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Congratulations Dorothy Hall!



After a two year hiatus and multiple pool closures, the Canadian Masters Swimming Championship was held at Laval University in Quebec City on the May long weekend. Bayshore resident Dorothy Hall medaled in all four of her events, including a gold medal in the 100 metres Individual Medley.

Masters swimming is about fun, friendship, wellness and participation. Swim meets are divided by age group in five year increments.

Well done, Dorothy!

Happy 80th Birthday to Norm James!



HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY – July 8th, 2022

Love from your Bayshore friends and family, Brenda, Keith and Debbie, and all the dogs, Winter, Piper, Caesar, Bailey, Oscar, Mojo, Skipper and all the others.

Congratulations Norm!

Welcome New Neighbours

A warm welcome to our newest neighbours in Bayshore Village:

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Ali, 162 Bayshore Drive

Tony and Mary, 4 Lavender Court

Senthil, 36 Southview Drive

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Rose, Kristine and Mike, 8 Maple Gate

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who contributed articles and photos to this issue.



Midsummer Solstice Sky at Sunset

Photo by Mary Andrews

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O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

Cover photo of resident **Cathy Dickinson** resplendent in
her uniform on Canada Day. Photo by **Tess Flynn**.

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

President's Report



We have just completed a remarkably successful post-COVID Canada Day Celebration. I would like to thank Deb Rautins, her 40+ volunteers, and the individuals and groups that made donations for planning and executing this wonderful day. It was nice to be out from under the COVID protocols and have a more traditional Bayshore slate

of functions. We thank our MP Adam Chambers, our MPP Jill Dunlop for her best wishes, Mayor Clarke, Deputy Mayor Gough and Councillor Fisher for their participation and attendance. We intend to relaunch the Meet and Greet Breakfast for these dignitaries in the future so we can have an informal setting to discuss their plans and programs and get to know them a bit better.

One addition to this year's Canada Day festivities was the participation of Deb and Jon Wagner's Friendship Force. Friendship Force is an international non-profit organization that was founded by the President of the United States, Jimmy Carter, in 1977. Friendship Force provides opportunities to travel and explore new countries and cultures by bringing people together at the personal level through hosts within these countries and communities. There are 300 host organizations worldwide with 22 such host organizations within Canada. One of the newest charters established in 2019, is managed by Jon and Deb Wagner of Bayshore. COVID impaired the launch of their program, but they are now up and running. They currently have 41 host members within their chapter that showcases Bayshore, Lake Simcoe, Lake Couchiching, Orillia, Barrie, Muskoka and Simcoe County regions. Ten Americans attended our Canada Day celebrations from the Friendship Force Milwaukee Club. Speaking to our guests, they were extremely impressed with our community and hospitality. It was nice to display Bayshore to our American neighbours. We had successful Town Hall and General Meetings this spring and received approval for a difficult budget under these high inflation conditions and post-COVID supply issues. Approximately 100 members participated, which is more than we historically receive if we conduct voting at the GM only. I take the majority votes in favour of all the motions as a positive reflection on the Board's management of BVA affairs. These in-person May meetings were the first since September 2019 prior to COVID interrupting our lives.

We will continue to refine all the improvements to our communications regarding future meetings which were developed because of COVID. The agenda for future meetings, along with Power Point presentations and speakers' notes, will be provided in advance of the meeting as per the bylaws. A voting process will continue to allow for votes to be put forth without attending the meeting. Our objective is to provide a process which maximizes the participation of the membership. This

hybrid, improved meeting process has resulted in a 20% increase in membership participation versus the old live meeting format. There are elements of the meeting that still require some work. Technology, audio quality and meeting recordings will be areas we focus on.

The Board is now turning our attention to the Annual Meeting in September. Jeff will be presenting the financial statements for the past year. We will be introducing some minor refinements to the bylaws regarding the reserve appropriation and the Board's discretionary spending limits. There is no material change to the bylaws. We are proposing these changes in the interest of clarity for the members and future Boards of BVA.

Harbour 66 is the focus of our capital spending this year. That work will be completed in the fall after the boating season per the presentation at the GM.

