looking for a substitute for Hydroxychloroquine. What is needed is a "zinc ionophore" (Zinc transport molecule) such as Quercetin. In 2010, a combination of zinc with a zinc ionophore was shown to inhibit the SARS coronavirus in vitro. In cell culture, this combo blocked viral replication in minutes. Naturopathic doctors use this knowledge with their patients as a course of action to prevent disease.


Here is the combo I use:

- A. 10,000 IU Vitamin D3 per day (ALL Canadians are very deficient in D - get a test!)
- B. 2000 mg Vitamin C (powdered, in water)
- C. 200 mg Zinc (liquid form is absorbed easier)
- D. 1000 mg Quercetin (Vitamin Q3)

This protocol is effective, inexpensive, and based on scientific studies. Don't take my word for it – please research for yourself.

Steve Goulter

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Be Seen at Night

Within Bayshore Village, people walking on the road at night can be a serious safety hazard. I have witnessed this myself on many occasions and I have had several people mention this concern to me.

As you know, there are no sidewalks and very dim lighting in the Village. This, combined with dark clothing, or the extra darkness of a rainy night can make pedestrians or dog walkers very hard to see for the driver of a vehicle. If you are going to be out at night, please ensure that you can be seen. Wear light coloured clothing, have a flashlight or wear some form of reflective clothing, arm band, etc.

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Steve Goulter



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Interesting Facts About the Poinsettia

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- The poinsettia was named after Joel Roberts Poinsett (a botanist and the first United States ambassador to Mexico).
- Joel Roberts Poinsett sent poinsettias from the tropical forests of Mexico to his greenhouses in South Carolina in 1828.
- The correct pronunciation is either "poinsettia" or "poinsetta".
- Poinsettias are native to Mexico and there are over 100 varieties.
- The showy, red coloured parts of the poinsettia, which many people think of as being the flowers, are actually bracts (modified leaves).
- The tiny buds in the centre of the colourful red leaves are actually the flowers.
- Poinsettias are perennial flowering shrubs that can grow 10-15 feet tall in the right environment.
- The Aztecs used the poinsettia bracts to make a reddish dye for fabrics.
- Poinsettias are not poisonous. A 1971 study done at the Ohio State University proved this. However, the plant can ooze a milky sap. Some people with a latex allergy have had a skin reaction to this sap. You might want to keep young children and your pets away from these plants.
- December 12th is Poinsettia Day, which marks the death of Joel Roberts Poinsett in 1851.
- Caring for your Christmas poinsettia plant requires that you do not let the soil dry out. The water should be able to drain out of the bottom of the pot. Sunlight should be available for the poinsettia for at least 5 hours a day.



Liz Meharg

Ramara Trails Committee

Ramara Trails Committee is looking for additional volunteers to assist in further trail development in 2021. Work involved is normally one meeting per month (via Zoom at the moment) and usually a work bee checking out some part of the trail network. It's a great group of people and quite enjoyable. If interested, contact the Township office and put your name forward.

Artena Hutchison
Trails Committee

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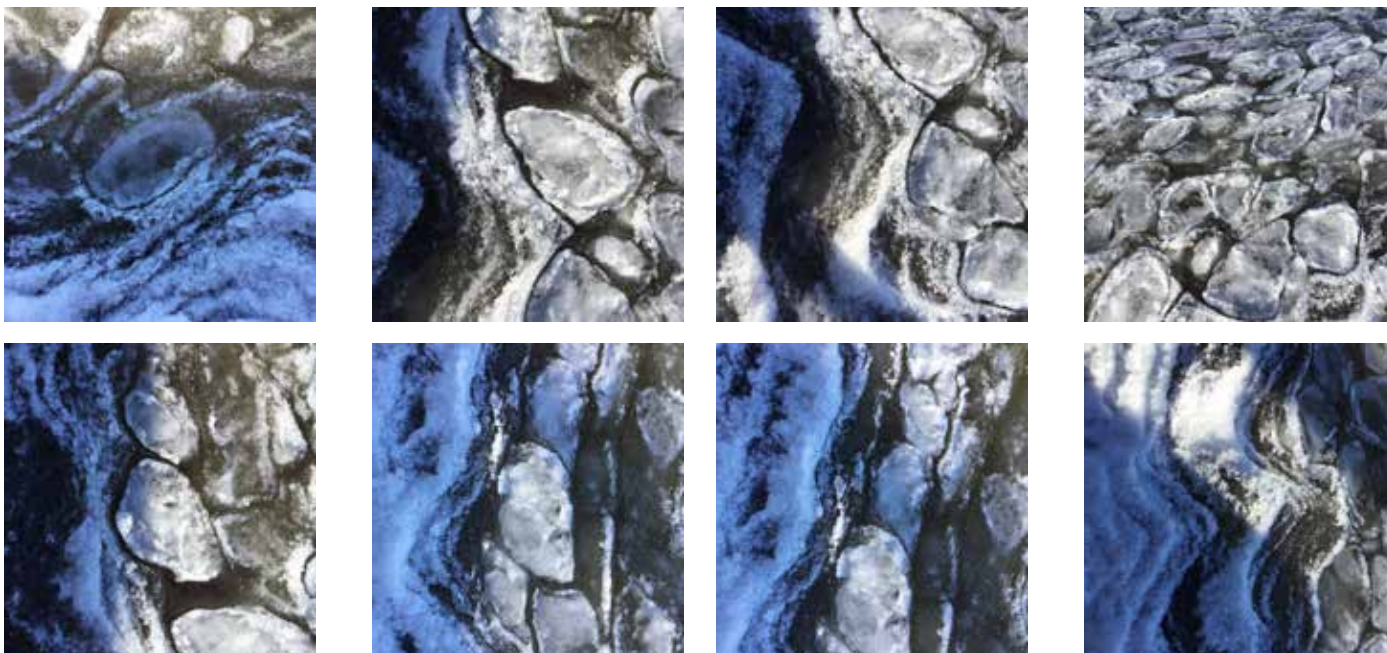
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Ice Formations



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Ria Searle

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Beaver Tribulations

After living in Bayshore for over 18 years and enjoying where I live immensely, I have predators that have become major pests to me. Literally. Not more than a week ago, I was out in my backyard and noticed that there was a larger than normal free space in my gardens. When



I went to investigate, I saw that beavers had decimated, and partially decimated, three of my bushes. There seems to be two of them making their rounds to various neighbours' lawns. Hopefully that's all there are but who knows! When they chew down branches, there are no remnants left behind as they drag away the branches to make their dam so you really aren't aware of anything just looking at your

backyard without further investigation. At least they are, for the most part, neat!!

I have never had to protect my bushes as I've always seen the beavers swimming back and forth along the pond throughout the seasons without bothering me. They would often come up on my yard just above the waterline and feed on the grass which was fine....less to cut! But, in hindsight, maybe I should have chased them away. They seem to like fresh, well-fertilized grass. I wonder if perhaps the new culvert work that was done along Bayshore Drive this past Fall has had some impact on their environment

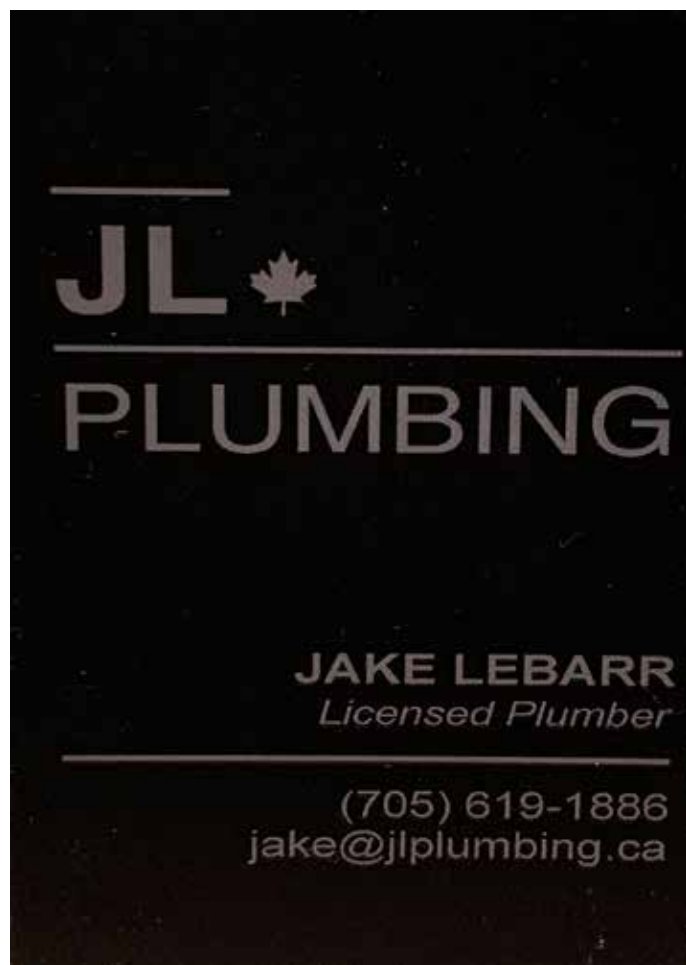
and it has disturbed their usual routine or home which is causing them to surface in other places.

As bushes are hard to wrap in screening, I have managed to do so for one of the bushes that they only partially chewed off. I'm hoping they will find that there isn't much excitement left at my home and move on elsewhere. I'm not wishing for snow but it would be nice if it got colder so at least the pond would freeze over solid so they can't come up at my yard.



Keep an eye out for them visiting you shortly....LOL!

Bob McCutcheon



Christmas in Our Own Traditional Way

As minority Christians growing up in Buddhist-dominant Sri Lanka, Christmas has always been an East meets West kind of celebration and it has continued to be celebrated this way in Canada with three (now four) generations getting together for the most loved time of the year.

The second weekend in December is special. All the kids come over with their spouse or partner and now our little grandbaby to decorate the tree and make our traditional Christmas cake. My parents join in. We pick up a nice tree from a lot and bring it home. Out come all the boxes of decorations. I choose the colours for that year. Starting with the strings of lights, we each have a job to do in ensuring the tree is perfectly decorated. Lastly, my son Chris has always had the honour of placing the angel at the top and then lighting the tree. Rohan dresses up in a Santa suit, we bring out the home-made sweet dates and coconut wines, and play Christmas songs. It's wonderful to hear the kids yell out at each other as to what should be placed on the tree or not and tease each other.

They never fail to bring out an ugly ornament from the past and place it right in front just to annoy me. A warm dinner with lots of food followed by loud conversations and too much wine takes us into the late night when we all crawl into bed exhausted knowing well that the next day is a full day of baking.

I'm up first, bright and early, to make the traditional breakfast of milk rice. The three ingredients that go into making the milk rice are rice, coconut milk and salt. All three ingredients are considered to be essential in any Sri Lankan household and the milk rice is a symbol of prosperity so the household may never run out of these three essential items. It can be eaten with either a curry, coconut or onion sambal or jaggery. As each one drags themselves downstairs to the aroma of coffee and milk rice, I set everything up for the mixing and making of our traditional Christmas cake. 15 ingredients have already been cut up and fermented for over a week in a big red basin. These include three types of raisins, currents, cherries, golden syrup, chow chow, ginger preserve, candied peel, etc. It's time to now roast the semolina, add butter, 30 eggs and mix in the nuts, six different spices, brandy and the rest of the ingredients. Everyone develops their own version of the recipe and my mom is

the head of our group (or I should say "was"), ensuring that every ingredient is put in accurately and the taste test is done after each stage. She did this even when unable to talk and in a wheelchair. Each one has a job. Some to separate the eggs, two to keep churning the contents

in the basin, one to prepare the baking trays, another to roast the semolina, etc. When all is done everyone dips in for a taste and then in goes a little bit of this and a little bit of that, until all of us are completely satisfied with the taste. The last one to nod is Mom. Since my mom's passing last year, the job is now mine. Ten baking trays are filled and baked in low heat and it takes the entire day to complete baking all the trays. Meanwhile more food and drink, games and lots of laughter follow. At least half a tray gets eaten the very same day.

The evening of the 24th, we all gather once more at our place. Santa comes faithfully to everyone in the house. When we wake up, presents are under the beds. We all get together on our bed to open the Santa presents

while sipping warm cups of tea and coffee. Off to Church, a traditional breakfast of Sri Lankan food including the milk rice, traditional sweets etc and then it's the exciting time of present giving and receiving. The house is a mess with wrapping paper and ribbon, bon bons being pulled, cracked and thrown on the floor, but it's a time filled with the important things such as laughter, love and togetherness. I steal myself away for a minute to watch them all, my heart filled with love and pride, grateful for this beautiful time spent with the most precious people. Now it's time to prepare dinner as

usually at least 30 of our friends and relatives arrive to celebrate with us. It's a fusion of food, again East meeting the West with spiced turkey, stuffing with sausage and liver, gravy, cranberry, roast yams, seafood fried rice, pork curry, chillie beans, cashew nut and pea curry, savoury and sweet salads plus more food and desserts being brought by friends. Loud conversations, games and drinks follow with food being passed around each hour. It's well past midnight when everyone leaves and Rohan and I sit up longer to clean up, have one last wine together and hug in complete happiness.

Sharmila Perera





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Nov 15 Storm Damage

We had quite a storm come through the area around 4 pm on Sunday November 15. Two trees were blown down at 104 Bayshore Drive at Doug Taylor's residence. Rhonda Wallace witnessed both trees go down. Luckily, no one was injured. The home received some damage to the deck, eavestrough and internet receiver.

Dave Renaud



Welcome Winter

Norm and Brenda James announce the arrival of the newest Bayshore resident, "Winter." Winter is a seven year-old golden retriever who has come to us through the wonderful people of GOLDEN RESCUE. Winter came with approximately 24 other goldens from Cairo, Egypt, on Thursday. He is now in his forever home. Over 700 dogs have been saved from euthanasia or being sold to meat markets over the years. A warm thank you and God bless goes out to the volunteers of this organization.

Brenda James



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Sharmila Perera

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"You will stay home Forever" – That was my promise to my mother who was diagnosed with Parkinson disease and deteriorated over a 4 year period from being a healthy unstoppable woman to a person that could no longer walk, talk, eat or drink. All she wanted was to be surrounded by her children and grandchildren and await the birth of her first great grandchild before she closed her eyes and took her last breath. As a family we take solace in knowing we gave her what she wanted and she was at peace in her own home. I sponsored a full time live-in caregiver for my mom who looked after her with the most amount of kindness and compassion. Hence I was able to spend my time enjoying her and creating more memories that my family and I can share for many years to come.

Inspired by my mom's courage, kindness, bravery and beautiful smile, amidst all of her suffering, Stay Home Forever Inc., was created. We want seniors just like herself to have their dream of living at home comfortably and safely as long as they wish to. We are not just another care company. We take care of every aspect of you living at home and this includes, doing renovations or additions that maybe needed to your home, assessing care requirements, advising on available grants, accessing financial products to fund renovations or care and much more. We are here for you and your family every step of the way.



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Remember When?

Long ago, in the days of saddle shoes and The Everly Brothers, my parents bought a TV set. We lived in Kenora, Ontario, where there was literally no TV reception over the sound waves from Winnipeg available to our house. My grandparents had come out from Toronto to live with us in Kenora. They brought their beloved TV set. They needed the cultural nourishment Lawrence Welk provided weekly. I recall seeing my father risking his life while balanced precipitously on our roof, angling the very high antenna every which way to no avail, and my grandparents crestfallen that they would never see Lawrence, or Jackie Gleason ever again if they stayed in such an uncivilized place.

A few years later, when we moved to Toronto, The Epitome of Civilization, my father bought a TV set and brought it home. He situated it in a corner of our living room. He plugged it in and placed a pronged antenna on the top. I was over the top with sheer excitement. Wow. A TV of our very own. And at least six channels! I could watch American Bandstand after school. Together, some evenings, we watched Bonanza and caught the news of all the fires in Buffalo.

That was it. Once the TV set was paid for, we were on easy street. Programming was free. The soap commercials financed our viewing.

Today we still suffer through the innumerable commercials, yet somehow, through the sly ingenuity of inventive capitalists who discovered ways to monetize TV reception, we pay for every moment of our in-home entertainment. I'd got so accustomed to paying, I'd forgotten there was a time when we didn't. Today I whine on the phone as I try to negotiate with Bell regarding the excessive monthly bill I pay.

To cap it all off.....THERE IS NOTHING WORTH WATCHING.

My whole reason for existence, I have discovered, is to finance The System. Especially the Bell System. I, of relatively sound healthy mind, compared to all the other bozos out there, have signed up for heavenly reception and celestial choices of amazing programming. I can hardly wait.

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It's Always Sunny in Bayshore

Q: Where were the first French fries made?

A: In Grease.

A magician was asked what had happened to the lady he used to saw in half in his act... "Oh, she's retired," he said. "Now she lives in Chicago – and Denver."

A pirate walks into a bar with an eyepatch, a peg leg and a hook for a hand. The bartender notices his leg and asks, "How did you get that peg leg?"

The pirate replies, "Arr, it were many years ago. I be walkin' on the deck of me boat when a wave swept a shark aboard and it bit off me leg."

"Wow!" says the bartender. "What about your hand?"

The pirate replies, "Arr, it were many years ago. I be walkin' on the deck when a wave swept a killer whale aboard and it bit off me hand."

"That's terrible. What about your eye?" asked the bartender.

"Arr, it were many years ago. I be walkin' on the deck when a seagull came outta nowhere and pooped in me eye."

"And that blinded you??" asked the bartender.

"No. Twas me first day with the hook."

How many golfers does it take to change a lightbulb?

FOUR! But they say it only took 3.

I've always been a bit of a loner. In 1985, when I was 10 years old, my parents sent me to Pioneer camp in Muskoka. I loved every minute of it but I especially loved the hour of free time the campers were given every afternoon. I used this time to walk through the woods which surrounded the large campground trying to catch toads or snakes or find a unique-looking rock for my collection. It was on one of these afternoons that I wandered into a clearing. Like from a movie, a beam of light shone upon an old, abandoned playground. It was magical. I explored every inch, mesmerized, while dreamily listening to the distant sounds of excited campers, the static from a crackly megaphone and the faraway shrieking of whistles. I can't tell you how long I spent there, but suddenly Bronco, the camp director, ran towards me, scooped me up and hurled me over his shoulder. He said nothing and began running back towards the camp. My only thoughts were about the shoe that was slipping off my foot. My mother was not going to be happy if I came home from camp with one shoe. When it eventually fell off, I tried to get him to stop so I could retrieve it but he snapped, "I'll go back for it later." When he finally put me down, a swarm of people gathered around me, excited to tell me what had just transpired at the camp. A kid had gone missing! Apparently, while I was gone, the councillors performed land drills and combed the water to find the camper. It seems they found the kid soon after I returned to camp. It sounded so dramatic. I'm sorry to have missed it.

A few puns make me numb but math puns make me number.

A cowboy rides into a new town and stops at a saloon for a drink. When he finishes his drink and makes his way outside, he finds that his horse has been stolen. He walks back into the bar and fires his gun through the ceiling. "Which one of you varmints stole my hoss?" he yells. No one answers. "All right, I'm gonna have one more beer and if my hoss ain't outside by the time I finish, I'm gonna do what I dun in Texas." He downs another beer, walks outside, and finds that his horse has been returned to the post. He mounts his horse and gets ready to ride out of town. Curious, the bartender follows him out of the bar and asks, "Say pardner, what happened in Texas?" The cowboy turns to him, and says, "I had to walk home."

People are too judgmental these days. I can tell just by looking at them.

I was at a museum recently and asked a worker if I was allowed to take pictures. He replied, "No, they have to stay on the wall."

My daughter thinks I don't give her enough privacy...at least that's what she said in her diary.

The sweater my husband bought me was picking up static electricity, so I went to Winners to exchange it. Luckily, they gave me another one...free of charge.

A man is walking through the country when he spots a sign that reads, "Talking Horse for Sale." Intrigued, he walks up to the stable to check it out.

"So, what have you done with your life?" he asks the horse. "I've led a full life," the horse answers miraculously. "I was born in The Andes where I herded for an entire village. Years later, I joined the mounted police force in New York and helped keep the city clean. And now, I spend my days giving free rides to underprivileged kids here in the country." The guy is flabbergasted. He asks the horse's owner, "Why on earth would you want to get rid of such an incredible animal?"

The owner says, "Because he's a liar! He never did any of that!"

Nowadays, people don't use the name Lance very often. In medieval times, people were named Lance a lot.

