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Thanks to Our Pool Volunteers

Special thanks to our pool volunteers and lifeguards for keeping our pool clean and safe in 2021!



L-R Herb Hermans, Vic Taylor, Joseph Torchia, Franchi Torchia, George Evelyn

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Joey Torchia

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I would like to thank the residents of Bayshore Village for their care, support, and compassion through the loss of Betty. No one could ask for a more welcoming and helpful community. It is truly appreciated. A special thank you also to Carson Funeral Home for their care and guidance through a difficult time.

Sincerely,
Ted Gryzick

*"When you are lonely and sick of heart
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.
Miss Me--But Let me Go!"*

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who contributed articles and photos to this issue.



Rain Across the Lake in August
Photo by Lynn McWilliam

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Randy Hutchison and Brian Murray show off their
bowfin fish, caught offshore near Pier 33. Brian caught it
and Randy reeled it in. Great teamwork fellas!
Photo by **Sharon Seaward**.

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the official policy or position of the Bayshore Village Association and/or its Board of Directors.*

President's Report



With help from the vaccination process, we are slowly returning to a more normal use of our facilities including indoor use of the Hayloft. Vaccination verification is in effect at the Hayloft. Protocols remain fluid so stay tuned as we communicate any new changes in the coming months. Once again, I would like to 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 Annual General Meeting and Town Hall. We will continue to evolve the meeting process including its recording given the installation of Bell's 5G network in the Hayloft. Hopefully next spring we will have members present at the recording session. We will continue to solicit voting prior to these meetings. Our overall objective is to maximize participation of the membership. By making the meeting available online we are making it more convenient for members to engage in the management of Bayshore and its affairs.

In October, the new board will begin the annual planning and budget process. We will review the most current membership research to help guide our activities. There were several initiatives that we could not complete due to COVID restrictions. We will pick up where we left off in prioritizing those programs.

There has been considerable progress on the capital projects approved by the membership at the May GM. Harbour 99 has had the new docks installed which will position us well for next year. We are having the pre-construction meeting with our contractor for tennis court rebuild this fall. That will begin on schedule and will be completed in early spring with line painting etc.

If you chose option #1 for your Bell TV and Internet service your second payment of \$1,900.00 is due no later than October 15th. Sooner would be appreciated. Let me be

perfectly clear. If we have not received your payment by October 15th, you will be removed from the preferred Bayshore/Bell customer list and will be charged a retail rate by Bell which is significantly higher than the preferred rate. Only annually do we have an opportunity to update the Bayshore Bell customer list. We are locking the list in on October 15th for this coming year. So please ensure we have your payment before the 15th.

The Executive are continuing to manage the sewage treatment issues and the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan associated with the spray field. This issue is directly linked to our high water bills. We will be engaging the membership shortly. We are laser focused on these egregious water bills and a proposed plant. Covid really hurt our momentum regarding these matters. With restrictions relaxing we are working to resolving these issues. We will send out to the membership a communication and our water bill analysis comparing our costs with other Ontario municipalities. Once we have cleared the runway on some other outstanding matters with Ramara, we will be looking for your support in October. Stay tuned!

Please join me in welcoming Kate White as the new Vice President of the Association and Doug Davies' return as the ex-officio to manage the Bell contract. All the other positions on the Board that were up for re-election this fall were filled by our very capable incumbents who have been acclaimed. Please see below. We will also provide a separate communication identifying the new Board of Directors via email to all members.

Have a safe fall. While we continue to return to a more normal lifestyle, we still need to honour the Covid protocols to get through these critical fall and winter months. Enjoy the freedom that all the easing of Covid protocols provide us. Returning to a more normal way of life and interaction will be greatly appreciated.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS SEPTEMBER 2021

• President	Rick Matthews
• Vice President	Kate White
• Director of Finance	Jeff Zammit
• Corporate Secretary	Joey Torchia
• Director Common Lands	Steve Goulter
• Director Common Waters	Keith Meadows
• Director of Social	Deb Rautins
• Director of Harbours	Kevin Fox
• Director of Architecture	Jeff Nolan
• Director of Hayloft	Rod Turnbull
• Ex-Officio	Doug Davies

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Hayloft Amenities Director's Report



The renovations to the Hayloft have been completed with the exception of some minor fixes with the saunas and lawn irrigation system. It has been nice to see some of the activities again inside, with the current limitations on occupancy. We have had largely positive feedback on the renovation and work continues with other upgrades on Bayshore amenities and assets.

Meetings have been held with township officials to approve access to the tennis court area, in order to prepare for the resurfacing of that Bayshore asset. The roadway beside the water treatment plant must be modified to allow access to the construction and material delivery trucks. Construction is to begin this fall, with completion in the spring of 2022.

The swimming pool did start off a little cool this year. Some of the early swimmers found the water quite refreshing. There were some small delays in getting both the solar

and gas heating system operational in tandem. The previous year's heating bill for the pool on gas alone was over \$5,000 dollars. I do expect a vast reduction this year as solar was the prime heating system. I do want to thank the Torchia family for all of the excellent work providing safety and operational work at the pool this year.

A meeting was held with Elections Canada to ensure that the Hayloft could again be used as a polling station. As of this writing we are waiting to hear the results as our incumbent representative had retired.

I do expect that this winter we will have more options for use of the facility as vaccinations keep ramping up. However, income from the rentals for special occasions will still be very low to non-existent.

The past year has been filled with many challenges, however, I do think we are on the road to recovery and normalization of our lives in Bayshore.

Rod Turnbull
Director of Hayloft Amenities



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Director of Common Waters Report



With the vibrancy of the fall colours just around the corner, it is that time when the Pond Masters and assistants begin to prepare the ponds for their winter sleep.

This year for the first time our fountains (aerators) will be professionally maintained by Berry Electric Pump Service so that when spring arrives they will be like new for installation. It will be great to place them into the ponds without

any of the past troubles experienced by our volunteers.

Upon inspection I noticed the ponds in general look very good, though we had some instances where duckweed and millfoil invaded the pond. Spraying of herbicide and the new "made for Canadian climate" enzymes took effect and cleared up the problem. It was noticed by residents who abut the ponds that the water levels were within datum for most of the summer. In a few instances, after heavy rain the water levels rose but because of new drainage improvements returned to near normal levels. Though there is still some work by Ramara Township crews to do on Vicars Pond, I feel we are in good shape.

Going forward, our new supplier of pond supplies, Pond Perfections, will once again inspect and add their input on how we can make our pond water even cleaner and clearer. I will budget for three more bubblers to be added to Mallard, Golf and Duck ponds. I have had positive reviews from residents who have noticed an improvement in the ponds and we strive as a group to make them even better.

Another initiative I am looking at is to construct a turtle breeding area on Golf Pond behind green number two. While adding monthly enzymes and dyes to the pond, I noticed two Spotted Turtles as well as many juvenile Painted Turtles in the pond. Spotted Turtles are on the endangered list and if we can assist in their survival in any way, I feel we should do this. I will meet with golf course committee representatives, Marc Bertrand and Rick Indewey, to discuss this further and see how we can get this done and not only benefit nature but the golf community as well.

This has been a very positive year for myself as Director of Common Waters, with the addition of a new supplier of enzymes and dyes which are made for northern climates, a new maintenance program for the fountains (aerators) and two new volunteers to assist with herbicide treatment for ponds and harbours (Dave Horbay and Tom Hall). I work with a great team! Thank you Pond Masters, Jim Fielding, Wayne Perzel, Glenn Lucas, Randy Sinotte, George Miller, and assistants Brad Dutot, Joe Sokolowski, Ian Mead, Joe Latorre, Randol Smith, and Ron Joseph. Your hard work makes my job easy.

And remember as always, service to our community by volunteers keeps costs down, builds spirit and a sense of belonging to Bayshore Village. I always have room for volunteers and urge those new to Bayshore to ask "how can I help." I'm already looking forward to next year!

Keith Meadows
Director of Common Waters

Social Director's Report



Thanks to so many volunteers in Bayshore, residents were able to really enjoy this summer! Many events ran successfully, from sports activities to boating excursions, neighborhood street parties, happy hour mixers, plant exchanges and so much more as you can see by the Banner articles this month. The Social Committee was involved in some activities and wants to acknowledge all the other events

run by residents independently. This adds tremendously to our Bayshore community! Thank you!

Due to high demand and the interest from our newer residents, the Committee decided to run two outdoor BBQ's. We enjoyed the music played by "CLASSIC SHOCK" at both events. Both BBQ's sold out! Brian Murray and Mary Andrews were the lucky winners of the 50/50 draws at each BBQ event. Congratulations to both winners! We thank all who purchased tickets for their generous donations! We will continue to do our best to accommodate all residents interested in these larger events. See pictures on page 8.

Our fall line up includes an October dinner off-site at Tammie's Restaurant in Orillia on October 22. We will be having a DJ donated anonymously by a Bayshore resident. We thank you! Please see the poster in the Banner on page 15 for details and dates of ticket sales!

We are very excited to offer this type of outside event and we are planning to expand this initiative in the future. Suggestions are welcome!

Halloween is being planned for Maplegate this year. A thank you in advance to the residents on this street for their participation! Please see the Banner article on this.

For the past two years, we have planned events according to government guidelines. Our winter events usually include a Christmas Ladies Luncheon, a Holiday Happy Hour and of course, our New Year's Eve Dance. Unfortunately, we cannot start planning anything as things remain uncertain. We will continue to be creative and hope to resume Hayloft activities when it is deemed reasonable to do so!

Volunteers are needed to help decorate the Hayloft again for Halloween and Christmas. Please contact Donna Wilson if interested in lending your time and creativity to this much appreciated effort to make our Hayloft beautiful and festive!

Debbie Rautins
Social Director



Volunteers working hard over a smokey BBQ!



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Bayshore BBQs

Two great community BBQ this summer! Many thanks to the Social Committee for organizing such great events!

Photos by Debbie Rautins



The band "Classic Shock" played fantastic music!



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Common Lands Director's Report



EAB: The “Emerald Ash Borer” program consists of “fertilizing” all 1000 Ash trees in Bayshore with a solution applied with a soil injector. Each tree is treated every two years. This year we did 504 trees. This is a very big program and a special thanks to Eugene Storozinski and his volunteer teams for undertaking this task. Most invoices have been sent out. The money collected will go

towards Arbour activities. The program will extend over several years, until the EAB leaves the area.

Tree Trimming: The stumps in the golf course were removed this summer. This area needs to be cleaned up as we are making plans to plant several trees in this area later this fall. The pile of wood chips has disappeared. Thanks to all the volunteers that helped out with this big task. Several other trees were trimmed or removed, and these were disposed of by putting them into a rental bin. Our hedges will be trimmed again this year – contractor and date have been assigned. 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, which form the basis of the budget for next year, are available. A 15 foot blue spruce tree was relocated to the Hayloft from a residents property. Thanks to George and Marilyn Evelyn at 155 Bayshore for this donation.

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. There has been a flurry of inquiries this spring and summer about dead trees, especially birch. A few ash trees have had to come down, some due to EAB, some due to other reasons.

Beaver Monitoring: As part of the Arbour Plan, more attention has been given to making our Village less attractive to beaver. There is no point in planting trees and bushes just to feed the beavers! We thought we would have to install barriers to prevent beavers (and geese?) coming out of the harbours, ponds (and lake) onto common land areas. There were so few beavers this year that this was not necessary. I am not aware of any beaver damage to any trees or shrubs this summer/fall so far. There are several other ideas we have implemented, such as placing rebar (at 3-inch spacing) at the entrance to bank dens, etc., to discourage beavers (and muskrats). This was done in

several areas this past summer with good results so far. We are consulting with “Wildlife Management” experts to come up with other ways we can make Bayshore less attractive to 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 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. Please let me know if you experience road related issues.

Golf Course: A major rebuild of the irrigation system was completed last summer (2020). 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. The new standby pump was installed this year. The old one is being repaired and will act as a spare.

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 and new planter barrels were purchased. 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. Vicars Pond was 10 inches above datum most of July due to excessive rains. It is currently well below datum due to pond residents using their irrigation systems and lack of rainfall. When the pond is high, sump pumps have to work hard to prevent flooded basements. We have not added any water in two months, trying to keep the level as low as possible going into the fall and winter.

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.

Flower Beds: It's mid September and our flower beds and lawns look amazing! Thanks to all those volunteers who create and maintain these throughout the village.

Contract Updates: A new snow removal contractor was negotiated this spring and the grass cutting contract is due for renewal this fall. The 5-year agreement with Clintar has been very successful and we will be renegotiating with them in the next few weeks.

Eco Park: The wood chips can be spread all the way around the pathway, if volunteers would like to help, anytime, 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 the ECO Park and what action should be taken. A couple of the wooden bridges may require repairs soon.

Steve Goulter
Director of Common Lands

In Memoriam

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



We are heartbroken to announce the sudden passing of our brother, **Michael Arthur O'Halloran**, at the age of 66. Mike recently moved from Bayshore to Gravenhurst with his loving partner, Teri Leatherdale. They loved golfing and boating together. Mike lived to golf and really enjoyed being a part of the Wednesday morning Bayshore Men's Golf group. Mike and

Teri had many boating adventures on Simcoe and the Trent. He was an avid curler and looked forward to curling this winter in Gravenhurst. He will be dearly missed by his partner Teri Leatherdale, his seven siblings and their partners, his children Jesse, Haley and Lee, his many nieces and nephews and by his friends in Bayshore.

Kathy and John Alden



John "Jack" Edward Anderson, passed peacefully on August 7, 2021 at the age of 91. Retiring to Bayshore with his wife, both Jack and Muriel actively participated in Orillia and Bayshore events. Jack helmed the Rotary Club of Orillia Train Project, and Muriel is known for playing the piano at Bayshore celebrations.

Views from Above

Aerial photos while Joseph Torchia took his flight lesson from Rama Regional Airport over Bayshore. Can you spot your house?





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Bayshore Bikers



Our Bayshore Bikers enjoyed lunch on the patio at Studabakers after the July 6th Orillia Waterfront Trail ride. It was a warm day so we hid on the shady paths, hahaha! We had 10 riders join for this event. Herb showed us all up by being the only cyclist to ride from Bayshore into Orillia and along the waterfront with us, and then all the way home again.

Due to the high temperature and humidity, the rest of the group chose the 10 km ride along the waterfront and rail trail. It was a great day to share a ride and lunch on the patio.

If you would like to join us for a ride, email me at kathyalden357@gmail.com. All are welcome!

Kathy Alden



Bayshore Bocce Ball

Another great bocce ball season, and it isn't over yet!! We play every Monday at 1:00 pm until the weather gets too cold. Green sign-up sheets are under the overhang at the Hayloft near the postal station. Anyone can play, no experience needed. I pick up the sign-up sheets every Sunday after dinner for Monday's game. We have six grass courts behind the tennis courts. The uneven ground makes the game very interesting! Pictured are some of the 2021 Bocce Ball participants. Thank you to everyone who came out this year, even through the 30 degree heat wave!!! If you would like more info you can email me at dwilson202@hotmail.com or call me at 705-242-4001.



Donna Wilson

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Thicketwood Street Party

On September 14th, a street party was organized for everyone living on Thicketwood Place and held on the cul de sac at the end of the street. We had a great turnout and lots of positive feedback.

Laurel Dewar



Organizers L-R: Laurel Dewar, Linda Wyckoff, Deborah May, Diane Stoner, Theresa Morawiecka



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Volleyball



This year, volleyball games were set up at Pier 99 on Mondays and Thursdays for anyone who wanted to join in. It was a big hit (excuse the pun). Thank you to Terri Papa for organizing!

**Photos by
Sharon Seaward
and Janice LaTorre**



Bayshore Wet Hogs

This year was a difficult year to find a Personal Water Craft with all orders delayed by months with Covid disrupting deliveries. Bayshore residents that ordered back in 2020 finally received their orders in July, used machines were in high demand, and prices skyrocketed.

The Bayshore Wet Hogs enjoyed our PWC rides in the months of August and September with new members joining us on their new Sea Doo's for first time riding into new waters. We toured up to Washago in August on a Tuesday evening with first year drivers Marion Kilner with Brad as her passenger, Amanda Knapp and Chris Iles. Later we had a rough ride down Simcoe to Beaverton and over to Thorah Island. On Friday September 17, eight Sea Doo's and three passengers journeyed up the Trent/Severn canal for lunch to a new restaurant called TS at Lock 42. A great ride by boat, pontoon or PWC to the lock. Short walk up the hill. Also accessible by car.

Any PWC owners that would like to join our group (and yes, we allow Waverunners into the group) can contact anyone in the pictures or check the Bayshore Facebook page.

We missed Rick Indewey's guidance this past summer on the trips with his GPS, we look forward to next season's rides.

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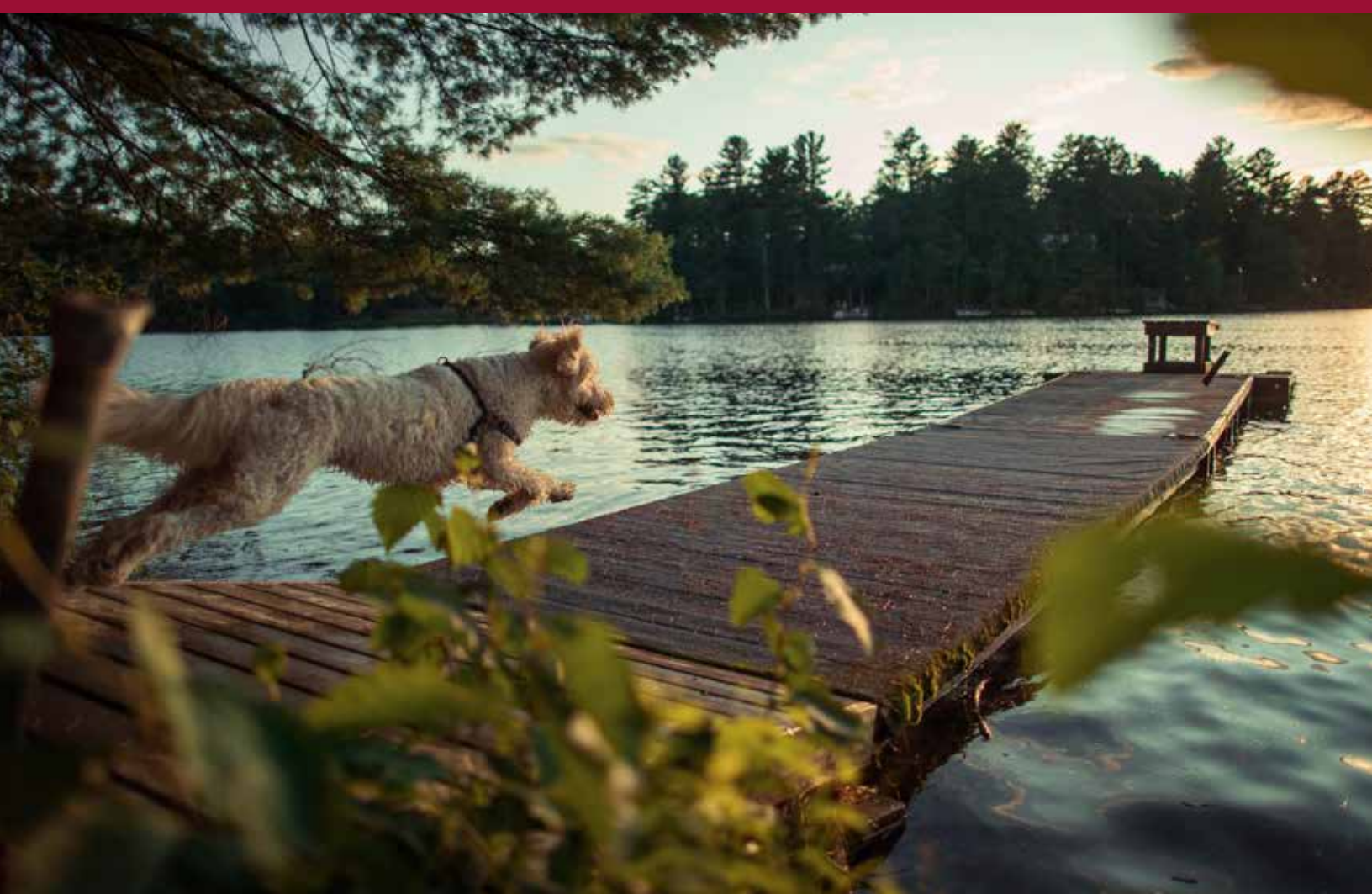
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The Bayshore Open

The Bayshore Open was finally able to be played July 17th. The event was called "HIT & GIGGLE", and great fun was had by all the participants.

Two flights of 25 golfers met the criteria for our first outdoor event after 17 months of Covid restrictions.

Five outstanding golfers were on five teams in the morning and four teams of five in the second round. The challenges were set for all the teammates for each hole:

#1. Best Ball using a tennis ball. Then a blindfold putt by a chosen player.

#2. Worst Ball with a regular ball.

#3. Best Ball with a practice ball.

#4. Best Ball with a regular ball.

#5. Tee off with special gloves ... choice of oven mitts, hockey gloves or welder mitts.

For each hole, a blindfold putt must have been made. The laughter and the encouragement for each player was amazing.

A delicious snack box was provided for each player as the scores were tallied in anticipation of winning the cherished trophy and golf ball retriever, presented by Bill Pasel.

Thank you to the Golf Committee for their creativity of a long-awaited golf event, the set up crew, and golf marshalls. The Bayshore Open was a resounding success as can be seen by the candid photos.

Lynda Bertrand



More Golf News

A group of ladies are shown here playing a game of golf on the Bayshore course.

Sharon Seaward



In August, a group of Bayshore ladies played at Hawk's Island and stayed for lunch...nine and dine. Fun was had by all!

Sharon Seaward



Scott Cherry gets a hole in one at the Hawk Ridge Meadow Nest course! Well done, Scott!

Bill Ecklund



Recipes by Diane Stoner

Four appetizers and a sweet treat just in time for the holidays! Enjoy!

PIZZA STUFFED CRESCENT ROLLS

- 1 8-ounce can crescent rolls
- 1/2 cup pepperoni
- 4 mozzarella cheese sticks, cut in half
- 2 Tbsp unsalted butter, melted
- Italian seasoning and garlic powder for sprinkling on top
- Marinara sauce, heated for dipping

1. Preheat oven to 375F.
2. Unroll crescent rolls onto a baking sheet lined with a silicone baking mat. Separate into triangles. Spread with a small amount of sauce.
3. Place pepperoni on the widest side of the triangle.
4. Place one half of a mozzarella stick on top.
5. Roll the wide end to the smaller tip of the crescent, making sure to tuck in the corners so the cheese doesn't ooze out.
6. Brush melted butter onto crescent rolls.
7. Sprinkle with Italian seasoning and garlic powder if desired.
8. Bake for 10-14 minutes or until golden brown.
9. Serve warm with marinara sauce for dipping.

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BAKED HAM AND CHEESE ROLLUPS

- 1 tube crescent dough sheet
- 3/4 lb black forest ham, thinly sliced
- 12 slices swiss cheese, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup butter, melted (I use salted)
- 1 Tbsp poppyseeds
- 1-1/2 Tbsp yellow mustard
- 1 Tbsp dried minced onion
- 1/2 tsp worcestershire sauce

1. Preheat oven to 350F and grease a 9x13" baking dish with cooking spray.
2. Roll out crescent dough and press into approximately a 13x18" rectangle. Top with ham and cheese.
3. Starting on the long side, roll the dough up tightly. Pinch the ends together and place with the seam facing down. Cut into 12 pieces.
4. Place rollups into baking dish, evenly spaced.
5. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, combine the butter, poppyseeds, mustard, onion, and worcestershire sauce. Pour the sauce evenly over the rollups.
6. Bake, uncovered, for 25 minutes until lightly browned.

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SALAMI, TOMATO, BASIL AND CHEESE SKEWERS

I used 8" bamboo skewers that I purchased at the dollar store. You can make as many or as few as you want.

- salami - I purchased 3 types of mild salami from Orillia Bakery
- grape tomatoes
- bocconcini mini cheese balls
- fresh basil
- pesto or roasted red pepper salad dressing
- olives (optional)

1. Marinate cheese balls and tomatoes in pesto or salad dressing. If the tomatoes are large, they can be cut in half.
2. Fold pieces of salami in half and then half again.
3. Assemble skewers: Slide a piece of salami, then a cheese ball, a basil leaf, then a tomato. Repeat ending with salami. I used three pieces of salami, two cheese balls, two basil leaves and two tomatoes per skewer. Olives can be added too.
4. Place the skewers on a large platter. Cover with plastic wrap and place in fridge. Skewers are best made the day they are being served. Enjoy!



LAYERED BLACK BEAN DIP

- 1 19-ounce can black beans
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 2 cloves of garlic, minced
- 2 Tbsp lime juice
- 1 tsp lime zest
- salt
- pork seasoning or spice for flavour burst (cayenne pepper)
- 2 large tomatoes, finely chopped
- 1 cup old cheddar cheese, grated
- 4 green onions, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup black olives, pitted and chopped
- 1/2 cup sour cream



1. Blend together black beans, cream cheese, garlic, lime juice and zest, spices and salt to taste. Use a food processor or potato masher for blending.
2. Spread black bean mixture on a large platter. Arrange a wide ring of chopped tomatoes around the edge, spread grated cheese in a ring inside that, followed by a ring of green onions, followed by the olives. Put sour cream in the centre.
3. Enjoy with crackers or corn chips.

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CHOCOLATE COCONUT ALMOND MACAROONS

- 1-1/3 cups flaked unsweetened coconut (3.5 ounce can)
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 2 egg whites
- 1/2 tsp vanilla
- 1/4 tsp almond extract
- pinch salt
- 4 ounces sliced almonds, coarsely crushed, toasted
- 20 whole almonds
- Chocolate Ganache (recipe below)



1. Combine coconut, sugar, egg whites, vanilla, almond extract, and salt in a medium bowl. Mix well. Fold in sliced almonds. Cover and refrigerate at least one hour or overnight.
2. Preheat oven to 350F. Line baking sheet with parchment paper. Roll dough by tablespoonfuls into balls. Place one inch apart on prepared sheet. Press an almond on top of each cookie. Bake 15 minutes or until light brown. Cool cookies for five minutes on the baking sheet. Transfer to wire rack and cool completely.
3. Meanwhile, prepare Chocolate Ganache. Let ganache cool 10 to 15 minutes.
4. Dip bottom of each cookie into ganache. Place cookies on clean parchment or waxed paper-lined baking sheet. Refrigerate until ganache is firm. Store covered in refrigerator.

Makes 1-1/2 dozen cookies

Chocolate Ganache: Place 1/2 cup semisweet chocolate chips in shallow bowl. Heat 1/4 cup whipping cream in small saucepan until bubbles form around edges. Pour cream over chocolate and let stand five minutes. Stir until smooth

Aquafit

Bayshore had another tremendous season of Aquafit classes. The classes were led by Deborah May. Hope to see you all again next year!

*Photos by Lauren Torchia,
Franchi Torchia and Sharon Seaward*



An extra special thank you goes out to our fantastic lifeguards, Franchi and Joseph Torchia!

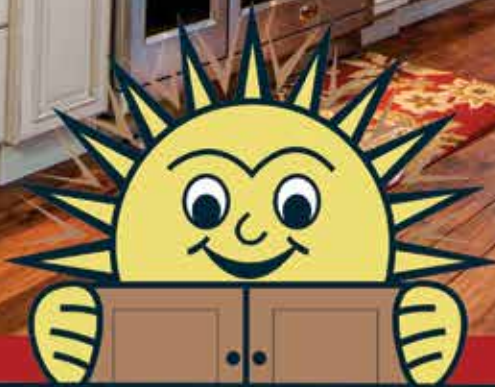
Happy Hour Mixers

The Happy Hour Mixers ran successfully this summer on Fridays at 4 pm, from June to the end of September. Despite a very rainy start, some Mixers still managed to be held and with warmer weather, the numbers ran as high as 39 participants divided among five hosts. Thanks go out to our gracious hosts and to all those who provided delicious appetizers and treats. Despite Covid conditions, everyone was able to safely socialize and enjoy beautiful gardens, some with pond and lake views. We were able to see many properties from different perspectives, giving us a deeper appreciation of how beautiful our home is and how fortunate we are to live in Bayshore.

Wendy Lucas



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Flora and Fauna at Bayshore



Here's Alvin The Chipmunk. He comes every day for his treats and is a pleasure for Vic. - **Marika Relvas**



Beautiful Monarch in my garden - **Ria Searle**



These are our Dinner Plate Hibiscus flowers - **Brenda James**



Pileated Woodpecker visited our trees. - **Bill Ecklund**



Spotted at Barnstable Bay. - **Keith Barrow**



6'5" Norm Seaward with our enormous Sunflowers. - **Sharon Seaward**



Swan taking off from the back pond. - **Sharon Seaward**



Heron at Barnstable Bay. - **Keith Barrow**



Rainbow over Barnstable Bay. - **Keith Barrow**



I love turtles. When I first moved to Bayshore Village, I was pleasantly surprised to see a large number of painted turtles in our pond. After doing some research, I set about to make a platform for them to get out of the water and bask on. They need the sun and heat to help digest their food. They love it! In the past there has been a large painted turtle population here, but over the last few years the turtle population in Ontario has been in decline, probably from loss of habitat and use of pesticides. We should all do our best to avoid running over them on the roads. They move very slowly and are certainly not hard to avoid if we are watching. There is an area at the entrance to Bayshore Village near the Eco Pond where the small fry cross in September and October on their way back to the ponds. We have put up turtle signs this year to remind us all to watch for them and use caution. Please be kind and share the road. - **Deborah Leon**

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An Ode to Bayshore

This is a time of my life.

I started off one day feeling sad and sorry for my lonely, widowed self. I groomed my cat Hudson as he positioned himself expectantly on the rug I'd laid on the kitchen floor for my morning stretches. The grooming takes much more time than the stretches.

After gulping my coffee, and in spite of the black cloud over my head, I joined the Bayshore walkers. How pleasant it is to meet with supportive friends first thing in the day.

Later in the morning I gave my neighbour her tomatoes I'd picked for her when she was away. A neighbourly contact.

I then got into my bathing suit, pulled my kayak into the water, paddled around, waving to more neighbours sitting in the sun on their dock. More contact.

Once into the bathing suit, might as well visit the pool. Called my lovely "pool buddy" neighbour. We met more swimmers. We chatted, exercised, talked gardening, dieting and better yet, exchanged recipes. One swimmer actually made a date with me to meet on the golf course. She overheard me wimping about the long time I've not participated. She has undertaken the task to reacquaint me with golfing. I am in awe of her unending patience.

Another called me that day to invite me for a drive in his convertible BMW. I changed quickly of course. I slid into his car. We had a nice long drive. Beautiful car. Must wear a hat if there is a next time.

I have another great "movie" neighbour. We belonged to the Mariposa Movie group. We saw terrific Toronto Festival movies in Orillia. All, of course, before COVID-19.

There on my front porch when I got home, was a whole cardboard box of iris bulbs from my "golf buddy". I planted some, then gave the rest a few days later to the Plant Exchange event at The Hayloft.

The doorbell rang later in the afternoon. It's my "tomato" neighbour giving me a bottle of red homemade Italian wine. And ... two roses to plant.

It was my husband Glen who instigated the move here to Bayshore Village. He found a real estate ad in the Cottage Life magazine and insisted we take a look. One look and he was sold. He loved the lake, the house, and the harbour for his boat. We moved during a snowstorm in February twenty years ago. We attended our first event at The Hayloft. A Valentine dance.

How fortunate I am to live here. How lucky I am.

Thank you, Glen.

Thank you, Bayshore.

Gail Carter



Sunrise
Photo by Anne Pike

Sandlewood Street Party

The third annual Sandlewood Trail party was held on August 14th. Approximately 32 residents and friends joined in for a pot luck happy hour. New neighbors Mike and Leanne were welcomed! It's always nice to get together with neighbors!

Debbie Rautins



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Sunsets

Summer sunsets at Bayshore as captured by Eric Zou.



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When Autumn Comes

In the temperate days of summer
 When the leaves start turning gold
 A faint nostalgia grows within us,
 remembering springtime and rebirth,
 The richness of the soil bearing fruit,
 reflecting the toil of Mother Nature, all summer
 long
 with growth and fruits aplenty preparing for the
 cold of winter,
 as the land slumbers
 and all seems empty.
 The cycle of life begins again.
 Birth, renewal, death.....
 Allowing in the temperate climes,
 Mother Nature to rest.

Marilyn Goulter



By the way, this is John. You might've seen him around. He is our Bayshore Groundskeeper. He does an excellent job on the golf course and other common areas throughout the community. He keeps our grass areas looking beautiful. Say hello next time you see him!

Photo Sharon Seaward

2021 Bayshore Village Golf Classic

"Amazing!"

"The most fun that I have had at any Golf Tournament!"

"How did they do that?"

These were only some of the comments from players at the 2021 Bayshore Golf Classic.

The weather was perfect. The golf course conditions were excellent due to the relentless efforts of golf leaders, Marc Bertrand, Rick Indewey and their loyal working crew.

The events of the day featured:

- 2 flights of golfers playing a shotgun start at 9:00 and 12:00 respectively.
 - Putting Contest.
 - Straightest Drive Contest.
 - Closest To The Pin Contest.
 - NEW - BUY A DRIVE FROM THE PRO event. Sponsor IG Wealth Mgt. brought a pro golfer to the Classic so that the players could use one of his drives for a Toonie. (He was amazing to watch.)
 - Lunch was provided by IG Wealth Mgt.
 - NEW - A SILENT AUCTION was held that had fabulous items for the golfers to bid on throughout the day. There were some very exciting bidding wars carried on and everyone enjoyed watching that.
 - NEW - The PARTY ZONE was moved up to the practice green area and this year it featured Kate White's "OPEN BAR SALOON" featuring complimentary beer, wine, or water.
 - NEW - Each golfer received a Carson's Funeral Home swag bag filled with Hot Mamas Sauces, Home Hardware products and pen and pad.
- The Golf Awards Dinner was an innovation this year because of Covid. Our Food Committee and their talented volunteers created a spacing concept, a menu concept and an atmosphere that was appreciated by all attendees. Very well done ladies!
- Following dinner, there was the AWARDS PRESENTATION part of the day. This was once again hosted by Bob Bell and Bill Pasel.
- Every golfer received a prize and a "swag bag" and there were a lot of laughs and memories created throughout the evening.

Award Winners

The AWARD WINNERS for the 2021 Golf Classic Events were:

Women's Champion:	LISA TOBIN
Men's Champion:	PATRICK HUNT
Closest To The Pin:	LISA TOBIN and JOE LATORRE
Straightest Drive:	PAT BEECHAM-COOPER and JOHN ALDEN
Putting Contest:	PAT BEECHAM-COOPER and NOEL COOPER
The "Most Amazing" Putter Award:	TERRI PAPPA
Free Draw for Deer Creek Golf winner:	DARLENE ROCCASALVA

The success of our Bayshore Golf Tournaments depend entirely on the Golf Committee finding sponsorships. This year was exceptionally hard for us because businesses are coming out of a Covid situation, and we had lost many of our previous sponsors. Nevertheless, we tried even harder. A *phenomenon* has started for the Bayshore Village Golf Tournament Prizes. We are now witnessing the residents and businesses of Bayshore quietly coming forward to offer sponsorships and/or prizes to help us with our work. This is *huge* for the Prize Committee (ME).

"The Committee realizes that many of our neighbours can't chip in and help with the operation of the golf course because of time and physical restraints but they are now anonymously helping us financially and it really is a difference-maker. If you would like to help by donating something for the prize table next year, please email me now at bpasel21@gmail.com" said Bill Pasel, Prize Committee Coordinator.

Thank you to our Sponsors

The following are the Sponsors that stepped forward, returned our calls and provided much of the fun that the players had at the 2021 Classic:

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Please try to use them or thank them for their sponsorship and loyalty to our Bayshore Village Community.

Bill Pasel
Prize Coordinator



2021 Bayshore Village Golf Classic

Some photos to remember the day, courtesy of Sharon Seaward, Debbie Rautins. Drone photography by Jack Heitzner.



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!



Judy Flinn - watercolour
"Abandoned Pickup"



Pat Beecham - watercolour
"Vicars Pond", Bayshore Village



Christa Schmid - acrylic



Pat Beecham - watercolour
"Autumn Mist", Duck Pond, Bayshore Village



Helen Deckert - acrylic



Judy Flinn - Oil
"16-Foot Bridge"



Christa Schmid - acrylic



Pat Beecham - watercolour
"Deer Pond", Bayshore Village



Helen Deckert - acrylic pour



Helen Deckert - acrylic pour



Marilyn Goulter - acrylic



Judy Flinn - oil
"Flat Rock"



Judy Flinn - watercolour
"Cuba Girl"

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Pickleball - Alive and Well in Bayshore Village

If Pickleball is of no interest to you, but you still have a heartbeat, please skip to the last paragraph.

Pickleball - The Growth Continues

And for good reason. What a fun game! To quote Karen Rust, President of Pickleball Canada, "Pickleball remains the fastest growing sport worldwide, with over 350,000 pickleball players across Canada. This number is expected to increase significantly in the coming years."

And so it is here in Bayshore. It was an impressive start to the year with 15 players attending my beginner's clinic, 12 of whom, an unprecedented number, continue to play. I believe this to be due in part to allocating three afternoon beginner playtimes each week. We now have over 40 regular players, a considerable increase over last year. Another factor could be the 50% turnover in Bayshore properties in the past 5 years, with often relatively younger people moving in. It is my personal hope that these new folks keep in mind that Bayshore is run by and depends on volunteers.

I would like to thank our visionary board of directors, and you, the residents of Bayshore, for approving funding for the reconstruction of the court surface. I conducted an online survey which included all court users and 74% were in favour of creating a pickleball four court design. As a result, starting this fall, the Tennis and Pickleball courts will be rebuilt with 2 tennis courts overlaid by four (up from two) pickleball courts in part to handle the aforementioned increase in player numbers. This is happening mainly due to many hours spent by Tom Costigane (and to a lesser degree, Joey Torchia and myself) performing in-depth research, planning and working with multiple contractors to determine the contractor with the best price/warranty bid. Thank you, Tom & Joey.

Our Annual tournament, the Bayshore Village Pickleball Classic was an impressive event. Twenty four players competed in the tournament. The top lady, a newcomer to Pickleball with only 3 months under her belt, was Kate Switzer winning 5 of her 6 games. The second spot was a tie between Laurel Dewar and Lynda Wyckoff.

In men's action, we had a tie for first place between Bill Merkley and John Simerson as both players won all six of their games. As we always play with partners, Bill & John flipped a coin for first choice of a partner from all the players present to assist them in their championship bids.

This resulted in a truly exciting playoff match. The game at high noon on a very hot late August day was electrifying. Merkley and partner Gunther Gratzner (3rd place) took a commanding early lead 4 to 0. However, Simerson and partner, Joseph Torchia our youngest club member, fought back with determination and some amazing saves, helping John to take over the lead, at 8 to 6. But 'twas to no avail as the combination of Gratzner's powerful hell bent to win shots along with quiet unemotional Merkley's impenetrable wall to Simerson's best spin shots allowed Merkley to forge an 11 to 9 win and moving Simerson to the runner up spot. Indeed a great, very close match which was thoroughly enjoyed by close to 40 spectators. For you tennis players out there, it's worth noting that 4 of our top 5 placings this year were won by tennis players. A movie with pictures of the tournament can be seen on my website. Just enter ridem.ca in your browser.



Later that day the tournament Awards Banquet was held, outside of course, in keeping with COVID guidelines, in essentially gale-force winds. It was a BYO most things, however, Master Chef Randy Hutchison BBQ'd delicious hamburgers and dogs, done to perfection regardless of his personal preference (blackened). Amanda tried to curry favour with the official by passing out free shots of Low Sugar (of course) Baileys and On the Rocks, The Margarita. Needless to say, few remember that activity.

The main event was the declaring of our 1st place winners, Bill Merkley and Kate Switzer, whose names will now be added to the magnificent Pickleball Classic Annual trophy constructed by yours truly some 8 years ago. In 2nd place was John Simerson with Laurel Dewar and Lynda Wyckoff tying for 2nd place in the Ladies event, all of whom received gifts reflecting the zero entry fee.



Players in the Bayshore Village 2021 Pickleball Classic

Pickleball - Alive and Well (cont'd)



In other awards, Amanda Knapp, most addicted player (to pickleball), thank you awards to our scorekeepers Artena Hutchinson & Deb May and to our champion ball girl, Lauren Torchia. Thank you all for your efforts. Most appreciated.



After 6 years it was time to spruce up our players with shirts emblazoned with the Bayshore logo denoting Pickleball. As Artena and Randy (the Chef - so many talents) had made the original order 6 years ago, I prevailed upon them to perform this thankless service once again, ensuring that no profit would be made. I guess math is not his strong suit as it looks like, at the time of writing, we're going to come out about \$0.20 ahead:) Beautiful shirts, exciting colours, many thanks, Randy and Artena.



And speaking of sprucing up, I believe it's time to spruce up the pickleball 'Commish' so, with that in mind, I'm pleased to announce that Bill Merkley has been elected to take my place to perform the Commish's duties.

I would like to repeat the words I wrote in the Bayshore Banner some 7 years ago, "In case you haven't heard about Pickleball (silly name I know), it's played with a paddle and plastic ball on a badminton-sized court. Even relatively nonathletic folks are playing pretty well within a couple of hours or so. It's considered 50 percent mental and relatively age and gender-neutral." In those six years I have come to realize that the biggest attraction to the sport of pickleball, aside from the health benefits, is the fun factor of the game.



I assure you, a nicer more social and welcoming group of people you would be hard-pressed to find. Check us out.

John Alden
Pickleball Commish
(Almost Retired)

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Q: What's blue and doesn't weigh much?

A: Light blue.

(I like to start off this column with a real groaner so that your expectations are set really low. It can only get better from here!)

I built a model of Mount Everest and my son asked, "Is it to scale?" I replied, "No...It's to look at."

My wife left me because I'm insecure...

Oh, no, wait, she's back. She just went for groceries.

I cannot follow a recipe to save my life. I try, but by the time I get to the end of the directions, I have dismissed the measuring cups and spoons in favour of my hands. A handful of this and a sprinkle of that makes my version of a recipe unrecognizable from the dish I am trying to replicate. I have a very short attention span and cannot focus for the length of time it takes to get to the end of a recipe. I end up opening the fridge and spice cabinet and throwing in random items I think may "go with" the ingredients already in the pot. Thankfully, cooking is not an exact science and though my meals are rarely met with enthusiasm, they are edible.

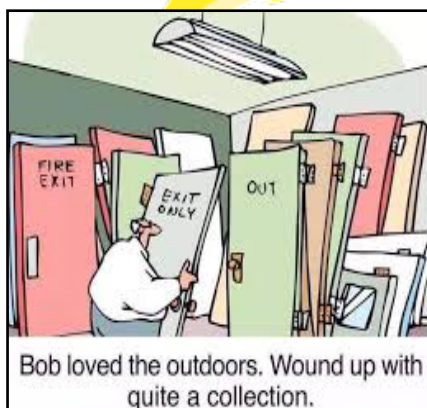
Baking however, is an entirely different story. I rarely bake and I can confidently say I do not bake well. "Some of this and some of that" is a recipe for disaster (or at least a recipe for salty, greenish-grey muffins).

The first and last batch of cookies that I ever made was "baked" 10 years ago. Franchi was little and had begged me to make cookies. "Ugh," I said. "I'll try, but don't get too excited." I had all the dry ingredients properly measured out and mixed, ditto for the wet ingredients. I scooped out 12 blobs onto a cookie sheet and stuck them in the oven. I felt so proud of myself and questioned why I hadn't done this before. It was so easy. After a few minutes, I checked on the cookies and discovered that they had all just leaked into each other. There was one giant wet pool of cookie on the sheet. I called to my 6-year-old to look into the oven and confirm that this didn't look right and she agreed. She pointed out the bowl of dry ingredients still on the counter and suggested that they would've made the mixture more "cookie-like."

She has been the baker of the family ever since.

I always wanted to be a millionaire just like my grandpa...

He always wanted to be a millionaire too.



I had an appointment to see my psychic next week but she just called to tell me I won't be able to make it.

Does anyone remember the joke I made about the chiropractor? It was about a weak back...

According to a recent study, 90% of people don't notice when you replace words with names of musical instruments.

I went to a smoke shop to discover that it had been replaced by an apparel store... Clothes, but no cigar.

I hired a handyman and gave him a list of jobs to do. When I got home, only items 1, 3, and 5 were done. Turns out, he only does odd jobs.

Genie: I shall grant you 3 wishes.

Me: I wish for a world without lawyers.

Genie: Granted. You have no more wishes.

Me: But you said 3!

Genie: Sue me.



Pete and Dave are on the first tee. Pete slices an enormous shot into the middle of a dense wood. "Oh, no," he says, "I'll never find it. That makes a whole box of golf balls I've lost this month."

Dave says, "You should try one of these," producing a ball from his pocket. "In a situation like this, there is a little photoelectric cell on the ball that detects the reduction in light and a tiny trapdoor opens and shines a flashing beam of light into the sky."

"That's handy," says Pete, "but one of my worst habits is to blast the ball so deep into the bunker that I can't find it again." "That's no problem," says Dave. "When this ball identifies the presence of sand it has a little trapdoor that opens to reveal a tiny flag which pushes up out of the sand and waves to catch your attention."

"Okay, but what about the balls I lose in the ponds?"

"You'll be fine," says Dave. "When this ball recognizes the presence of water, a tiny motor starts up and propels the ball onto dry land."

"I'm sold," says Pete. "Where can I get one?"

"I don't know," says Dave, "I found it."

If I had a dime for every time I didn't understand what's going on, I'd be like: "Why y'all keep giving me all these dimes?"

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Lauren Torchia

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Bayshore Welcomes Chip and Dale

Now that we have your attention, we would like to introduce you to our two newest chipmunk members to Bayshore – Chip & Dale.

In early July, we found Chip in the front of our lawn, curled up in a swirl of grass, shivering and eyes still closed. We knew that he must've been days old as he was so tiny and barely walking through the grass. That same day, we also found who we believe was Chip's mom. Flat on Bayshore. She was hit so hard that we had a difficult time determining if it was in fact the mother. After a few days of leaving Chip outside, we knew that it was Mama that was hit because this sweet baby was left alone outside without anyone to care for it.

"We fed Chip six times a day..."

We decided to take Chip in after a few nights and we made a temporary home in a ventilated cardboard box and bought some puppy milk replacement along with a feeding bottle. We fed Chip six times a day in hopes that he would not only take to the replacement milk but gain some strength. The very next day, our neighbours Brian and Diane found another baby in between our two homes. They had to be from the same litter as it too had its eyes closed and was the same size as Chip. We gladly took him in and this became the start of the Chip & Dale adventure. They took to one another right away, cuddled to keep each other warm at night and after almost two weeks, their eyes opened. They graduated to a "gerbil condo" where they stayed warm, took to the milk like troopers and started to play with one another. We researched and spoke to animal experts who told us we should keep them until they are nine weeks old at which time they could then be released. After six weeks on milk, they had graduated to trail mix of seed and corn and their special treats were blueberries and slices of carrot. They also enjoyed feedings of fresh kale.



2 weeks



2 weeks



4 weeks



6 weeks

Chip & Dale became very popular with family, friends and neighbours who joined us with live updates via Instagram as everyone wanted to know how the "babies" were doing. Even our dog, Finley, enjoyed seeing the "babies".

After nine weeks, we decided to release them out front of our home at 205 Bayshore and we had a "Release Party" with many neighbours present. They played along the front garden and we left the gerbil condo outside for them open so they would have a safe haven to run to. Needless to say, they didn't go far that day so we took them in for one more night. The next day, we attempted a second release attempt but when a third chipmunk came along and started fighting the babies, my husband, Brian, immediately put them back in their "condo" and we kept them inside for one more night. Attempt number three was successful and they seemed ready to take on their new adventure.



They are both thriving and we still see them in the front and back in their special feeding spots. We are grateful for the opportunity to do some good and save two baby chipmunks who may not have had a chance otherwise.

"A warm reminder... slow down."

Chip & Dale are such a warm reminder to us all as we drive along Bayshore within speed limit, to be mindful of walkers, pets, animals, other cars and children. Bayshore Drive lately feels like a runway with speeding cars and trucks. Even the vendors who come into our community to service our homes, have no regard for speed limits. Slow down. Bayshore Drive is not a runway and the excessive speeding is dangerous. Quite simply – slow down.

Our most precious live here – you, me, our friends and family. Let's be mindful of driving in our neighbourhood to keep it safe and without further accident to any of our most precious cargo.

Fatima Finnegan

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Ramara Public Library News

Can you feel it? Fall is in the air, whether you like it or not! Your library has been busy preparing virtual and in-house programming, as well as welcoming people as they come back to the library for the first time in a long time!

- Culture Days @ Your Library is back with three different activities and runs from September 24th to October 24th, with chances to win gift cards to local businesses of your choice. Sign up for our fall Ramara Car Rally, Six Word Wonder writing challenge or Read Around the World Competition. Find details and registration links on our website or by dropping in at either branch.

- October is Library Card Sign Up month, and we are looking to meet all of the new faces who moved to Ramara during the pandemic. Drop by the Ramara Centre or Brechin branch with your ID (or photo ID and piece of mail if you haven't changed your address yet) to gain access to FREE resources for you and your family. See you soon!

- Are you currently using OverDrive on your tablet to access our eBooks and eAudiobooks?

We have been informed that the organization will be closing this app by the end of 2022. Now is the time to switch over your account to the Libby app. Need help? Drop by either branch and our staff will assist you with this and our other online resources.

- Looking to head out on a hike to view the leaves and breathe some fresh fall air? We remind you that we have Ontario Park Passes to give you free access to Ontario Parks daily. Jo and Rebecca have been hard at work to bring a variety of virtual and in person programming for all ages in Ramara.



Check out some of the highlights here, or a full list and registration link on our website to save your seat:

Virtual: Basic Spanish for Travellers, Mondays Oct. 4th – Dec. 13th @ 7 PM

Virtual: Family Spelling Bee, Tues. Oct. 5th @ 7 PM

Virtual: Bad Art Night, Wed. Oct. 6th @ 7 PM

Virtual: Simcoe Author Talk Series with Kathleen Winters, Wed. Oct. 6th @ 7 PM

In Person: Little Adventurers (Ages 0-5) @ Ramara Centre - Outdoors, Fridays @ 10:30 AM

Virtual: Ice Breakers, Tues. Oct. 12th @ 7 PM

Virtual: Book Tasting, Wed. Oct. 13th @ 6:30 PM

Virtual: Trivia Madness, Tues. Oct. 19th @ 7 PM

Virtual: Understanding Dyslexia, Wed. Oct. 20th @ 7 PM

Virtual: Simcoe Author Talk Series with Sonya Lalli, Thurs. Oct. 21st @ 7 PM

Virtual: Simcoe PD Day – Scientists @ Home, Fri. Oct. 22nd @ 10 AM

In Person: Break the Fake – Internet Safety (Youth & Adults), Fri. Oct. 22nd @ 2 PM

Virtual: Simcoe Author Talk Series with Lisa See, Wed. Oct. 27th @ 7 PM

In Person: Children's Author Vicki Bruce of "Goaaallie", Thurs. Oct. 28th @ 7 PM

In Person: Children's Author Nancy Cooper "The Trading Tree", Fri. Oct. 29th @ 4 PM

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

Stay safe, and we hope to see you soon!

Rebecca Taylor

Bridge News

Bridge resumed at the Hayloft in early September. Ladies bridge is Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 pm and Men's bridge is Thursday mornings at 9:30 am. All players must show proof of vaccination in order to play. The tables and chairs are wiped down after each session and masks must be worn while in the Hayloft. We can handle three tables in each session.

If you are interested in playing bridge Wednesday afternoons, please contact Pat Beecham-Cooper at 705-484-0221 or beecoop79@gmail.com or Noel Cooper at nhpcoop@yahoo.ca or the above phone number.

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

All activities are currently taking place in the Great Room.

Bridge is a great game to stimulate your mind and get your brain working. All the groups at Bayshore are very relaxed and fun, so even if it's been years since you've played, come on out!

Pat Beecham-Cooper

Invasive Plant Spotted

(Excerpted and edited for space, Toronto Star article by Bob Bowles, Founder & Coordinator of the Ontario Master Naturalist program at Lakehead University) Several hours spent monitoring lakes, rivers and creeks in north Simcoe has made me realize roadside ditches, creeks and small streams are being choked out by a new invasive aquatic plant native to Europe.

I observed *European Frogbit* (*hydrocharis morsus-ranae*) in 2015 in the Kawartha Lakes region, where it now chokes out some areas. In 2018, I observed it in Canal Lake, east of Brechin. In August 2021, I found large mats choking ditches around Mara Point and creeks like Barnstable Creek, Waiman Creek and Murphy Creek in Ramara Township. It is starting to establish itself in Mill Creek and Brouhgs Creek in Orillia, Oro-Medonte and Severn.

It has a well-developed root system that normally floats free, spread by boats, recreation and wildlife. Plants form a rosette with a rounded apex and heart-shaped leaves which are green above and purple-red beneath. Flower have three white petals and a yellow centre. They grow quickly into large tangles that deplete oxygen levels, impact fish and aquatic wildlife, crowd out other plants, and restrict boating and swimming. It prefers slow-moving waters like ditches and creeks with mud bottoms. Care must be taken when moving recreational equipment to new areas to prevent the spread of this invasive plant.

Submitted by Marilyn Goulter



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BVYC Sunset Cruise

BVYC picked a great day for their Sunset Cruise on August 20th.

***Photos by Sharon Seaward,
Jack Fraser and Rob Fisher***



Fall Perennial Swap

The Fall Perennial Swap was held on Saturday, September 18th at 10 am at the Hayloft. It was a beautiful, sunny day with a great turnout of avid gardeners who were able to feast their eyes on tables brimming with lush, healthy plants. The event was run by Wendy Lucas, Donna Wilson, Mary Ellen Simerson with Glenn Lucas doing the heavy lifting and setting up of tables. Mary Ellen gave excellent tips and answered questions about the perennials. Thanks go out to all the generous residents that brought more plants than they took and shared their perennial gifts with so many. Some even arranging to give more from their gardens at a later date. There is already talk of another perennial swap in the spring.

***Submitted by Wendy Lucas
Photos by Glenn Lucas***



As fall approaches what do we see,
The changing of the trees,
The absence of the bees,
As we prepare for the change we now can see,
Fall is in the horizon for you and me.

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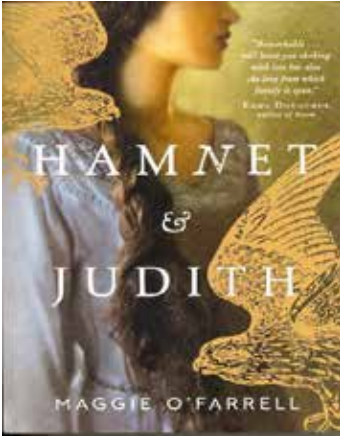
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Bayshore Reads: Hamnet and Judith



Hamnet and Judith, by Maggie O'Farrell.

Hamnet and Judith were born in 1585, the twin children of Anne Hathaway and her husband, William Shakespeare. The names "Hamnet" and "Hamlet" were interchangeable in those days, perhaps like "Will" and "Bill" now. The boy Hamnet died of the plague at the age of 11. Four years later, his father

wrote a play, using the other form of his dead son's name for the title character.

In the course of reading the novel, I learned about the families and descendants of both parents. Anne outlived her husband by seven years. Judith lived to the age of 77; she had three children, but no grandchildren.

In this best-selling historical novel, Irish-British novelist Maggie O'Farrell has crafted an account of the family's life from before the couple married until after the famous play was written. Anne (who was known to her family as Agnes, and has that name in the novel) is the central character in the novel. Her husband is never named, though he plays an important role in the story.

Agnes grew up as the step-daughter of a farming family near Stratford, Warwickshire. Unloved by her step-mother, her father's second wife, Agnes has remarkable psychic and curing powers. She cares for a tame falcon, and loves to spend her days in the forest, where she feels in tune with the healing value of leaves and flowers.

Her future husband lives an unhappy life as the Latin tutor for a few children in the same rural town. His sometimes-violent father John is a glover (a maker of gloves) who was once a powerful leader in the town, but was accused of crimes (including refusing to go to church) and fell from grace to such an extent that his neighbours are not willing to sit with him at the local pub. The son is unhappy at the thought of being nothing more than an apprentice glover, and eventually decides to leave his family behind and seek fulfilment in London, where he becomes a rich and famous playwright.

With great perception in telling the story from Agnes' point of view, the novelist describes the smells, textures, and sights of life in 16th-century forests, barnyards, village streets, markets, graveyards, dwellings and eventually in the frightening and smoky city of London.

The book explores the feelings of Agnes, as a rural misfit, then as a wife who is part of her husband's family, the village healer, a deserted mother, and then the grieving mother of a dead child. She is distraught when she hears that her husband has written a tragedy whose main character carries the name of her dead son, and travels to London to experience the play.

This novel is brilliant but heart-wrenching. If you have ever experienced a tragic bereavement, you should know before you decide to read this novel, that this book explores the emotional depths of grief.

The book is a New York Times best-seller, and has won a number of prizes for fiction. It is published under the title "Hamnet" in both the UK and the USA. I read it using the Kindle app on my iPad. It is available at the Ramara 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!



Stress balls are fun to play with and easy to customize! Here's how you make them:

Materials

- balloon
- flour
- funnel
- markers (optional)
- yarn (optional)
- googly eyes (optional)

1. Blow up the balloon to stretch it out and then let the air out.
 2. Insert a funnel into the balloon and begin adding flour. Don't fill the neck of the balloon.
 3. Tie the balloon.
 4. Customize your stress ball! You can draw on a funny face, add yarn for hair, or even glue on googly eyes!
- Happy Crafting!

Franchi Torchia

To be honest, I'm still not clear if these are truly called biospheres or ecospheres, but making one of these is an excellent way to observe and appreciate the tiny creatures living in our water habitats that would otherwise go unnoticed.



Now is a great time to do this before the lake freezes. Get a clamping jar, a wine bottle with a cork, or an old pickle jar – almost any kind of clear, air and waterproof glass jar. Mason jars will not work because they are not truly airtight. Get the kids to fill the jar from the lake, *gently* scooping the jar along the bottom, gathering up the sand and decaying matter. Include some moss and/or lake plants. Try not to gather any visible fish as they probably won't survive.

Instruct them not to shake the jar. Ever. And it's not necessary to open it either. Place the jar where it will be well lit for observation, but not in direct sunlight as it will heat up too much. The kids will have to be patient because nothing might happen for a couple of days while the sand and other particles settle, but after a while they will start to see air bubbles of tiny lake animals and organisms and they may even start to see them emerge. Watch them grow over time. A magnifying glass might be helpful to view the progress of the project. Discuss with your child how the moss and lake plants convert the CO₂ into oxygen for the creatures to survive. If they get any snails or scuds in the jar, these are particularly important in keeping the jar clean as they eat the algae and bacteria. Fascinating and educational!



Time to make some fall decor! How about making this festive "pumpkin".

Get about 20 mason jar rings and spray paint them whatever colour you want. Find some matching coloured string or yarn, and a couple of cinnamon sticks and maybe even some faux leaves for accents.

First, make sure all your painted mason jar rings are facing the same direction. Wrap the piece of yarn through the bands and pull tightly. Kids might need some help here. They can put their finger on the yarn as you tie a tight knot. Cut off excess. Once it's tied, gently separate the bands so they are spaced evenly. Pop a few cinnamon sticks in the middle to represent the pumpkin stem, and/or glue on faux leaves. Done!

This craft is a little simpler for young ones, and uses basically the same materials as the pumpkin above. Now that you've used all the rings from your mason jars in making that



pumpkin, you'll have all kinds of lids left over. Spray paint them too!

We glued three lids together and drew on some of them with a sharpie. They did their names for table name cards, made little designs, and left

other ones plain. On some, we attached a twig or a cinnamon stick for the "stem". You could use these at your holiday table as coaster or trivets, or just for fun. They were so easy to make.



Passionate about golf? Share that passion with the kiddies even though the season is drawing to a close. Recycle those Amazon boxes and have fun with this homemade putting practice game all year round with (or without) the young ones.



Here's a candle craft the kids and I did that can be made to suit any holiday. Get a battery operated candle, a decorative napkin, glue or mod podge, and saran wrap. Separate the napkin so you have only 1-ply with the image you want to transfer. Either cut a partial image out or cut the napkin to just fit around the whole candle. Lay some saran wrap on your table. Brush the candle with glue

or mod podge and carefully place your image on. Roll it up in the saran wrap to smooth out any bubbles, then discard the wrap. Let dry. A great gift idea!

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 25 people maximum at any time inside the building.
Facecoverings must be worn.

Bid Euchre Thursdays 7 pm. Pre-register by email to Cathy Sheldon.

Italian Rummy Mondays 2 pm. Contact Barb Thurgood.

Mahjong Thursdays at 1 pm.

Bayshore **Cycling Club** rides every Thursday. For more info, contact Amanda Knapp.

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.

Yoga Wednesdays 10 am in the Hayloft. Spots are limited to 20 people. Contact Lynda, Irene, Wendy or Jane.

Bridge at the Hayloft. Ladies bridge Wednesdays at 1:00 pm/Men's bridge Thursdays at 9:30 am. All players must show proof of vaccination in order to play. Contact Pat Beecham-Cooper or Noel Cooper.

Bridge Lessons Fridays at 11 am. Call Pat Beecham-Cooper

TRICK OR TREAT ON THE STREET

For the past two years, Bayshore Village has successfully provided our children with a designated street for trick or treating. The first year, Park Lane, hosted around a dozen children. Last year, Sandlewood hosted even more. Residents enjoy this night as much as the children do! This year we are asking **MAPLE GATE** to do the honours! We try to choose streets that have less traffic and have a set start and end. The children are mostly under 10 years old and get tired easily.

Residents should put an orange ribbon on the street lamp or some sort of sign that indicates to the parents that treats are given out at their house. The time is between 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

No donations are necessary as residents in the past are eager to provide treats. You can expect around 20 to 25 children.

Residents not on MAPLE GATE can also give out candy, although in the past, many have not had any children show up. A lot of neighbors do this for the children that live nearby and I know that Lantern has traditionally given out treats.

Parents have indicated that this system has worked well the past two years. Here's hoping for great weather! - **Debbie Rautins**



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

Bayshore Community Service Crew presents

SOCK-TOBER!!

Donate New Socks For Orillia's
"Lighthouse Soup Kitchen & Shelter"

Our mission is to provide warmth and comfort to vulnerable and homeless citizens during the upcoming winter season.

We're asking for donations of new multi-pack socks for men, women or children as vulnerability doesn't discriminate - it affects all ages.

Drop-off your donation at the Hayloft parking lot, and please be sure to have your mask on!

If unable to participate on this date, socks can be dropped off on the doorstep at 23 Park Lane no later than October 20th.

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