We had a successful Newcomers Luncheon in June where we welcomed over 30 new families to Bayshore. In addition, we introduced an original activity where most, if not all, the clubs and programs of Bayshore were presented after the meeting in a trade fair format. This event allowed new and existing Bayshore members to sign up for clubs and activities available to them within the community. Many of those attending the luncheon were not aware of the breadth of activities available, including existing and new members. I would like to thank all the clubs and those that organized and executed the event, especially under such short notice. The function was well received by those in attendance. We plan to include this function annually in conjunction with the Newcomers Luncheon moving forward.

Work on the tennis courts has been completed, and they look great. Thanks to all involved in the process to make this project a reality. We saved thousands of dollars by starting the project last fall. COVID supply issues and record soaring prices of petroleum products and fuel could have significantly affected the cost of this project.

Progress has been slow regarding the issues with Ramara including infiltration and inflow, water bills, spray field development, and the water leak on Lavender Court. The journey ahead may be a challenging one, but with your support, it is one we are prepared to take on. We will communicate our progress and major milestones as we work to resolve these long-standing issues.

I am proud of the Board's efforts and accomplishments over the last few years in updating and improving all our assets. As we exit COVID and learn to live with it daily, we can start to take advantage of the upgrades to the amenities and the relaunch of all the programs within our great community. Everything looks outstanding. Thanks to all the volunteers responsible for reopening all our facilities this spring.

Have a safe and productive summer. We will see you at the AGM in September.

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

Director of Common Waters Report



Ponds: The ponds are officially under the capable hands of the Pond Masters and assistants now that the aerators and bubblers are in place.

There were a couple of hiccups with one aerator (Deer Pond) not functioning. It will be replaced with one of our spares; a cord extension will be required and will be taken care of.

The other is with the aerator on Vicars Pond. A 110 amp was installed but because the outlet box is 220 amp, it has to be switched and that will be done shortly.

The Duck Pond bubbler was not getting enough voltage as it was too far from the main breaker, a common problem according to Bob Willard of Pond Perfections. Another aerator was ordered to replace it. Instead of returning the compressor to Pondperfections, it will be used for Mallard Pond as was planned for next spring. It didn't make sense to pay shipping charges to return it just to turn around and purchase it back next spring. I also ordered the diffuser as well as the submersible tubing so it can be installed in Mallard Pond ahead of schedule.

All ponds currently are experiencing an algae bloom. According to Environment Canada we are experiencing a high volume of pollen this year. As nature works in cycles, this year is at the high end of a 20 year cycle when pollen amounts released by trees and plants exceed what would be considered normal.

Algae pollen floats to the surface where it forms a large mass of green floating matter. As it germinates, these mats of hairy, green algae join together. Though not nice to look at, it causes no harm to the pond. Our enzymes will attach to it and start the slow process of breaking it down. In the meantime, residents who abut the ponds are welcome to borrow one of the pond rakes, that each Pond Master has, to rake the algae up on shore where it will dehydrate and die. This can then be put into yard waste bags.

Again, the use of store-bought fertilizers will only add to the algae growth; pond water is the best fertilizer.

Goose Management: The molt has arrived as have the goslings. Once the baby geese hatch, the parent geese lose their flight feathers. This is Mother Nature's way of

making sure mom and dad don't take off on the kids. During this time they are looking to feed and instead of one or two there is a herd or gaggle looking for short, manicured grass to eat.

Here goes: I can't remember how many times I have put it in my monthly Director's Report or an article in the Bayshore Banner about keeping lawns cut at four inches. It makes for a healthier lawn and geese won't eat it. If geese are on your lawn, it's too short! Residents can be their own goose patrol or management. It's very simple: lift the deck on your mower to four inches and you are goose proof. I'm not kidding, it works.

When I get a call about a goose invasion on someone's property, the first thing I ask is "Do you have a goose barrier?" if on the lake or bayside. Secondly, I ask, "How short is your grass?" Amazing how many say, "I like my lawn short." Then you must like geese.

My lawn is four inches and I back onto the golf course which is two inches. From my deck you can't tell the difference. I have seen the geese on the golf course grazing away and when they approach my property, walk away. There you go.

Michael and the Goose Management Team have responded quickly to any complaints regarding goose invasions. His people are hard at work before many of us wake up in the morning using lasers to drive off flotillas of geese and goslings heading our way. We do have a stubborn group that has been moving around Bayshore from pond to pond. Goose Management has tried to scare them off but unfortunately they're not here 24 hours a day – we couldn't afford that. They are very aware of this gaggle and are playing cat and mouse with them. Michael guarantees he will win this game.

Last year, Goose Management relocated about 80 geese from Bayshore to a sanctuary on Lake Erie. However, this year, due to the Avian (bird) flu, the sanctuary has closed its gates to stop the spread.

So it's up to us to help Goose Management control the geese. Raise those mower decks to four inches!

Enjoy the summer everyone.

Yours in service,

Keith Meadows
Director of Common Waters

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Sunsets at Bayshore
Harbour 66 (left)
Barnstable Bay (right)
Photos by Mary Andrews



Social Director's Report



Bayshore Village celebrated Canada Day like the good old days! Pictures of the Spring Fling, Newcomers Luncheon, and other social events can be found within the Banner.

Opening ceremonies for Canada Day were held with approximately 75 people in attendance. Coffee and pastries were served. Our dignitaries this year included MP Adam Chambers, Mayor

Basil Clarke, Deputy Mayor Joe Gough, and Councillor Jennifer Fisher. Our president Rick Matthews spoke about the history of Canada, welcomed our visitors and gave recognition to all the residents who volunteered for this event. Thanks go to Jack Pignatell for providing the audio for the day!

With weather looming, the parade started off. The streets were lined with residents and visitors despite the rain that arrived midway. A huge thank you to the participants and observers of this tradition. Thanks to Leslie and Jim Fielding and their team for collecting food for the "Sharing Place".

The fishing derby ran from 10:30 to 11:30. One of the best parts of the day is always watching the excitement of the children as they run to have their fish recorded before releasing it. Congratulations to Kevin Zou, Bently Hackett, and Luke Horbay who respectively won prizes for biggest fish (a 25" pike), most fish (six), and smallest fish.

The weather cleared for the rest of the day in time for a well attended BBQ (315 tickets were sold!). Looking around, everyone enjoyed being together again! We now know how much people like chili dogs and sauerkraut!


Finally, our Sail Past took place with boats, pontoons and kayakers out on the lake.

Thanks go out to everyone who came forward to help with the celebration and events, and all those who donated to the day! I'd like to thank everyone individually but it would take up 2 pages of the Banner!

A big thank you to Susan Hazlett for recording the day with many photos!

In addition, leftover cake, hot dogs, buns and potato salad were donated to the "LIGHTHOUSE" men's shelter. They were thrilled and thankful to get donations. If you ever want a worthy cause to donate money, men's toiletries and basic living goods to, please consider the shelter!

Debbie Rautins
Social Director



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Common Lands Director's Report



Arbour Plan Overview: A plan 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. This report presents only the top two activities – "EAB" and "Tree Planting".

EAB (Emerald Ash Borer) Activities: Treating our Ash trees (1,100 total – over six inches in diameter) again this year will

be the prime activity. Each year we treat about half of our trees (500). Each tree is treated every second year. This work was completed last week (June 30/22) for the trees that were due this year. A sincere "Thank You" to Eugene and his volunteers. Invoices will be sent out shortly from the office.

Tree Planting: This year (for the first time), we planted trees on Common Lands. The money to fund this comes from the fees we have already collected from the EAB program – see above. We received our tree order on May 18 and all of these trees have been planted. Now – to keep them watered!

Stump Removal: This year we have removed several dead or partially dead trees, so we will be getting our stump removal guy (Stump Eaters) to come to Bayshore again. If you have a stump that you would like to get rid of, let me know and I will add you to the list.

Tree Removal: I remind new residents that we have an agreement in Bayshore that you need to consult with me if you want to remove any tree larger than four inches at the base. Our resident arbourist is available to help assist in making a plan – usually involves a plan for replacement so that we can maintain our tree cover. This year we will have to remove more dead or dying Poplar trees on the Golf Course and common areas. We are getting quotes to have the majority of the task completed by a contractor (possibly this winter to save money?)

Garden Committees: We have five areas where we plant flowers each year – Front entrance, Hayloft, and the three marinas. Note that we need volunteers in some of these groups. If you would like to volunteer, please call me. To make life easier, we have refurbished the irrigation system at the Hayloft.

Beaver Monitoring: As part of the Arbour Plan, more attention will be given to making our Village less attractive to beavers. There has been very little activity so far this year. If anyone sees a beaver, please let me know so we can monitor their activities.

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. 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 will be implementing. We have presented some of these ideas to the Township, and they have agreed in principle, but have no intentions to help implement. Most of these ideas were not implemented to date, despite making promises. We will continue to work on this issue.

Golf Course: A major rebuild of the irrigation system was completed over a year ago. Last summer, we implemented an "Oversight Management" contract with a third party to bring professional advice and specialty equipment in to provide some services when required. This has eased the burden of responsibility from our volunteers and has brought an elevated level of maintenance to our golf course. This will be continued into the foreseeable future.

Harbour 33 Parking Lot and Surrounding Areas: With the planting of six trees, this area is complete. A sincere "Thank You" to Keith

Bellamy and his volunteers for making this marina and surrounding common lands a showcase of what can be done with a coordinated plan.

Harbour 66 Parking Lot and Surrounding Areas: Harbour 66 will see some work this fall. When this is complete, we will add more gravel to the parking lot. A purple martin bird house will be installed on the Eastern Spit. Beaver tunnel cave-ins have been filled so that the grass can be cut more easily.

Harbour 99 Parking Lot and Surrounding Areas: A proposal to add fill, harbour stone and drainage to the north side of Harbour 99 will be presented at the September meeting for review and approval. This area is very low and it is usually impossible to cut the grass or walk in this area until mid summer. We are trying to establish a "buffer" zone of 10 to 15 feet by planting bushes, grasses, etc. Raising this area will allow that to happen in subsequent years. This plan includes expanding the parking lot and adding more gravel, but as an interim, we added more gravel on June 16 to get us through this summer. The stones that were stored in the parking lot have been removed. The pile of curbs will now be placed around the perimeter.

Drainage/Ditches: Over a year ago the Township "improved" the drainage path from Vicars Pond to Harbour 99. So far this winter, the water level has remained excessively high and only begins to drain after levels have reached a critical point. The Township is promising to work on this again this year, as everyone can see that improvement is still necessary. We will do our part by ensuring that the drainage path through Harbour 99 property is maintained. The level in Vicars Pond at the time of writing, after the excessive rains, is VERY high with no drainage flow. Please can everyone on Vicars use your irrigation pumps to help lower the levels.

This year we plan to work on three drainage "swales" that cross private residents' properties. These have not been cleared in several years and are now overdue.

Most driveway culverts in Bayshore are partially blocked. The Township has not cleared these in recorded history, and they are overdue. I had an estimate to clear all culverts – about \$40,000, so it's not that expensive! We will work with the Township to improve drainage in all ditches.

Garbage Pickup: The inevitable garbage keeps appearing! Please help with this task by not contributing more and taking a plastic bag with you when out for a walk. If we all pick up a little, the task of keeping our Village looking litter-free is eased.

Snow Removal Contract: A new three year contract has been signed with Total Cottage Care. Everyone seems happy with the performance of this contractor, based on this past winter.

Grass Cutting Contract: A new three year contract was approved at the May GM meeting, so we are in the process of signing up with Clintar. John Lamb is back again. He is having challenges with the rain and rapid grass growth, but he is coping very well, as usual.

Eco Park: The wood chips can be spread all the way around the pathway, if volunteers would like to help – anytime, at your convenience. 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 this summer. Note that there is a separate fund for any monies to be spent.

Walkways: We will be doing some work on the pathways as they are starting to be overgrown with weeds and grass. We will use pool chlorine to control the weeds as it is the least toxic to the environment. Addition of limestone chips will also help as the excessive alkalinity will deter growth of vegetation.

Steve Goulter
Director of Common Lands

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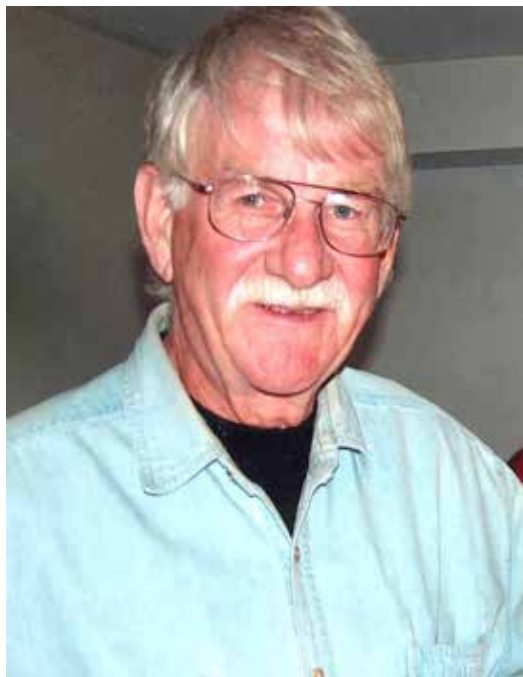
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In Memoriam

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



Gerald (Gerry) R. Heal, 1934 – 2022

After a long health battle, and with family by his side, Gerry Heal at the age of 87 passed away at Leacock Care Centre, Orillia on Tuesday, June 7, 2022. Beloved husband of Sandra. Loved father to Cynthia Hotoyan (Roger), Peter Heal (Audra), and Rebecca Birmingham (Rob). Gerry was an avid skier in the winter and boater and golfer in the summer. He loved to build things with his own hands including his red boat he named aptly named Scorpio. He also enjoyed a walk with family after a good meal and was always asking Sandra to make him a sandwich. Gerry would have a little shot occasionally and called it a "halfy". Take a moment, share a story and have a halfy in his honour.



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Garage Sale



Our first garage sale post-COVID was a success! We really lucked out with a perfect day! Thanks go out to Dave Renaud, John Simerson, Keith Meadows, Joey Torchia, Barb Cordeiro and all those who helped with the advertising! Thanks also to the participants and buyers!

Farmer's Market



Come out to the Hayloft parking lot on Wednesdays between 11-2 and meet Bailey at by-the-rock Farm. Menu items will change weekly but they offer prepared foods, jams, pickles, seasonings, fresh pies, tarts and vegetables. More vendors could soon be added as well.

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Bayshore Village Car Club Showcase



This 1950 Mercury, known as "Northern Lights", was originally chopped and customized by Chris Robinson, custom builder and owner of Robinson Restoration. In 2016, this car underwent a complete show-quality, four-year, no expense spared, restoration with over 1,200 man hours invested in the build. The Merc was stripped to bare metal to uncover the body with no patch panels. All of Robinson's modifications were left intact, but all of the bodywork and gaps were massaged in my home shop/garage in Bayshore Village. The paint is a custom mix by Boot Hill Auto Restorers in a PPG 5-stage Candy Black Cherry Pearl called Northern Lights. This beautiful custom car is powered by a turn-key computerized go port injected 327/350 hp V8 engine with automatic transmission. It sits on a stock dropped modified chassis with an upgraded Pro Comp Suspension Lift Kit Components system. It is equipped with 4-piston SSBC Elite disc brakes on all four wheels that provide stopping power to the new Coker Specialty wheels and classic wide whitewall tires.

The exterior features a 6 inch chop at the A pillars and the B pillars were removed and hard-topped 7-1/2 inches. The rear end of the car was torpedo backed and the corners were rounded. Everything has been shaved, and the hood modified with a forward 2-1/2 inch drop. New stainless steel hardware and fasteners, hand-formed windows and sail panels, filled and peaked bumpers and grille display show quality chrome. The light features include custom thread-on headlight bezels and factory tail light bezels with HID headlights. The professionally done pearl gray interior features custom upholstered, hand stitched, vinyl seats, custom console, Dakota Digital VHX dash, power windows, Vintage Air heat and air conditioning, and a Custom Sound boombox stereo. The side skirts are included. It is one of only 800 Mercury Monterey 2-door luxury coupes produced in 1950.



I always wanted an all steel 1949-1951 chopped and dropped "lead sled" in the spirit of original customizers: Barris Brothers, Bill Hines, Gene Winfield, Bo Huff.

Reid Drysdale

Happy Hour Mixers

Forty residents attended the first Happy Hour Mixer on June 10th. Thanks go out to the five gracious hosts and to all those who provided delicious appetizers and treats. We have three more mixers to enjoy this summer on July 8th, August 19th and September 30th. If you haven't already signed up you can e-mail Wendy Lucas at glenn.lucas@sympatico.ca and join in on the fun!

Wendy Lucas

Photo by host Fatima Finnegan



Bachelorette Party

It was an exciting evening for Janet Porter when the girls of Park Lane held a surprise Bachelorette soiree on June 25. It was a lovely evening getting together with our neighbours and welcome new faces. Helen Federovich was the charming hostess who did a marvelous job of decorating and presented a delicious array of treats. Especially, the champagne!



Janet and Robert live in Bayshore along with their two fur babies, Bailey and Oscar. They will be married on July 16 with their reception right here in Bayshore at the Hayloft.

Congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple.

Brenda James



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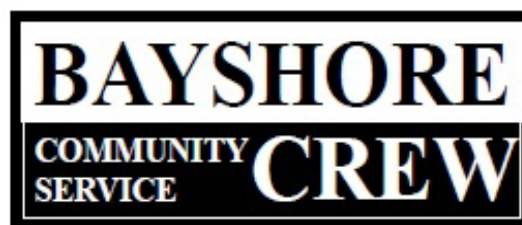
Bayshore Community Service Crew




On April 23rd, the Bayshore Community Service Crew hosted their "Spring Into the Spirit of Giving Event" with the mission of helping those in need with items that are commonly disregarded. The Crew, currently run by Franchi, Shania and Madelyn, conducted their second annual pill bottle drive as well as their first pop can tab and milk bag collections. The event resulted in great success: In total, 1025 pill bottles, over 3500 pop can tabs, and over 500 milk bags were collected.

In the same fashion as last year, the pill bottles will be donated to the Lion's Club, who will then send them to developing nations. Containers for medication can be scarce in certain countries, so by sending these resources, we are able to help provide better medical care across the world.

This year, the Crew decided to collect milk bags and pop can tabs as well. The milk bags will be donated to a charity where they will be crocheted into mattresses for those in developing countries. The pop can tabs will be donated to the March of Dimes Canada, which is a charity dedicated to helping those with disabilities. By collecting and recycling pop can tabs, the organization can generate funds which are then donated to various programs that buy, repair, and maintain mobility and assistive equipment. Bayshore, the simple act of collecting and donating your unused items have helped so many people over the years. Thank you for your continued participation and compassion for the Crew's events. Your donations have made all the difference in the lives of countless individuals. Thank you again, Bayshore, for your kind and generous donations!

Madelyn Healy, Shania Raina, Franchi Torchia



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In spite of the rain and cold, Bayshore residents came through once again with their generous donations for the Sharing Place Food Drive.

We collected a total of \$875.00 plus 1007 pounds of food!

Congrats to all who contributed to this great cause!

**Leslie and Jim Fielding
Merrill and Steve Miller**



HAPPY CANADA DAY!



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The Arts

We have now been able to reopen our Art Gallery in the Dart Room. This is a call to all artists in Bayshore: Every month we change the show. On the west wall we have our Featured Artist, who shows several pieces of theirs, and on the north wall we have the group wall where Bayshore artists are invited to show one or two of their pieces. Our first featured artist in May was Victor Relvas, and our July artist will be Maria Saringer. I'm looking for new artists monthly beginning in August. Please get in touch with me, Pat Beecham at 705 484-0221 or beecoop79@gmail.com.

For June, I put a call out for artists with paintings of sights in Bayshore. Unfortunately there were no takers, so we used my paintings of the Bayshore ponds and others. We are working to set up a course in acrylics sometime in the fall. We will keep you posted about that. We have had so many newcomers over the past two years, I'm hoping that we'll hear from you about showing your work and taking classes.

The Hayloft is booked for our 12th Annual Creative Arts Show for Saturday, October 1. We will use the card room and the dart room. We invite all artists and artisans and crafters to take part.

Here are some pictures of the recent shows in the Dart Room (Our Art Gallery):

Pat Beecham



Display by Catherine Hermans



Display by Marilyn Goulter



Overview of Canada Day show



Featured Artist in June was Pat Beecham



Featured Artist in May was Victor Relvas

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Summer

The sky is blue,
The rain has ended,
The atmosphere refreshed, renewed
Breeze blowing, ever gently
In my face
As I sit upon my chair,
On my deck,
On a lovely summer day
In June.....
The birdsong enfolds me
In cheerful calls,
like a warm shoulder
to cast my head on
In soulful contemplation.

By Marilyn Goulter



The swallows have finally found a home. I call this my "Covid Birdhouse", made during no-contact times. When an artist gets bored, they get creative! – **Keith Meadows**

Wildlife

This is one of about six black squirrels with yellowish-blond tails running around my gardens, and there are at least three grey squirrels with the same colour tails! They all seem very healthy and active. In fact, at one point I saw eleven of them all running after each other, but they are just too fast for me to catch in a photo. I don't know what causes this tail colour; it's definitely not like the white tail of the white squirrels, and the red squirrels are much smaller and skinnier than the black and grey ones. My daughter laughingly said, "Maybe they're going blond for the summer?" – **Mary Andrews**



We had the pleasure of seeing this old fella crossing the road toward the park. We were able to show some visiting children and ensure he made his journey safely. – **Catherine Plue**



A patient and successful fish catcher. – **Mary Nolan**

Mom decided to make her nest in our planter on the front porch. Maybe not the best location but they survived. It was fun watching them hatch and grow with mom's tender loving care. – **Liz Meharg**



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Newcomers Celebration

Newcomers Welcome Luncheon was held on June 11. Over 100 residents attended with 28 newcomer families welcomed. Keith Meadows emceed and in all, there were over 20 individuals who volunteered to make this a wonderful welcoming. Our Newcomers shared their stories and from those stories, we were all able to realize that our newest residents will add tremendously to Bayshore. We will continue to grow our community with that sense of togetherness, and appreciation and caring for one another.

Debbie Rautins



Kevin and Diane Peebles



Dave and Chantel Munroe



Leslie and Dean Nisbett



Pamela Bowes



Bill and Shirley Bogardis



John and Patti Pilnuik



Karen Moore



Ian and Helene Maikawa



Gord and Karen Semple



Fatima and Brian Finnegan



Paul and Velma Burley



Stephen and Michele Farley



Darlene and Corrado Roccasalva



Roger Sicard



Activities of Bayshore Event

Following the Newcomers Celebration, the first “Activities of Bayshore” event was held downstairs. Many groups presented their passions with posters and representations of the activity.

The area was bustling with activity and all the effort put into this was rewarded by interested parties signing up and discovering an activity or two they might be interested in! This idea was presented by Rick Matthews and it was great to see the positive response from our groups and new residents! Thank you to all!

Debbie Rautins



BVYC – Elaine Ney,
Patrick Murphy



Darts – Linda Bridges,
Jim Fielding



Pickleball – Bill Merkely



Biking – Joey Torchia



Aquafit – Deborah May



VON – Wendy Lucas,
Linda Bridges



Bocce Ball – Roger
Sicard, Donna Wilson



Tennis – Norm Seaward



Bridge – