



## The **Bayshore Banner**

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## Hole in One!

Congratulations to Kathleen Ecklund! First time out this year, first hole, first swing! It doesn't get any better! Golfing at Hawk Island.

**Bill Ecklund**



## Welcome New Neighbours

A warm welcome to our newest neighbours in Bayshore Village:

Harry, 112 Bayshore Drive  
Michael and Lee Anne, 18 Sandlewood

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Correction from Spring issue:

Welcome to Jeff and Kate, 152 Bayshore Drive

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



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who contributed articles and photos to this issue.



*Sunrise on Barnstable Bay  
Photo by Teri Leatherdale*

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## President's Report



It looks like we are finally exiting the COVID 19 pandemic with the help of all the vaccinations available. It is hard to believe that it has been over a year since the start of the pandemic. I want to once again thank all the health care workers and essential service members that reside in Bayshore for their ongoing efforts in fighting COVID.

I want to thank the members for their participation in the recent General Meeting. With the installation of Bell's 5G network in the Hayloft, we will take what we learned from the May GM process and apply it to the Fall AGM. We had a record participation of 142 members voting for the proposed motions at the May GM. Eighty-seven percent of the voting members supported all of the proposed motions. I believe COVID forced us to make some changes to the meeting and voting processes that we would like to replicate going forward.

The capital projects approved by the membership at the May GM, Harbour 99 and the tennis court rebuild, are being managed by the Directors who will provide updates through their monthly reports.

Enrollment and installation of the Bell TV and Internet program is well underway and continues to be our primary focus. There have been some administrative issues. The Executive continues to meet Bell weekly in an effort to work the issues that crop up with a program of this magnitude. Bayshore is the first subdivision where this preferred contract service has been executed in Canada.

I would like to thank Deb and all the volunteers for our successful Canada Day Celebration. I am sure the Banner will have an ample supply of pictures to commemorate the event. The food drive was a great success, as were the donations. All the dignitaries appreciated Bayshore's efforts and were pleased to have participated. Next year we should be able to expand the festivities back to our normal celebrations.

The Executive and I continue to work with Ramara Township on the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan and the spray fields, the infiltration issue regarding our sanitary services, harmonizing Ramara and BVA Architectural Bylaws, and our excessive water bills.

Steve Goulter and his team have begun this year's ash tree inoculation to combat EAB. These are trees that were first treated two years ago. Members will receive invoices once their trees have been serviced.

Remember to pay your membership fees now due. We will invoice participating Bell members for their TV and internet service once we have the majority of the interior household installations complete.

Have a safe summer. Enjoy the freedom that all the easing of COVID 19 protocols provide us. Returning to a more normal way of life and interaction will be greatly appreciated.

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

## Canada Day 2021

With four needed components to make this day a success, it was Bayshore's Day to shine! Volunteerism, participation, the weather and hundreds of spectators made this day truly wonderful! The weather was perfect!

Starting with the VOLUNTEERS, there were over 75 residents involved in this day.

The Social Committee deserves big thanks for organizing this event! Special thanks go to Leslie Fielding and Donna Wilson! The committee decorated, gathered the food, made cupcakes and did other tasks too numerous to mention.

The Food Drive was initiated and completed by Leslie, Jim, and Matt Fielding. Kalene Finnegan alongside Matt also collected the cash and handed out children's bubbles. Bayshore surpassed last year's totals in food donated (1,162 pounds) and money collected (\$1150.00).

Thank you to our judges: Fatima and Brian Finnegan, Maura Hughson and Irene Heinz, Ron and Bev Joseph, and Merrill and Steve Miller.

Thanks to our outstanding parade leaders, Catherine and Bob Plue. You led the parade with music to be heard and kept everyone on the right path!

Thanks to Larry Smith for the signage at our front entrance! It was a photo-op for many!

Thank you to our cupcake-makers and distributors. Approximately 450 cupcakes were made and most streets had "just enough". This demonstrates how many were out cheering on the parade that day!

Thank you to Jeff Nolan, our Parade Marshall, who stepped up on short notice!

Next up, our participants. Thank you to Jim Schulz and all the car owners. We never know how many will show up and there is always great relief to see the cars start arriving at the parking lot. No Cars = No Parade, so thank you!!!

We also had an array of decorated floats and golf carts! It was wonderful seeing children on the golf carts as well!

Our dignitaries included: Bruce Stanton MP, Jill Dunlop MPP, (who also donated those great CANADA DAY signs), Basil Clarke, Mayor of Ramara, Joe Gough, Deputy Mayor of Ramara, and our new Councillor, Jennifer Fisher. We greatly appreciated your attendance two years in a row!

Finally and not least at all, we thank the residents of Bayshore for decorating their homes with all those flags, for being there, for eating our cupcakes and for their generous donations!

This was our second COVID Canada Day! We made the very best of it and we should all be very proud of our wonderful community.

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### WINNERS OF CANADA DAY CONTESTS

BEST HOUSE: 1st place - Donna Wilson and Wayne Perzel  
2nd place - Mary Andrews

BEST PARADE FLOAT: Gunther Gratzner and Laurel Dewar-Gratzner, Anne and Bill Pike

BEST BOAT: Elaine Ney and Patrick Murphy

BEST KAYAK: Irene Heinz

**Debbie Rautins**

*(See pages 14-17 for photos of our Canada Day festivities)*

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## Our Councillor, Jennifer Fisher



Well, here we are. Halfway through the year! Now that we have entered into the next stage, phase, zone, step, or whatever we are calling it now, events and activities are being planned throughout the Township. The Recreation Department is able to operate their summer camp, the library has incorporated a story walk along some of our trails and

parks, we had a pop up COVID-19 vaccination clinic that was a huge success, and we implemented a new parking and waterfront strategy within the Township.

I encourage you to register for your parking permit if you haven't done so already. As of May 2021, resident parking permits are required to park at our beaches and along most of our waterfronts. They are free to residents and are (at this time anyway) limited to two per household. We also have a pilot project underway in partnership with HONK at three of our beaches for paid parking for our out of area guests who enjoy our spaces as well. Those locations are Bluebird Park, Lagoon City Beach and Park, and Lovely Day Park.

On-street parking will require a parking permit on all streets south and west of Hwy 12 and west of Ramara Rd 47. I do

need to mention that in some areas no parking restrictions may apply, but there are signs posted in those areas and the information is available on our website.

We have entered a reciprocal agreement with our neighbours (Severn and Rama) which allow our passes to be used in their municipalities and theirs in ours. Ramara residents also have an option of purchasing an Orillia Parking and Boat Launch sticker for \$50 each (maximum of 2) plus a 4.5% convenience fee. The Orillia Parking and Boat Launch pass can be used between June 4 to September 12, 2021 on Fridays to Sundays, and public holidays between 7am and 7pm. Parking and launching a boat are free for everyone from Monday to Thursday with the exception of Canada Day (July 1), the Civic Holiday (Aug 2) and Labour Day (Sept 6).

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Keep safe, be healthy, and choose kind.

**Jen Fisher**

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## Director of Common Waters Report



Hello residents of Bayshore!

**Goose Management:** Have you noticed a sudden decrease of geese in the neighbourhood? Michael and Wildlife Management Group have herded and transported 80 geese from our area to a sanctuary on Lake Erie. About 10 adults and the rest goslings were safely loaded onto a trailer and sent to the sanctuary before most of us woke up. Michael reported that all

went smoothly and no harm was done to any of the geese. He said that the remainder of geese will be easier to deal with now that this huge gaggle have been moved away. Ahhhhhh my phone has gone dead in regards to goose complaints. I thank you all for your input.

**Ponds:** Two of our fountains have been returned good as new from Berry Electric Pump Service. The folks on Vicars pond were thrilled to have their fountain returned.

The other fountain is a 110 amp and will be ready to replace one of the other 110 amp fountains if they break down.

Most of the fountains (aerators) are 220 amp and are working. The golf course fountain will be running soon once we find out if the problem is electrical (GFI) or the fountain itself. An electrician has been brought in to test both; hopefully when you read this all will be fixed.

Other than that, the pond masters and assistants are doing a great job adding the new enzymes and dyes into the ponds, I hope we all see a noticeable improvement in the quality of the pond water.

As mentioned before we have two weed cutters as well as some weed rakes that Common Waters will loan out to those who want to clean up the pond abutting their property. From what I have heard, they work really well to cut and pull weeds from the pond.