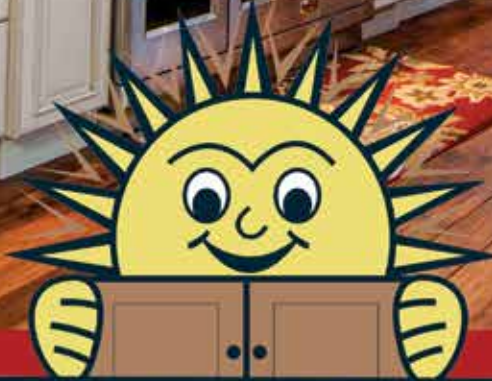
Hope you had as much fun as I did! Stay sunny Bayshore!

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The History of Bayshore Village - How It All Began

In 1838, Mara Township was opened for settlement. The early settlers hailed from Glengarry, near Ottawa, and directly from Ireland. In 1862, McGinnis Point was owned by Henry Van Sittart. The Point was named after Captain McGinnis who operated one of the early steamboats on Lake Simcoe. In 1877, Austin O'Boyle was the recorded owner of the Point, which remained in the O'Boyle family until 1939. Two sisters, the last of the O'Boyle family, put the 200 acre farm with approximately five miles of shoreline up for sale, with an advertisement placed in the *Globe & Mail*.

In response to that advertisement, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Brown flew from Winnipeg to Toronto. They borrowed a car and drove up to view the property and found that there was no road into the Point. The nearest electric power was five miles away at Highway 12, and the arable land amounted to 80 acres while the remaining 200 acres consisted of bush and swamp.

There was a dilapidated two storey farm house still standing. The barn had been built on cedar posts, spanning a natural gully. The posts had rotted and the barn was sagging badly. However, the timbers were of hand-hewn ash and appeared to be in good condition.

The Browns purchased the farm and hired Fred Johnson, formerly a construction foreman for Northern Manitoba, to develop a construction program to build a road into the property, a small cottage was built for the foreman, a garage and an implement shed, plus the rebuilding of the barn, (now the Hayloft). Arrangements were made to build a power line from Uptergrove to the farm.

Starting in 1941, Mrs. Brown and their three children spent the summer holidays on the farm. Fred Johnson continued to look after the farm until 1944. In 1945, arrangements were made with an architect to design a large home for the family to be built on the Point. After the war-time restrictions were lifted, the house was completed in 1946. This house is now occupied by the Oswald family.

As the nearest school was four miles away with no bus service, arrangements were made to operate a private school. The school had a qualified teacher and because it was inspected on a regular basis by the Mara School Board, the Brown children and their cousins were recognized as having proper student standing. The school operated until 1949.

Because of the recommendations to freeze development on certain parts of the Lake Simcoe shoreline, and because aerial pictures of McGinnis Point were used as an example, the Brown family put the Point property up for sale in 1973.

THE VISION TAKES HOLD

The vision of Bayshore Village began with Gerry Meharg's discovery that McGinnis Point was for sale. He envisioned a lakeside development and after a brief survey brought Larry Doble, a builder and contractor to the Point to review the property. They formed a partnership and purchased the property in 1973, taking possession in 1974.

The planning began with Gerry and Eleanor Meharg modeling Bayshore Village after similar adult lifestyle communities that they had visited in Florida where retirement communities were growing in popularity.

THE WORK BEGAN

The plan of subdivision was developed and submitted, lots registered, and covenants registered on each lot to ensure the developers' vision was respected.

The barn, now our Hayloft, was a pig barn housing 200 pigs when first inspected by Meharg and Doble. It was cleaned, the entire interior sandblasted, three inches of cement poured in the top floor and renovated to become our community centre.

Roads were laid out, underground hydro, water and sewers were installed along with the sewage treatment ponds and effluent spraying on Side Road 20. Ponds were dug to provide fill for low parts of the Point.

Two harbours, 33 and 66 were dug with the fill used in low lying areas. Four model homes were built and sales began. In 1981 lots sold for between \$21000 and \$61000 and a home could be purchased for \$80000.

Unfortunately for the partners, a combination of factors including economic downturns, slower than expected sales, taxes imposed by Ramara on unsold lots and interest rates spiking to 21% in 1981 led to Gerry Meharg relinquishing control to Doble. Subsequently, in 1983, Doble was forced to sell to POL, a group of developers and investors.

In 1988 POL transferred management and voting rights for Bayshore Village Development to BVA and we became a nonprofit corporation of our residents.

In 1989 POL assumed the obligations of the developer under the registered subdivision agreement with Mara Township. During this time Harbour 99 was started but never completed and it was left to deteriorate when in 1991 POL's loan was called by The Royal Bank and Mara was advised they would not be able to continue with Bayshore development as set out in subdivision plan. Bank owned lots were sold and some were controlled by UMA Engineering who had construction liens. Ownership of lots became very fragmented amongst, investors, builders and banks.

Gradually, since the early 90's the lots have been sold off and custom designed homes built contributing to the unique character of Bayshore Village.

In 1999 a farsighted board purchased the current storage yard lots and the area of ECO Park from the UMA Engineering. In return for forgiving unpaid dues, BVA took over these two areas.

The ponds in Bayshore have an interesting history but without going into a very confusing ownership history, it is sufficient to comment on the current situation. The many BVA boards over the past years have agreed that the ponds along with other BVA assets add an important aesthetic value and enhance our overall property value.

The History of Bayshore Village - How It All Began (cont'd)

By early 2000, the floating docks in Harbour 66 were deteriorating badly as muskrats were eating the Styrofoam floatation and it was becoming waterlogged. The Board approved expenditures to replace all docks and over a two year period in 2005-2006, under the guidance of Paul Ash and his team, the steel wall and permanent docks were completed.

In 2010, planning started for the restoration of Harbour 99 as there were limited spaces for larger, deeper draft boats. Under the guidance of Stan Mathewson, it was learned BVA could obtain a significant grant (\$50,000) from the government if we embarked on an environmentally sensitive shoreline restoration as part of rebuilding Harbour 99.

The Board approved the plan and work started in 2011. The results speak for themselves. Bayshore was awarded the 2012 Water Conservation Award by Lake Simcoe Regional Conservation Authority for shoreline stabilization to reduce erosion and nutrient loading. Incorporated into the restoration were a dozen shaded gravel spawning beds at the base of the sloping granite shoreline. In 2013, BVA volunteers planted native shrubs along the shores of both Harbours 66 and 99 to assist in shoreline stabilization. In 2015 and 2016 improvements continued in the Harbours with three new 30' finger docks in 99, repairs to docks in both 33 and 66, completion of enclosure for electrical panel in 66. Dredging of 33 was completed allowing access to Harbour for deeper draft boats.

Improvements continued in Harbour 33 with rebuilding of retaining walls and installation of new floating docks under the guidance of Bill Pike aided by 43 volunteers. Bill along with Craig Child's assistance brought the electrical system up to code. This group devoted over 1000 hours and saved Bayshore over \$500,000.

Removal of damage long dock in Harbour 66 clears the way for future slips in either Harbour 66 or Harbour 99 as required by our members.

Over the past five years there have been significant improvements in our Hayloft. In 2009 a handicap washroom was added on the ground floor followed in 2010 with the removal of the fireplace in the great room which could no longer be used due to fire regulations. Later in 2010, the kitchen was renovated and the floor was raised to eliminate a dangerous step down.

In the spring of 2011, the deck overlooking the golf course was replaced allowing us to use it as an upper level patio. A sprinkler system was added in 2011 at the insistence of our insurance company. In 2012, the much anticipated lift was added to provide access to the upper level for all members requiring this assistance. With the completion

of an additional stairway from the upper level deck and new flooring for the Great Room, the Hayloft is a community centre that Bayshore can be proud of. Most of this planning and implementation was spearheaded by Ron Thompson. Improvements continued under Doug Davies direction in our Hayloft with new cabinets,

counters and flooring in downstairs kitchen, installation of air conditioning in party room. Pool was converted to salt water for easier maintenance and repainted. The tennis courts repainted to accommodate both tennis and pickleball.

Don Lawrie, an original Bayshore member who passed away in 2014 after 38 years in Bayshore, provided the early history from an interview with Mr. and Mrs. Brown in the summer of 1983. Eldon Brown made the comment, "Meharg and Doble did a darn good job of it. We enjoyed many years on the point and now many more will get pleasure and enjoyment living here."

On a personal note, Liz and I had been searching for a place to eventually retire and we looked from Parry Sound to Port Perry only to stumble on Bayshore through an internet advertisement posted by Greg Finucan. Imagine the shock Gerry Meharg had when his nephew told him that he had discovered this wonderful development, Bayshore Village. Gerry came back to Bayshore Village in 1999 with us and helped Liz and me choose our lot and he came back a number of times four years later as our home was built.

He is delighted that his vision has turned out exactly as he had planned.

In recognition of his impact in developing Bayshore, Gerry Meharg was inducted into Ramara's Wall of Fame in 2019. We are blessed to be able to live in OUR UNIQUE WATERFONT COMMUNITY and share it with family, friends and neighbours.

Hope you enjoyed the history.

Dave Meharg

**reprinted for the benefit of recent newcomers to Bayshore Village*



Ramara Public Library News

IT'S BACK...CONTACTLESS CURBSIDE SERVICE!

Due to the province-wide shutdown effective December 26th at 12:01 a.m., the library will, once again, provide curbside pickups for library patrons to ensure the safety of staff and the public. Anyone wishing to go to the Library to pick out their own selections for the holidays can access either branch until 3 p.m. on Thursday, December 24th.

The drop box remains open at both branches and all returned items will be placed in quarantine for 72 hours prior to being cleaned and shelved with the remaining collection. This procedure will remain in place until the library fully reopens. Please note that patrons will not be charged for overdue fines and Inter Library Loan service will continue (just not through the holiday season). The library cannot accept donations at this time. Patrons can place holds via their online account using the library catalogue on our website. Individuals will require their library card number and 4-digit PIN to access their account. They can also send an email or call either branch to submit their requests for material. All orders will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis and materials **MUST** be reserved in advance.

Appointments will be scheduled for pickup of material every 15 minutes at the library's back door of the Ramara Centre and main door at the Brechin branch. Please note that there will be no contact with patrons and staff, face masks are required and all required cleaning protocols are in place.

When patrons arrive, they will follow pickup instructions, present their library card through the window, staff will place their order outside while the patron stands two meters away and then patrons will pick up their bag of materials outside of the library doors in a safe manner.



Are you finding now that you wish you had a library card? We've got you covered! The Library offers online memberships to people who live in Ramara, seasonal residents, students and teachers of Ramara schools. Patrons will be asked to email a photo of their drivers licence or piece of photo ID and mail with their Ramara address to info@ramarapubliclibrary.org. In addition, you will need to complete an online membership form available from the homepage of our website. Once your photos & email form are received, your application will be approved and an email confirmation will be sent to you with your new library card number and PIN.

While the Library will be physically closed, we still offer a wealth of online resources – from learning new languages and computer skills, to learning new hobbies. There are also gardening, health, business, legal and many other resources available for all walks of life – children, youth, adults and seniors. In addition, we offer downloadable eBooks and audiobooks using our Libby app, as well as eMagazines using our Flipster app which can both be found in your App Store on a phone, tablet or other device.

The Library will continue to offer our ever-so-popular virtual programs and services; watch for our Winter/Spring Newsletter in the mail early in the New Year! Visit our website to access program details and registration, online resources, eMagazines, eBooks/audiobooks and our YouTube channel for virtual programs.

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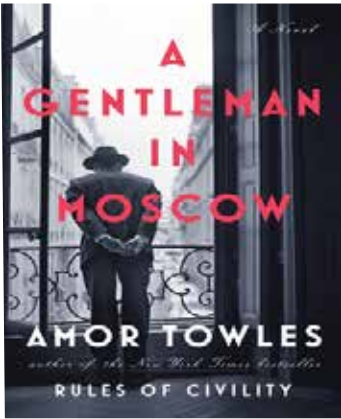
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Bayshore Reads: A Gentleman in Moscow



A Gentleman in Moscow is historical fiction: the characters are all fictional; the setting is Moscow in the decades from the Bolshevik Revolution to the years of Stalin. The novel is full of clever turns in relationships and events, with little political theory or painful stories of hardship to make it too challenging for someone in search of pleasant reading.

The gentleman in the title is Count Alexander Rostov, who survives the Russian revolution without being shot, but is given a life sentence under house arrest, in one of the fine old hotels in Moscow. That's the Count on the cover of the book, looking out of his hotel window at the city he can never set foot in again. Rostov had been living in a luxurious suite at the Hotel Metropol as a member of the aristocracy, but when he returns to his home after his trial, he finds that he has been evicted from his suite, and given a tiny room in the belfry of the hotel. He sets up shop there, and soon discovers that he can go through the back wall of his closet into an adjoining room that can't be entered from the hallway. He moves some of his furniture into that hidden room, and makes it into a comfortable living room, while the authorities believe that he lives only in his tiny bedroom.



Red Square Moscow

Rostov continues to take his meals in the hotel, and makes relationships with other customers, especially a sparky nine-year-old girl named Nina, who carves out an interesting lifestyle for herself in the hotel, and whose most interesting accomplishment is somehow to steal a master key to the hotel without anybody realizing it.

Count Alexander eventually gets employed as a waiter in the hotel's elegant dining room, and works his way up over many years to be the superintendent of the dining operation, hosting dinners for important Soviet officials. Readers get several humorous lessons in Russian cuisine

and French wines as he plies his trade. Soviet policies enter the scene when the government decides that high prices for good wines don't match Bolshevik principles, so the labels are removed from every one of the 100,000 bottles in the hotel's wine cellar, and every bottle is sold for the same price. Communism lives!



Dining Room at Hotel Metropol, Moscow

En route, Alexander develops an on-again off-again relationship with Anna, a "willowy" Russian actress. In one episode, he is entertaining her and others in his secret inner living room. A snarly hotel manager knocks on the door of his bedroom, so Rostov races through the closet to respond to the knock. Imagine the scene, while Rostov is being subjected to a scolding by his boss, when the beautiful actress appears out of his closet, and asserts the power of her celebrity to send the hotel manager back to his office.

Several years later (in 1938), Nina reappears as a married woman whose husband has been arrested and sentenced to life in a gulag in Siberia. Nina asks Alexander to care for her daughter Sofia while she travels to Siberia to make contact with her husband. Nina is never heard from again, so Alexander has the full-time role of parent for Sofia. Sofia is just as creative as her mother had been, so she leads her adoptive father on merry chases around the hotel. Sofia grows up to be a concert pianist, a career which leads to the events in the concluding chapters of the book.

The book is mostly a lot of fun, a charming journey with a troublesome political background, described by Bill Gates (no less) as a thriller and a love story, rather than a historical novel.

I read this book on my iPad, borrowed from the public library (after a wait that must have been a few months long). While writing this review, I looked it up on Amazon and discovered that it is a "mega-bestseller" (perhaps because of an endorsement by Oprah), gets 4.5 out of 5 stars from Amazon readers, and is going to be a television series. Enjoy!

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A Brief History of Monumental Brasses

In the last 100 years, Memorial Brasses have become an art form in the study of the historical evolution of clothing and armour worn over the centuries by knights and their ladies. Researchers and enthusiasts have made paper rubbings in order to document the development of these through history.

The brasses were made of cullen plate (which was an alloy of copper and zinc). These plates were manufactured primarily in Europe where they had a monopoly in its production. The manufacture of this cullen was a trade secret and very expensive to purchase. A Memorial Brass was then created by craftsmen by carving out lines on the plate to represent a person who died and was then buried within the churches of Europe and Great Britain. Because of the expense, this process was limited to the rich elite. The creative artistry reached its peak in the 13th and 14th centuries. In time the British made their own cullen plate and, with the rise of the Merchant class, more people were able to afford brasses for their own burial sites. Consequently, there was a decline in both the caliber of the design and of the quality of the plate itself. One can find examples of brasses with skeletons and worms, rather grisly portrayals of the dead, from the end of the 17th century. Very few were made after that date.

Artists were hired to create effigies of the deceased in brass plate. These can be found placed on tombs, on the floors, under carpets, on walls behind curtains, and even under pews of the medieval churches.

Often, it required a lot of searching in the church to find where the brass was located. This was an expensive hobby as one had to book an appointment and pay a fee to the parson of the church for the privilege of rubbing the desired brass. When located, you had to brush off the brass plate very carefully to assure there was no dust or debris of any kind. Then you applied your special brass rubbing paper on top of the brass adhering it with tape. Basically, you were rubbing the effigy blindly, much like making a rubbing of a coin. To make out the detail you

carefully pressed your fingers onto the paper to get an impression of the form. You then took special waxes made in Germany and rubbed carefully using various colours to define the face and hands (white), the clothes (gold), the armour or chain mail (silver), and leather (brown). Often many hours were required to do a careful rubbing. Any movement of the paper would cause a misalignment of the detail and any debris left on the brass plate could cause rips in your rubbing. It was a delicate process if you wanted to do a good job.

When completed and removed, at home I applied an India ink wash over the entire rubbing. This had to be done in small patches and carefully smudged to avoid darkened edges from the ink. It often took many hours to complete this process on some of our larger brasses. By applying the wash, you created a positive image of the person, thereby bringing life and depth to the flat surface.

Line is everything. The resulting image is totally dependent on the clarity of the lines within the rubbing as well as the outer edges of the form rubbed to avoid touching the stone casement which enclosed the brass.

It is an uncommon practice today as many of the brasses cannot be rubbed any more due to their age and increasing fragility. I was privileged to do this when we lived abroad in England many years ago and have a large collection. If anyone is interested in seeing some, I would be more than happy to show them.

Marilyn Goulter





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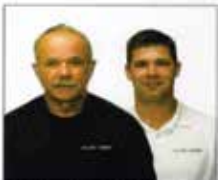
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Looking for activities to do with the kids and grandkids? Here's a few ideas to keep them busy and screen-free. Please contribute your ideas for our next issue!

Susan Hazlett

Handprint Bird Keepsakes

All you need is some paper or a canvas, paint and a small brush. Don't do what I did... I suggest you paint the background *first!* Then with a different colour, paint the child's palm and the underside of their fingers (thumb is optional). Orient the child's hand where you want the "bird" to be and place it palm down on the paper/canvas.

Wash kid's hand and let painting dry. Either the adult or the child can embellish the bird as they wish with faces, wings, or feathers. Try different settings for the bird too. Can they stand on a tree branch as shown, or in a bush, a cloud, a rainbow? Let their imagination run with it!

Frame and cherish :)



Scavenger Hunt

This is pretty self-explanatory. Hide things around the house, give the kids a list or some clues to find the items. Simple right? So how about taking it to another level? Once they find all the things, ask them to create a story incorporating each item into the story. Younger ones can just tell it to you, maybe draw pictures for their story; older ones can write it out, or perhaps they have to make a poem out of it! Challenge their creativity!



Homemade Playdough

Safe and easy peasy. Stays soft absolutely forever too!

2 cups flour

1 cup salt

2 cups water

2 Tbsp vegetable oil

4 Tbsp cream of tartar

food colour

Mix flour, salt, cream of tartar in a pot. Add water, oil and food colouring. (Adjust amounts and separate if you want various colours.) Cook over low to medium heat for 3-5 minutes. Keep stirring until the mix forms a solid ball. Cool. Keep in ziplock bags or plastic containers.



Jarring Conversations

Great for teens, but this game can be tailored to any age group. Its inception was a night the power went out. The kids and I sat around the table by candlelight and were wondering what were we to do? No TV? No video games? Oh no! I started asking them nonsense questions, and each person got a turn to answer. There was no right or wrong answer; everyone participated and listened to each other. It was such a hit, that the idea evolved. I wrote all sorts of different questions on pieces of paper, folded them up, and put them in a jar, refreshing them after each game. Now when we play, (and the kids actually ask to play this game!) each person gets a turn to draw a question out of the jar and ask it of everyone. Eventually the kids started contributing their own questions to the jar. There are similar board games you can buy, but this is cheap and cheerful, and a lot of fun. You'll be surprised at some of the answers and the conversations that are provoked. Best of all, the kids are actually talking and listening to me and each other!



Here's a sample of a few of the questions:

- If you could have any superpower, what would it be?
- If you had a chance to go to space, would you?
- If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would it be?
- What is one place in the world you would like to visit?
- What is your favourite childhood memory?
- Name something you admire about the person sitting on your right.
- If you could be a professional athlete, what sport would you play?
- What do you like most about yourself?
- What is something you have accomplished that you are proud of?

Get your thinking cap on and I'm sure your own ideas will start rolling.

Bird Feeders

Another easy project for anyone. Grab a pinecone from the ground and attach a string or pipecleaner for hanging. Spread the pinecone with that bacon grease you've been saving and not using, or peanut butter. Then roll it in bird seeds. It may need a few minutes in the fridge to harden. When ready, take it outside and hang. Fun to watch and environmentally friendly too.





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