Once cut and pulled, leave the weeds in a sunny place to dry. Once dried and chopped up, like mulch, it makes a great fertilizer for your gardens.

Yours in service,

**Keith Meadows**  
*Director of Common Waters*

The wonders of nature  
So luscious the trees  
So fragrant the blooms  
The buzzing of the bees  
For all of us to please  
If anything of this virus gives us an uplift  
It is the wonders of nature for you and me

**Marika Relvas**

## Social Director's Report



With restrictions lifting, Social events at Bayshore are returning! From Mahjong to Monday cards, bridge, Happy Hours at residents homes, golf events, boating excursions, and exercise, life is returning to near normal.

The Social Committee will begin to start planning our events for August and the Fall. A Newcomers reception seems to be high on our community's request list.

Bocce Ball started Monday, July 5th with two groups, over 40 sign-ups for the first week, enjoying this sporting get together.

Outdoor Summer Happy Hours resumed in June with approximately 40 participants. Rain has been almost consistent on Fridays, but here's hoping for a better July and August!

**Debbie Rautins**  
*Social Director*

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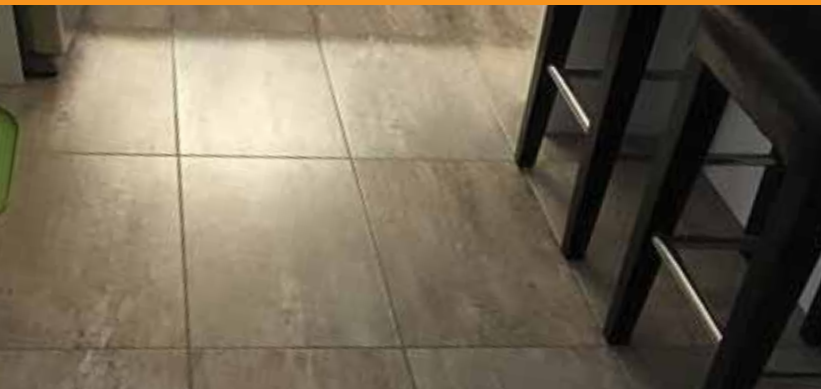


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## Tree Relocation

You are probably wondering how the Blue Spruce tree in front of the Hayloft came to be? Well, there is a story around that.

It all started over a year ago when George and Marilyn Evelyn at 155 Bayshore Drive made application to remove this tree from their front yard. There were already several mature spruce trees in the front yard, and too much of a good thing is – well, just too much! However, Eugene and I just could not bring ourselves to say “yes”. After much discussion, trying to persuade the owners to keep it and going back and forth, we suggested that maybe we could relocate this tree using a spade truck. Eugene and I got busy, looking for a company that would come to Bayshore to relocate only one tree. It turns out that there are no spade trucks in this neck of the woods, so everyone we contacted turned us down.

Finally, we did locate one company at the south end of the lake. We made arrangements for a “locate” to be done at each site, and we waited until the first frost last fall so as to not make too much mess from tire ruts. The day arrived, the truck set out, and all was good. We were so happy that this task would finally happen. Then I got a phone call. The truck had broken down (engine seized?). The tow truck was on its way to take the truck back to the depot. Our hopes were dashed. It would take a month to rebuild the engine, so our narrow “window” time slot slammed closed for that year.

This spring, we started to contact this company and several others, but no arrangements could be made. I came up with one quote that was just too high, so we kept looking. Finally, after many weeks



had passed, I made up my mind that I would have to tell the Evelyns that they could cut it down, much to my consternation! I would do this tomorrow. That very morning, I got a phone call. The original company we were working with had been sold and the new owner was following up old leads that came with the paperwork. Another “locate” was arranged and we waited for that to happen. In the meantime, it was getting into warm weather – not the best to relocate a tree. In discussing our options, we decided to proceed, but to use an oversized spade – i.e. much larger than needed for that size of tree but so that the roots would experience the least disturbance.

On Thursday, June 17th, the truck arrived. A “plug” was removed at the Hayloft and taken to the lawn beside the tree (to put in the hole later). One hour and 45 minutes later the truck left Bayshore. All of the roots were intact except one small half-inch one that stuck out between the spades. Success! The six spades aligned with the original “plug” grooves, the tree was straight, and there was very little soil that needed to be added. Water, water, and more water and now the rain should ensure that our new tree is happy with its new home.

I can already see the Christmas lights on this tree – can you?

I want to thank everyone who was involved in this task, especially George and Marilyn Evelyn who donated a very nice tree to Bayshore. I want to also thank them for being so patient during the time (too long!) it took to make this happen.

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

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We took these in the afternoon of July 2nd from our kitchen window. This moose was wandering on the bank across the pond in back of our place in the rain. One of the things we love about Bayshore is all the wonderful wildlife moments we’ve had the privilege to experience.

**Rob Fisher**



Keith Meadows presents Brad Dutot with his favorite team’s street sign jersey, Brad’s hoping this brings the Habs good luck.





## Common Lands Director's Report

**EAB:** This year's program started about mid-June 2021. There are about 500 trees in this group and this will be the second application for these trees. All trees on Common Lands, road allowance, parks, harbours, etc. will be treated first. In 2019, we offered residents the opportunity to do the work themselves, using a shovel. We found that several residents did not carry through, and as a result, their trees were not treated (but are recorded as being treated in the data base!). As a result, we are not offering this option this year. To streamline the process for private properties where the soil injector was used, we will re-treat their trees that were done in 2019 without asking repeat customers to authorize the work. However, everyone that purchased "oil", will be visited to obtain permission to use the (more expensive) soil injector method. If anyone has a problem with this, please call me. Also, any new resident will be approached so that we can explain the process and get authorization.

**Tree Trimming:** The stumps in the Golf Course have been removed. We are making plans to plant several trees in this area later this summer. The pile of wood chips has nearly all disappeared.

Several other trees were trimmed or removed this spring, and these were disposed of by putting them into a rental bin instead of piling them in Harbour 99. Our hedges will be trimmed again this year. Quotes are being requested.

There is a pile of firewood in Harbour 99 available to anyone who would like it. Please help yourself.

**Arbour Plan:** A plan for all trees, shrubs around harbours, shoreline stabilization/naturalization, planting replacement trees, etc., has been created in response to the last survey that was done where residents rated our "Green Infrastructure" a very important topic. This "10,000 foot" plan spans at least 10 years. Detailed plans for this next year are available which is the basis of the budget.

**Application to Remove Trees:** If a resident would like to remove a tree, there is a form that can be used to request inspection. Our volunteer arbourist will come and inspect the tree in question. After inspection, an email will be sent to the resident with the recommendations. If it has been agreed that a tree needs to be removed, a lawn sign will indicate to others that removal has been agreed. This process is primarily used to raise awareness of how important our trees are to the community.

**Beaver Monitoring:** As part of the Arbour Plan, more attention will be given to making our Village less attractive to beavers. There is no point in planting trees and bushes just to feed the beavers! We will be installing low wire mesh fences around some of the harbours (and at Park Lane Park beach) to prevent geese and beaver coming out of the harbours, ponds (and lake) onto Common Land areas. There are several other ideas we can implement – such as rebar at the entrance to bank dens, etc., to discourage beaver (and muskrat). We will be consulting with "Wildlife Management" experts to come up with other ways we can make Bayshore less attractive for geese and beavers in the future.

**Speeding/Stop Sign:** 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 on 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.

**Golf Course:** A major rebuild of the irrigation system was completed last summer. This year, we have implemented an "Oversight Management" contract with a third party to bring professional advice and specialty equipment in to provide some services when required. This will ease the burden of responsibility from our volunteers and should bring an elevated level of maintenance to our golf course. As a result of consultation with this group, we have removed two huge cedar trees that were creating too much shade on the adjacent greens.

**Harbour 33 Parking Lot and Surrounding Areas:** The culvert has been extended and the water pipe has been relocated. Armour stone has been installed along the edge of the parking lot. A 20 foot flagpole has been installed.

**Drainage/Ditches:** Last fall, the Township attempted to improve the drainage path from Vicars Pond to Harbour 99. This did not provide adequate drainage this spring and the Township has agreed to come back and make adjustments. The pipe to fill the pond needs some work and the Stephens have been asked to do this. Extensive rain in the past couple of weeks has minimized the requirement to add water.

**Garbage Pickup:** Our Earth Day did not happen again this year due to Covid restrictions. Please help with this task by taking a plastic bag with you when you go for a walk. If we all pick up a little, our community will look nice. A big effort was made to cut the grass, pick up garbage and limbs prior to Canada Day. The Village never looked better! Thanks to all those who helped out.

**ECO Park:** The wood chips can be spread all the way around the pathway, if volunteers would like to help, anytime and at your convenience. There are no signs of beaver activities, so far. A task in the Arbour Plan calls for an evaluation of invasive species in ECO Park and what action should be taken. A couple of the wooden bridges may require repairs this summer.

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

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A spectacular double rainbow shining over Bayshore's shores in July. Photo by Isabelle Payne.

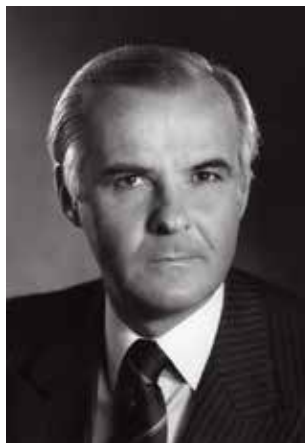


## In Memoriam

We are saddened to announce the passing of the following current and former members of the village.



**ELIZABETH "BETTY" GRYZICK** passed peacefully at Soldiers Memorial Hospital in Orillia on Monday April 19, 2021 in her 76th year. Betty, loving wife to Ted, made Bayshore Village their home when Betty retired from Xerox Canada. Betty was an active volunteer here, generously giving her time to Village activities and events throughout the years.



**DONALD GEORGE PAYNE**, passed away March 28, 2021 in his 90th year. Born in Montreal, Don moved to Bayshore Village in 2020. A commemorative tree has been planted at Fanshawe Park in London, ON.

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**GLEN NEWIS** passed away peacefully at Leacock Care Centre on Sunday May 2, 2021 at the age of 78. Glen, beloved and sorely missed by his wife Gail Carter, his two beautiful daughters Stephanie Malcolm (Dan) and Tracey Nelson (Dan), his stepson Cairo Hollingsworth. The family sends heartfelt appreciation to all Glen's and Gail's loyal friends and

neighbours for their love and support which they have given over these many years. Gratitude from his family for the care and support of all his PSWs and nurses. Special appreciation to Leacock LTC for all the concern and attention that Glen was given.








**PAUL KENETH ASH**, (Charter member of the PROBUS Club of Orillia; Longtime resident of Bayshore), peacefully at Soldiers' Memorial Hospital, on June 3, 2021, at 89 years of age. Cherished husband of Laureen for 40 years, loving father of Catherine Hermans (Herb) of Bayshore, Steven Ash (Darlene) of Indiana and Diane Rakoff of Toronto. The family wishes to thank the staff at Soldiers' Memorial Hospital for their compassionate care.

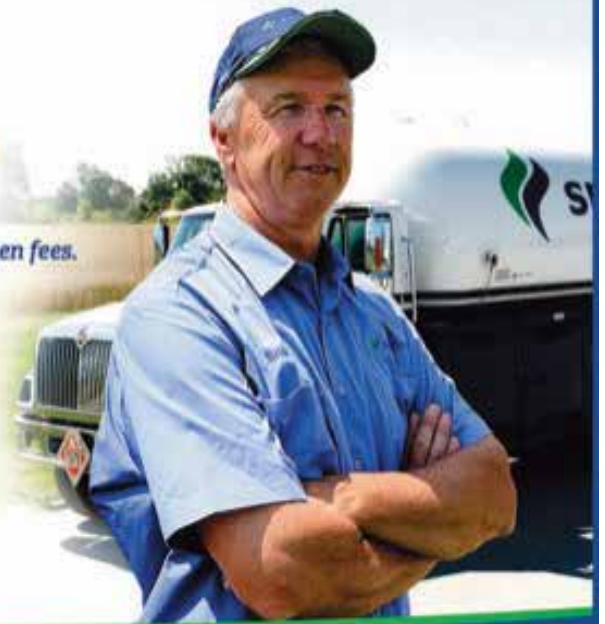
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## Inclement Weather and The Pool

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- Upon seeing lightning or hearing thunder, the pool will be closed and will remain closed for at least 30 minutes after the last sound of thunder or the last sight of lightning.
- If rain is forecast for the full day and it is raining at the scheduled time of opening, the pool will not open.
- If it starts to rain at any time after the pool has opened, the pool may be closed for the rest of the day. We pay particular attention to radar models and to any severe weather warnings or watches issued by Environment Canada.
- Strong rains, even if for only a short period of time, can alter the pool chemistry and lead to the pool being closed for the day.
- Above all, we err on the side of caution to ensure the safety of our members and guests.

**Joey Torchia**



Even the geese swim with buddies. Swim safely.

**Susan Hazlett**

## Signs of Spring

Dock Day! Big shout out to our dock crew, Keith Bellamy, Skipper, Bill Pike, Jim Fielding, Steve Miller, Bob Plue, Bob Bell, and Pat Murphy. Our volunteers were able to get the docks in on April 5th, ready to kick off the 2021 boating season. As usual, lots of laughter could be heard. Steve Miller as the rookie went into the water to facilitate a repair.

Well done guys!

**Bob and Catherine Plue**



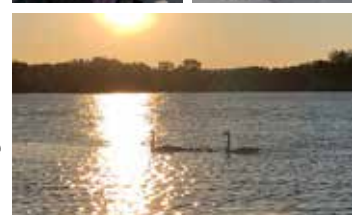
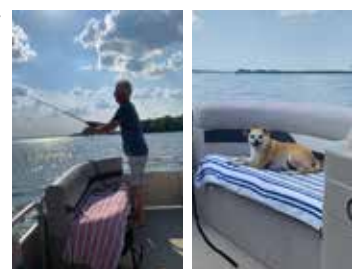
This little otter is a sure sign of spring. Here's his catch of the day in the back pond.

**Sharon Seaward**



Brian Finnegan is casting for the Big One on Simcoe while Finley Finnegan supervises.

**Fatima Finnegan**



We all enjoyed watching the cygnets on Barnstable Bay. There were 9 little ones and they're growing!

**Teri Leatherdale**



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# Kate White



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## Recipes by Diane Stoner

Old time favourites- Some with a new twist!

### MEATLOAF WITH FETA CHEESE

Serves 6-8

Cooking Time: 45 minutes

454 g (1 lb) ground beef  
1 white onion, finely chopped  
1 garlic clove, crushed  
1 stick of celery, finely chopped  
1 red or yellow pepper, finely chopped  
1 egg  
2 tsp paprika  
1 tsp ground cumin  
100 g (1/2 cup) feta cheese, crumbled

For the sauce: (Ketchup can be used as the sauce)

1 540 ml can of stewed tomatoes, pureed  
1 tsp brown sugar  
1/4 tsp salt  
1 tsp paprika

1. Preheat oven to 350F.
2. Saute onions, garlic, celery and peppers together until just cooked. Place ground beef, sauteed veggies and all other ingredients (except feta cheese) in large bowl. Mix well. Gently add feta cheese. Form the meat into a loaf shape and place in ovenproof baking dish.
3. Mix sauce ingredients together or use ketchup and pour over meatloaf. Cover with foil and place into oven.
4. Bake for 30 minutes and then remove foil. Spoon sauce over the loaf and return to oven for 15 minutes or until meat is fully cooked.
5. Cut into thick slices and serve with a few spoonfuls of sauce over each slice. Can be served with rice, baked potato, veg or salad.



### SUPER SIMPLE PASTA DISH WITH FETA CHEESE

Serves 6 people

300 g of pasta (rotini works well)  
1 large container of small tomatoes  
1/2 cup olive oil  
200-250 g (1 cup or more) of feta cheese  
Salt and pepper to taste  
1 container of basil leaves, finely chopped  
2 cloves garlic, crushed

1. Cook pasta and set aside.
2. Preheat oven to 400F.
3. Using a 10x13 inch glass baking dish, pour tomatoes into dish. Place block of feta cheese in centre. Pour olive oil over the whole thing. Add salt and pepper. Place in oven and bake for 35 minutes. Remove from oven and crush tomatoes and cheese with fork. Mix well.
4. Add basil leaves, garlic, cooked pasta.
5. Mix well and enjoy.

(This is also known as Tik Tok Pasta which became an internet sensation. Impress everyone with how "with it" you are!)





### GLUTEN FREE DATE SQUARES

#### Filling:

- 2 cups chopped pitted dates
- 3/4 cup water
- 1/4 cup orange zest
- 2 Tbsp orange juice

#### Crumb Layer:

- 1 cup brown rice flour
- 1-1/4 cup gluten free rolled oats
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 3/4 cup butter
- 1 tsp vanilla



1. Preheat oven to 350F.
2. Combine dates and water in pot. Cook on medium, stirring occasionally until a paste forms. Remove from heat and stir in orange zest and juice. Set aside.
3. For crumb layer, combine flour, oats, baking soda, salt and cinnamon in a mixing bowl. Melt butter and brown sugar, and pour over flour mixture. Add vanilla. Stir to combine.
4. Lightly grease an 8 inch square baking pan. Place 2/3 of the crumb mixture into pan and press down firmly. Add date filling and top with remaining crumb mixture. Bake for approximately 20 minutes or until lightly browned.
5. Cool on wire rack. Tastes best the following day. This square is best kept in fridge and freezes well.

### PINEAPPLE CAKE WITH CREAM CHEESE ICING

**This recipe is from the Bayshore Cookbook and was submitted by Wendy Lucas**

#### Cake:

- 2 cups cake flour
- 1-1/4 cups sugar
- 2 tsp baking soda
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 10-ounce can crushed pineapple
- 2 large eggs, beaten

#### Frosting:

- 4 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup butter, room temperature
- 1-1/2 cups icing sugar
- 1/2 tsp vanilla



1. Preheat oven 325F.
2. Butter and flour a 13x9x2 inch pan.
3. Combine flour, sugar, baking soda and salt. Mix in pineapple with juice, and eggs.
4. Bake for approximately 30 minutes at 325F until golden brown on top.
5. Let cool.
6. Prepare frosting: Beat cream cheese and butter together until smooth. Beat in icing sugar and vanilla.
7. Spread onto cooled cake.

***The Bayshore Cookbook is available through the office for \$10. You can get your copy by emailing [office@bayshorevillage.ca](mailto:office@bayshorevillage.ca)***

## Late Season Misadventure

On a day in late October last year, I was running frantically, wearing a thick wetsuit, a life jacket and a water sport helmet, from Southview Drive back to 102 Bayshore. It was almost noon and I'd promised my mother I would be home in time for lunch, so I had to run.

Minutes before the 500 meter sprint, I was drifting in hell and high water with a 105 litre windsurfing board and a flappy sail broken loose from the mast. What exactly happened? What did I do to put myself in that situation?

It all began with a night of active weather, dropping temperature and rising wind speed. The wind gauge at Lagoon City showed constant wind speed at 35 kph with gusts up to 50 kph. By early morning, the sounds from swaying trees and rolling swells pounding the shoreline reverberated through the Bayshore peninsula. It was blasting. It was roaring. It was rhythmic melody. It was thunderous symphony. To the ears of a wind lover, it was all beautiful music orchestrated by the power of nature. Lady Simcoe was calling. I had to go.

With years of experience in windsurfing, I have always gone through a list of safety checks in my mind while assembling the equipment:

1. Water and air temperature with appropriate wetsuit and water shoes. Check.
  2. Life jacket. Check.
  3. Helmet. Check.
  4. Cellphone with sufficient battery. Check.
  5. Right sail size matching forecasted wind speed. Check.
  6. No off-shore wind. Absolutely no off-shore wind. Check.
- Just before launching into the choppy water, I double confirmed the wind speed with a hand-held anemometer. The data displayed on the device was consistent with the forecast. The condition was within my comfort zone.

***"Ten minutes into sailing,  
the smug smiles would be all gone."***

The first run is always a test run. The wind was strong and the waves were purely fun. With the uplifting power from the sail, the board cut through the chops and skimmed on top of the swells. It took only seconds for me to reach a speed of 35 km/h and in a few minutes I sailed well into the open water far away from the shore. It was prime time. My heart was pumping with excitement and smiles covered my face from ear to ear. But ten minutes into sailing, the smug smiles would be all gone. Between the ears, it was all deep frown. As a habit, I have always stopped after the first run to make some adjustments on the sail to make it more controllable and responsive to the wind and wave conditions at the time. On that day, I jumped into the water just as usual to adjust the sail. First I pulled the sail tighter on both outhaul and downhaul. It was done as planned without a hitch. Then it came to the third and most difficult adjustment: changing the boom height. The boom is the horizontal bar where the windsurfer holds onto the sail rig. In order to adjust the boom height, a plastic clamp holding the boom onto the mast needed to be opened. I proceeded to pry hard on the

clamp. It did not budge at first. I figured maybe it was tighter in colder temperature. Then I grappled the clamp extra tight, clenched my teeth and pulled it strenuously. With a snapping sound, it popped open, and so did Pandora's box. It opened the most difficult thirty minute chapter of my windsurfing life.

***"I would not go down without a fight."***

The clamp was hard to open and even harder to close. After sliding it to the desired height, I tried to push the clamp shut with all my strength. All of a sudden, the clamp snapped down, this time with a different crisp cracking noise. Instantly, I knew something went wrong, horribly wrong. A close look at the clamp revealed a plastic piece broken off under the excessive force. Oh... No... The sail was broken loose from the mast.

I would not go down without a fight. I told myself and, for the first time in my life, started a self rescuing mission.

There are two ways for a windsurfer to get back on board and sail away. The first way is called uphauling by which a windsurfer has to first climb up onto the board, stand up, and use a rope to pull up the sail. This method is used in light wind and flat water condition with a bigger and floatier board (normally 130 litre or bigger in size). With crashing waves, howling winds and my 105 litre board, uphauling seemed unlikely. So I relied upon the second method: water start. Under normally circumstances with a fully functional sail, it would take me a minute or so to use the power of the sail to pull myself directly from water back onto board. However, with the broken rig, no matter how hard I tried, it did not work. I swam around the board and the sail repeatedly to test from different angles vis-à-vis the wind direction. Unfortunately, the saggy sail just could not provide sufficient power or I could not harness the unstable and fleeting power generated by the broken sail. Ten tiring minutes later, my cellphone started ringing. It was my wife who was with my daughter for her figure skating training in Oakville. She might have heard something from my mother.

***"I may miss lunch..."***

"Are you ok?" she asked with a worrisome voice.

"My sail broke."

"Are you injured?"

"No. I'm fine, just the sail."

"Your mother called me. She can't see you anywhere on the lake. She's extremely worried. She asked me to call you and call 911."

"I'm ok. I'm trying to get up but the broken rig won't help. Tell my mother. Don't worry. I may miss lunch but will be back in time for dinner."

She chuckled and continued with less anxiety in her voice:

"Is it cold in the water?"

"I'm sitting on my board right now with a thick 6/5 mm wetsuit, 5 mm boots and open palm mittens. The sun is peeking through. It's balmy 10 plus degrees, I guess."

"Do you see any boats that can help you?"



## Late Season Misadventure (cont'd)

"No. Nothing around. My 105 board is the largest vessel on the lake today."

"Only you out there? Are you nuts? Do you need me to call 911?"

"Oh well...Yes. But I'm still trying to get back on my own."

"How far away are you from shore?"

"Roughly 1.5 kilometres from Harbor 99."

"That's far. Ok. I'm calling 911 for you."

Then she hung up. I started paddling with both arms toward the shore.

A few minutes later I was holding my cell phone again, talking to a nice woman named Sarah from 911 dispatch. I first apologized for putting myself in the situation and wasting their valuable time and resources. We then had a conversation basically covering the same contents as I spoke with my wife, minus the "nuts" comment. When she learned I was more than a kilometre out, she told me that she would send firefighters to Harbor 99. As I was not in any imminent danger, I asked her to hold off water rescue for the time being as I would try to paddle myself back. She agreed. I was also asked not to hang up the phone while self rescuing.

***"Don't give up and paddle hard."***

As time went by, I slowly approached a shoal area where the shallow sandy bottom could be seen from above. Swells at this point turned more treacherous as waves increased its height and the breaks between waves became shorter. At one point when I looked up from a wave trough at its crest, it was like looking at Niagara Falls crashing down on me. Lady Simcoe was harsh and relentless in that moment. "Boats may capsize in these waves." I said to myself, "Don't give up and paddle hard."

Drifting with the waves, the board was moving more in an up and down motion than going forward. The saggy sail created a huge drag at the back of the board. As I often joked with windsurfing friends, in strong wind conditions, holding a beach towel on a windsurfing board could make one go faster than a Sea-Doo in waves. The sail was broken loose but just treat it as a huge beach towel. Maybe I should try again to pull up the sail by using the uphauling method. Instantly, I put my thoughts into action. I knelt on the board, waiting for the right moment to stand up and pull the rope with all the strength I could muster. The sail was in a half submerged position. Pulling the sail felt so heavy as if half of Lake Simcoe's water were on top of it.

My first two attempts failed as waves found their way to knock me down. On my third try, a picture came into my mind: A cowboy standing up on the back of a wild leaping horse and pulling the reins hard to tame the furious beast. It required balance and strength as well as plenty of luck. This time, I was lucky. I finally pulled the broken sail up and put myself in a sailing position, an awkward position though. The sail was up, but the beast refused to calm down.

With the sail broken loose and forces of wind and waves smashing from all directions, my whole body had to make

hundreds of adjustments each second to keep my balance and at the same time push the board forward. Minute by minute, each strand of my muscles, from head to toe, started screaming loudly from exhaustion. I said to myself, "Just hold onto it for a little longer, cowboy. You will have lamb chops for lunch."

Finally, after some gruesome minutes that felt like a lifetime, I landed at the second house on Southview Drive east of Harbour 99. Through sheer luck, peace of mind offered by Sarah on the phone, and with a tenacious desire to get home on time for my mother's lunch, I rescued myself.

***"I was lucky to escape unscathed."***

Two firefighters came over right away to check if I needed any medical attention. I assured them that I was not injured at all and not suffering from hypothermia either. I apologized for causing any trouble and thanked them effusively for their time and efforts. After checking out my broken sail, they filled out a report with "equipment broken" as the cause of the mishap. They told me that they came over by car to check me out and if needed, a rescue boat could be launched from Lagoon City to pull me in. They asked if I needed a ride home. I thanked them again and declined. My thick wetsuit was soaked with water that could fill up a bathtub and I did not want to leave a puddle on their leather seats. I also wanted to run through the 500 metres of "walk of shame" while reflecting on what went wrong and how to prevent this from happening again. Maybe I need to test my equipment thoroughly before heading out. Maybe on a cold and rough day like this, I should take the 20 minute drive down to Centennial Beach Park in Beaverton where "wind nuts" are plenty. I always think I am a cautious person. Maybe I need to be even more careful and leave extra margins for error. I was lucky to escape from this unscathed but luck may run out next time around. (I am knocking on wood while writing this down.) There were many things that could've gone even worse on that day: What if the sail completely broke away from the board; what if the fin was broken in half resulting in loss of control of directions; what if I was injured; and what if my pandemic belly fat grew a few more pounds causing the board to submerge further into the water. Too many what-ifs and too many uncertainties. These are the inherent nature of my beloved water sport so that I can only plan for the worst and keep my fingers crossed for the best.



When I got home, lunch was ready, no lamb chops though. But I had the best leftover pizza ever!

Thank you for reading the story. I hope my misadventure will serve as a reminder of water sport safety for the upcoming season. I wish you a safe and happy summer out on the lake.

***Eric Zou***

## Our Renovation Story

We have been part-time residents of Bayshore Village for over 30 years. My mother purchased the property as an investment and cottage for our family to enjoy in the late 1980s when the housing market was at its peak, only to have the housing market crash soon after she purchased it. As a single mother, she held on to the property for years in hopes that one day the market would recover.

Ten years later, the market had yet to fully recover. However, I was now of legal age, and in lieu of putting the house up for sale, she convinced me to purchase it. She promised that one day the property value would return and by that time I would have a family of my own and we would create our own memories.

A few years later, I met my now husband, Brian, who at the time owned a boat but had no place to launch it. Serendipity. Now with a family of our own and with the onset of the pandemic, we decided it was time to customize our space and gave FrankFranco Architects complete creative control from architectural drawings to interior design. Doing so saved us the time and stress that can come with any renovation when

picking materials and finishes.

Brian and I would like to extend a big THANK YOU to each and every trade who worked hard and did a fantastic job with our renovations.

A special thank you to Frank and Tricia at FrankFranco Architects. A well thought-out design is the foundation of a project's success and you hit it out of the park.

Thank you, Carlo, at Carmore Management Inc., for the smooth and timely execution in bringing our project to life in the midst of a pandemic. Your knowledge, communication and patience throughout was much appreciated.

With our project now complete, we can continue making memories with the intention of one day passing this home on to our daughter, the next generation.

With gratitude,

**Brian and Tania Labonte**  
**Bayshore Drive**

For the scope of work from the architectures perspective, please visit [www.frankfranco.com/portfolio/big-sky/](http://www.frankfranco.com/portfolio/big-sky/)





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## With Thanks!



Steve set up the net. We are all so excited to play. Thank you again for your help in making this happen. Cheers to our very first volleyball season!

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**Terri Papa**



Thank you to Bob Newton who donated the ornamental tree in the Hayloft. This tree has a full LED light system and will look even better in the evenings and around the holidays.

**Rod Turnbull**

## Jake and His Cake

Jake, our grandson, celebrating his COVID year 14th birthday. The cake was delicious and we neutralized the virus by eating it with ice cream!

**Ria and Robin Searle**



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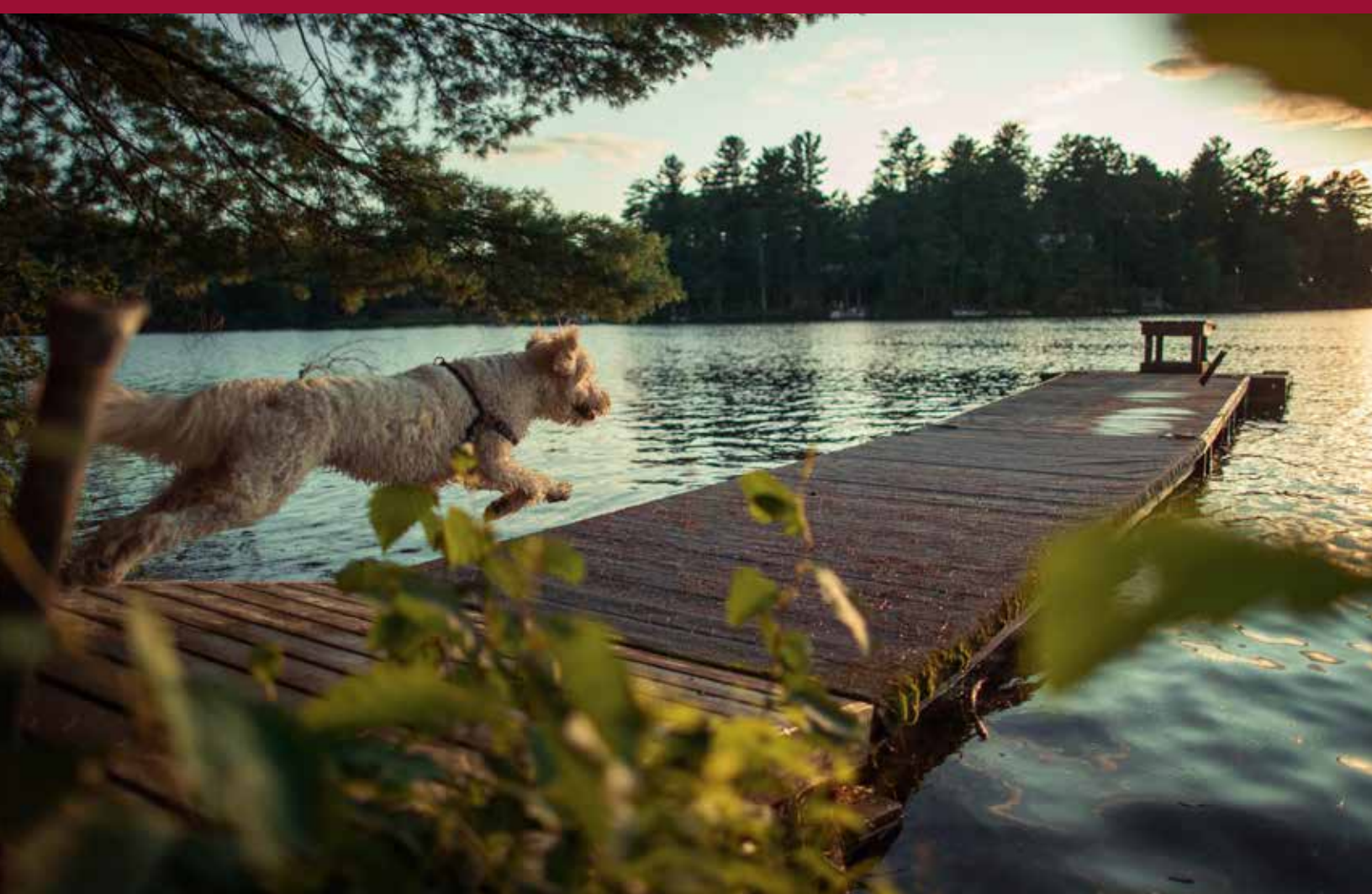


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## Art Gallery

Some of the artists in Bayshore have generously shared their work here for all to enjoy. Their skill and creativity is amazing. Thank you everyone for giving us a glimpse of the many talented people living in Bayshore Village!



Pat Beecham - watercolour  
"Into the Woods", at Eco Park



Judy Flinn - acrylic pour



Victor Relvas - mixed media



Carol Rosa - acrylic



Victor Relvas - acrylic



Judy Flinn - acrylic pour



Romyne Dawkins - fused glass  
"Flower Garden"



Romyne Dawkins - fused glass  
"Lovebird Flower Garden"



Victor Relvas - acrylic



Victor Relvas - acrylic



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Carol Rosa - acrylic abstract



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## Bayshore Cycling Club

Come out and enjoy a relaxing ride with your Bayshore neighbours!



The Bayshore Cycling Club started the season with a June 15th ride on the Orillia Waterfront Trail followed by a picnic lunch at Tudhope Park. We had 10 brave souls out enjoying the 16 km bike ride!

The next ride was June 22 on the Tay Trail, a paved route (mostly flat with a couple of hills) from Waubauskene to Midland with lunch by the water in Midland. We have a variety of distances available on this ride. The June 22 ride offered 12 km to 50 km routes, and all riders met for lunch at the halfway mark in Midland. Each ride had an option for shorter and longer distances to accommodate all riders. More rides will be scheduled throughout the summer. Ride day is Tuesday each week. However if anyone would like to organize a ride on an alternate day, let me know and I will notify the Bayshore riders.

Rides will be cancelled (by email) if there is inclement weather. If you would like to join us, please contact me at kathyalden357@gmail.com, or 705-209-5750.

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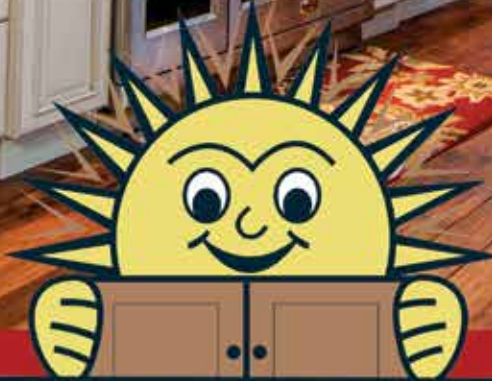
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## It's Always Sunny in Bayshore

Q: Why did Costco stop selling 5 gallon jars of pickles?

A: Shelving them was cucumbersome.

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I can't find my limbo bar. Someone must have stolen it! I mean, how low can you go?

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My wife's mad at me because she said I never buy her flowers. I honestly didn't even know she sold flowers.

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My new wake-up time is 4:41am. Leni has perfected a whole routine to get me out of bed and into the kitchen to feed her. Over the course of about 10 minutes, she repeatedly stands up, yawns, and dramatically flops herself on the bed, closer and closer to my head until we're almost face-to-face. She yawns as loudly as she can



Here's Leni, My teary-eyed little begger.

in my ear and rests a paw on my face. If I make the mistake of opening my eyes – which I always do – she quickly sticks her nose so close to my eyeball that if I want to blink, I have to back my head away from her. Once I move, she knows it's only a matter of time before I concede victory and roll myself out of bed.

To my kids, I am a "no means no" mom. To my dog, I am a "no means...oh my goodness,

aren't you the cutest thing...here's a treat" mom. I have wonderful children but my dog is a disaster. Thank goodness Franchi and Joseph can't make puppy-dog eyes or they too would be an embarrassment to walk around the neighbourhood. To every Bayshore biker, walker, car, or dog that has crossed my path, "I am so sorry!!" If you see me coming and I suddenly change direction, "it's not you, it's Leni." I have created a monster. An adorable, cutesy wootsey little monster, yes you are. Let's go get you a treat my beautiful little baby.

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Sometimes I use big words I don't understand, just to make me sound more photosynthesis.

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I switched the labels on my husband's spice rack. He hasn't noticed, but the thyme is cumin.

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My friend said that he couldn't afford to pay his huge water bill...so I sent him a 'Get Well Soon' card.

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A fortune teller told me that in 12 years' time, I'd suffer terrible heartbreak. So, to cheer myself up, I bought a puppy.

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Once upon a time there was a famous sea captain. This captain was very successful at what he did; for years he guided merchant ships all over the world. Stormy seas or

pirates never got the best of him. He was admired by his crew and fellow captains.

However, there was one thing different about this captain. Every morning he went through a strange ritual. He would lock himself in his captain's quarters and open a small safe. In the safe was an envelope with a piece of paper inside. He would stare at the paper for a minute, then lock it back up. Afterwards, he would go about his daily duties. For years this went on and his crew became very curious. Was it a treasure map? Was it a letter from a long-lost love? Everyone speculated about the contents of the strange envelope.

One day the captain died at sea. After laying the captain's body to rest, the first mate led the entire crew into the captain's quarters. He opened the safe, got the envelope, opened it and...

The first mate turned pale and showed the paper to the others. Four words were on the paper...

"Port Left, Starboard Right"

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My landlord texted me saying we need to meet up and talk about how high my heating bill is. I replied back, "Sure! My door is always open."

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I bought a sail for my boat on Amazon the other day. Today it dawned on me that it's not the right size so I called to cancel. They said it's too late...that sail has shipped.

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Did you know Teslas don't have that new car smell? They have more of an Elon Musk.

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Stay sunny Bayshore!

**Lauren Torchia**

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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.

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## Bayshore Community Service Crew

We are very fortunate to live in a beautiful country where we enjoy many luxuries and abundances. However, this is not the case in various regions of the world where people lack necessary items that we use on a daily basis. To this end, on Sunday, June 13, the Bayshore Community Service Crew held a pill bottle and shoe drive at the Hayloft in an attempt to collect items that no longer serve a useful purpose to us, but can be a tremendous asset to those in need.

While pill bottles may seem insignificant, they serve an important role in developing countries. In many places, resources are scarce and patients do not have containers to hold their medication. The journey to visit the doctor is often done by foot, increasing the chance that valuable medications may be lost.

With your help, we collected 468 pill bottles that The Lions Club will arrange to be sent to developing countries! In addition, 101 pairs of shoes were collected for those in need! A special thank you goes out to the Torchia family who will deliver the shoes to the Canadian Food for Children

Charity in Mississauga where they will then be shipped to developing nations. By simply collecting and donating empty pill bottles and shoes that are no longer useful to us, we have helped so many people in other areas of the world. Thank you Bayshore for your kind and generous donations! Next year, we will be collecting the following items:

- pill bottles (labels removed)
- pull tabs (from pop/beer cans)
- plastic milk bags

We kindly ask that you start saving these items in advance.

We're taking the summer off! The Crew will see you again in the fall when school starts up. Have a safe and happy summer. Thank you for your continued support!

**The Crew**

**Shania Raina, Muskaan Raina,  
Franchi Torchia, Madelyn Healy  
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L-R Philip Trilsbeck, Jamie Mask, President Mike Taylor of Lions Club, Madelyn Healy, and Franchi Torchia



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## Ramara Public Library News

July already! We look forward to having people back in the library, when permitted. We encourage you to follow us on social media or sign up for our eNewsletter to receive the most up to date information and know when we can reopen again. Check out what is happening at your library and register through our website or by contacting us.

**Ramara Car Rally:** It's time to hit the road with the family and discover some beautiful and interesting locations in Ramara! Sign up online or by contacting the library and you will receive the rally car sheet with directions and questions for you to fill out. Choose a great day for a drive and complete the sheet. When finished, email it or drop it off at your library branch for a chance to win a \$50 gift card to a local business of your choice! Deadline to enter is August 31st, 2021.

**BINGO & Trivia: Biweekly @ Your Library (Wednesdays, July & August @ 7 PM):** Back by popular demand! Virtual bingo and trivia nights are a great way to have some fun with your family in the comfort of your own home. You must register to receive the ZOOM meeting link.

**Summer Reading @ Your Library™:** Registration is now open to Ramara residents, students and card holders. Instructions will only be sent to those registered. READY TO READ (AGES 0-5)

This laid back program is great for families to track bedtime books, afternoon stories and cultivating a love of reading! Children will have a chance to win one of five \$20.00 gift cards to a local business of their choice!

TD SUMMER READING PROGRAM (AGES 5-12)

It's that time again! Read your favourite authors, try something new or use books to participate in a different hobby. Reporting will take place online, as it has in past years. Children will have a chance to win one of fourteen \$25.00 gift cards to a local business of their choice!

YOUNG ADULT READING PROGRAM (AGES 12-18)

Teens! Whether you cozy up in your room or enjoy the great outdoors, why not include a book or two in your plans this summer? Reporting will take place online, as it has in past years. Participants will have a chance to win one of five \$50.00 gift cards to a local business of their choice!

**Summer Take Home Kits:** Are you ready for a screen free summer? Your library will be putting together activity packs with the opportunity to include books, movies and more with your pick up! Sign up each week to be included. Ages 0-12.

Please note that you must have a Ramara library card to receive these activity packs.

**30 Day Summer Reading Challenge (Adults):** If it's been a hot minute since you have read a book, a 30 day reading challenge might be right up your alley. Pick a couple of books that you have heard great things about and get started between July 13th and August 12th. You can set a daily goal to read a certain amount of pages or chapters, or a specific number of minutes. Read for entertainment, relaxation, to get inspired or to learn something new. At the end of the 30 day challenge, we will meet virtually on August 24th to discuss books that were read, what your thoughts were about the book, this challenge, and more. Registration is required to receive the ZOOM meeting link.

**Outdoor Story Time in the Park (Friday, July 16th, 23rd & August 6th, 13th, 20th @ 10 AM):** Join Rebecca at the Brechin playground and park for an outdoor story time! With songs, stories and activities in a safe manner, she is looking forward to seeing her local families again in person!

Registration is a MUST as we will have limited spaces. Please do not arrive without registering. Thank you for your patience during this time.

**Simcoe County Author Talks – Ted & Will Staunton (Thurs. July 22nd @ 7 PM):** Join us in welcoming Canadians and father/son team Ted and Will Staunton as they discuss their new novel "The Good Fight" as well as Canadian feats, facts and flubs. Children, youth and adults welcome! A fast-paced story set amidst Toronto's turbulent summer of 1933, this graphic novel sheds light on prejudice and social injustice.

With the warmer weather, we are thrilled to announce our Ontario Park pass program! With thanks to Ontario Provincial Parks, we have 6 backpacks and passes to loan throughout this year. This loan gives you a daily car pass to enter any Ontario park for FREE! The backpack also contains goodies to help enhance your visit. Please contact us to place a hold on a backpack.

As always, your library is here for you in a variety of ways during the pandemic.

Stay safe, and we hope to hear or "see" you soon!

**Rebecca Taylor**

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## Gardening Ideas

I read somewhere about putting some veggies right into the bag of potting soil so I tried it this year. One photo is three different plantings of radishes and the other is lettuces and spinach. It works really well for these type of vegetables. Hope you enjoy the photos.

**Linda Bridges**



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Have some fun with bird houses. These were made by **Victor Relvas** and are now up in our garden.



And here's some small zen gardens and planter ideas.



**Marika Relvas**

The Goulters have a very rare plant flowering. Known as *Dracunculus Vulgaris* or Dragon Lily, it is very unique to the area. It is also known by other names such as dragon arum, black arum, voodoo lily, snake lily etc. This plant species originated in Madagascar, but can be found in the Mediterranean region, Eastern Europe, many central states in the US, and in BC and Ontario. It is tolerant of a wide range of soil conditions. To my knowledge it hasn't established itself as an invasive species in North America but is found in gardens of interested gardeners.

Years ago we were gifted with several bulbs of this plant which we transplanted to our backyard here in Bayshore. They seem to like their spot and they still flourish in spite of our cold winters. Beware if you decide to dig some of the bulbs up for gifting. We did this once and the following spring only a few shoots came back. This spring it has rebounded with 4 blooms.



One of the reasons it's so unique is its very tropical appearance with tiny white stripes on the leaves, as well as its unusual way of pollination. It is a tuberous perennial. Some people call it the stinky plant because it produces an odorous scent for one or two days to attract insects, primarily flies, to cross pollinate male and female flowers located deep within the spadix. The flower has a large purple spathe and a deep spadix which the insects enter as they are attracted to the foul smell. This plant is toxic to animals, however, due to the odour, they stay away. While the odour is similar to carrion, it lasts only for one day and does not carry far from the plant (fortunately). We enjoy it for its uncommon appearance and it's definitely a topic of conversation when observed!



**Marilyn Goulter**



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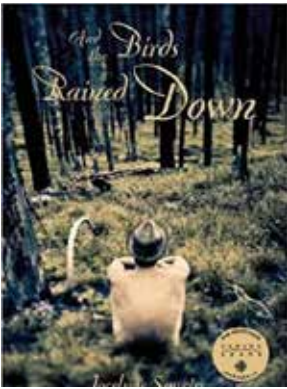
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## Bayshore Reads: And The Birds Rained Down



*And the Birds Rained Down* by Jocelyne Saucier (translated by Rhonda Mullins), Coach House Books, 2015.

The meaning of the title of this quirky novel doesn't become clear until half-way through the book. The phrase expresses the memory of an old-timer who had lived through the deadly 1916 forest fire at Matheson ON (northwest of Kirkland Lake, if that helps). Dying birds

fell out of the sky onto any humans who were stumbling amid the ruins of their town. More than 200 humans lost their lives in that event, some of them by suffocating after hiding in rock crevasses and basements, from which the fire raging above sucked all the oxygen.

A central figure in the story is a boy named Ted, who survived by hunkering down in water. Ted may or may not have been temporarily struck blind by the brilliance of the blaze; legends tell of a boy stumbling barefoot through the ashes of his home town. Nobody seems to know what happened to him.



The town of Matheson under a threatening cloud of smoke

The novel takes place many decades later. Three old misfits have decided to live out the rest of their lives in total freedom, doing whatever they want to do in a rustic camp in the northern forest. They have a routine for getting supplies from the nearest town; they grow, sell and use their own pot (as we now can do legally in Bayshore!); they fish and hunt for food and fur in the summer, and live in fairly comfortable isolation in the winter.

Ted, who once was the boy who may have been blinded by the fire, was one of them, but Ted has died before the story begins, leaving a shed full of paintings as his legacy. His buddies, Tom and Charlie, have no idea what to do with them.

The story takes shape when a middle-aged woman finds her way to the camp. She is a professional photographer who is working on a book about the Matheson fire and its survivors. She is looking for Ted, the last witness that she hasn't met. Ted, of course, has already died, but Tom and Charlie take care of the photographer, and make her feel welcome to return to the camp whenever she needs relief from the burdens of society.

Later, a very old, frail woman joins the group. Her pale wizened face is surrounded by a halo of uncontrolled white hair. She has spent at least 60 years as a patient in the infamous mental hospital at 999 Queen St. W. in Toronto. Finally, she has escaped with the help of her nephew who owns the (empty) hotel in the town near the old boys' camp. Once again, a woman finds herself in the camp, and once again the old misfits make her feel welcome. They even build her a cabin of her own, but she's afraid to sleep alone. Thus begins a tender and even sensual octogenarian love story between Charlie and "Marie-desNeiges" (as the old lady re-named herself).

Strings get tied together when Marie-desNeiges is able to express the meaning of the modernistic non-representational paintings that were left behind at the death of Ted. She interprets them as a visual narrative of Ted's memories of the Matheson fire, and the tale goes on from there.



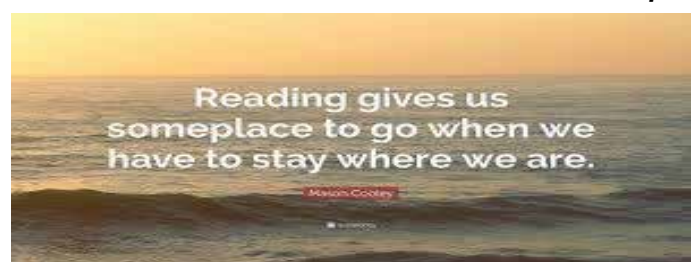
Digging mass graves after the Matheson fire

*And the Birds Rained Down* is built on very unusual situations – the great fire, the old campers, the escaped mental patient. One event leads to another in a way that keeps the reader wanting to turn the page. The novel might invite an aging reader to ask questions about what gives meaning to your life: would you ever want to escape from society and live the way you want, in "total freedom"? The looming presence of death is also part of the consciousness of every character: "Did you talk to her today?"

Whether you want to swim in deep water, or consider the long-term effects of childhood experiences, or just imagine a pot-fueled existence out in the forest, you might enjoy this novel.

*And the Birds Rained Down* was one of the contestants in CBC's "Canada Reads" contest in 2015. I read it as an e-book on my iPad. It's available on the Libby app from the Ramara Public Library.

**Noel Cooper**





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## Kidz Korner

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

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**DIY Pom-Pom Creatures** are a fun and easy craft for kids! You'll need: yarn, scissors, felt, googly eyes, cardboard, hot glue, coloured paper (optional).

1. Wrap the yarn around your index finger and your middle finger 20 times. (the more you wrap it the more full it will be. You can also choose to wrap around 3 or 4 fingers to make bigger pom-poms.) Cut the end of your yarn.

2. Carefully slip the yarn off your fingers. As long as you don't keep handling it, your yarn bundle should stay together.

3. Take a separate piece of yarn and wrap it around your bundle. Tie it with a tight knot. Wrap the yarn around the back of the pom pom and tie it again.

4. Once it is tied up tight, cut open all the loops.

5. Trim the strands of yarn so it is even all the way around.

6. Cut out a felt smile and cardboard feet.

\*Optional - I glued a piece of coloured paper on the cardboard feet to match my yarn\*

7. Glue on the eyes, mouth, and feet using hot glue.

All done! Enjoy your little pom-pom creature! Add accessories like antennae or a hat!



### Franchi Torchia

#### At the Beach

Kids love to scour the beach looking for shells and other treasures. Here's a couple of ideas of what to do with all their "finds":

**Seashell Fish:** Collect a few intact half-shells and some broken pieces of shell. Lay them out when you get home. Larger shells for the bodies, smaller pieces for fins and tails. Glue them together to make a fish. Add googly eyes or draw eyes or faces with a sharpie. Kids can also draw



a scene (think seaweed, treasure chests, shipwrecks etc.) on some construction paper or paint a canvas, and then glue their fish onto that for an underwater scene. This makes a nice keepsake of their fun day at the beach with you!

**Shell/Rock Jars:** For small flat rocks or shells, get some glue and any kid of jar. Glue the items onto the jar and let dry. For the "grout" make air dry clay (2:1:1 of baking soda, corn starch, water. Microwave for 5-10 seconds) and roll the clay into a "snake" to weave between the items. Press and smooth into grooves with fingers or the blunt end of a pencil. Let dry. Alternatively, spread your grout all over the surface first and press the objects in to embed them. Now the child has the perfect vase for wildflowers or a pencil holder. Younger ones may just wish to put their items in a jar. Add a battery operated candle to make it special.



#### S'Mores on the Grill

After their time at the beach, what do kids want? FOOD! With a little help from an adult, they can make their own dessert. You don't have to have a campfire to enjoy s'mores. Here are two ways to do them on the BBQ:

1. Set out waffle cones, chocolate chips, marshmallows, (the basics), add (optional) pieces of fruit, peanut butter, sprinkles etc. Have the child fill the cones with whatever they want. Wrap completely in tin foil and put it on the BBQ just long enough to warm it up. You'll have to experiment a little here. Voila! A nice warm s'more that's easy for young ones to eat and a little less messy than usual too!

2. For more traditional s'mores, layer a graham cracker, a piece of chocolate, marshmallows, then another graham cracker, on some tin foil. Wrap the whole thing up carefully like a present. Place on the grill until melted and warm.

Obviously, take care with both methods. They may need to cool a bit before eating.



#### Go Fly a Kite

We are so lucky here at Bayshore to have some wide open spaces at our waterfront parks! Perfect for kite flying against the lake breeze. Either get one at a dollar store or make one yourself. Here's one method for a kid-sized, diamond shape kite, but there are lots of other instructions on the web. You'll need: Two 12" bamboo skewers, plastic for the body (garbage bag or any type of lightweight plastic), crepe paper or ribbon for the tail, tape, polyester thread/string and a type of spool.

Snip off the pointed ends of the skewers. Measure 3" down from one skewer and mark it. Measure 6" (halfway) down the other skewer and mark it. Cross and fasten the skewers at their marks. Lay this on your plastic and cut out the plastic in a diamond shape. Tape the plastic to the four ends of the skewers securely. Cut off about 6 feet of crepe paper or ribbon for the tail. Tie the tail to the bottom of the diamond securely.

Poke a hole through the plastic at the cross of the skewers and attach the string through the hole to the skewers. Wind the string up using a spool, twig, pencil or whatever you have. Here's Benny, aged 4, flying his kite back in April. This was a store-bought kite (for \$2!) and we had so much fun with it!



#### Driveway Snakes and Ladders

I saw this somewhere and thought it was a great idea! Make your own Snakes and Ladders game on the driveway. All you need is some sidewalk chalk and some dice. It will wash off the next time it rains.



Have a fun and happy summer!

**Susan Hazlett**



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Hayloft** is open! Library and washrooms can be utilized.  
Office visitors are by appointment only.  
Limited to five people maximum at any time inside the building.  
Facecoverings must be worn.

**The Pool** is open! 9am until dusk. You'll need your key card and you must sign in. Limited to 10 people if there's no lifeguard, 20 max if lifeguard is present.

- » Adult Aquafit is Mon-Thur 10-11am
- » Children's Time (16 and under) Daily 3-4pm (parental supervision still required)
- » Adults Only Time is Daily 4-5:30pm

Bayshore **Cycling Club** rides every Tuesday. For more info, contact Kathy Alden.

**Volleyball** Mondays and Thursdays at 6:00 pm at Pier 99. Contact Terri Papa.

**Bocce Ball** Mondays 1-3 behind the tennis courts. Contact Donna Wilson.



Don't forget to keep saving your pill bottles, pull tabs, and milk bags for the "Crew".



**Reserve The Date Reminder:  
The BV Ryder Cup, Sat Sept 11**

The Township of Ramara's new waterfront and parking strategy will make improvements to our waterfront access, beach and park locations to ensure that our public spaces are safe and enjoyable to use. Beginning May 20, the Ramara Resident permit program for residents only, will commence. Learn more about the Waterfront and Parking strategy at [www.ramara.ca/waterfrontstrategy](http://www.ramara.ca/waterfrontstrategy).



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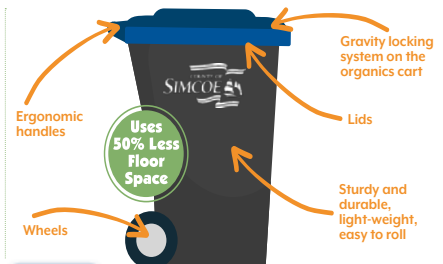


### Automated Cart Collection COMING SOON

On November 1, 2021 the County is rolling out a **new, easy, and safe** automated cart collection system to all eligible Simcoe County households.

#### Key Benefits

- On average, these vertical carts use 50% less floor space to store waste for an equivalent volume of material
- Consolidate a variety of smaller bins, bags, and containers into three carts
- Good for the environment with more room for organics
- Cut down on lifting and trips to the curb. With wheels and ergonomic handles, just roll out two carts each week
- Lids on all carts protect against windblown litter and impacts from critters
- Safer for everyone with touchless automated collection
- Proven and preferred where adopted



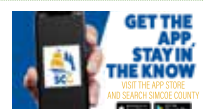
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**Carts are heavy and hard to use.** While carts are durable and sturdy, they are very easy to maneuver and have many ergonomic features. With a wheeled system, there is virtually no reason for residents to have to lift or carry their waste. Simply use the ergonomic handle, tip the carts and roll them out to and from the curb each week with minimal effort.



#### 2021 Rollout

Website launch: May  
Public Information Session / outreach: July  
Cart delivery to households: August to October  
Launch: November 1





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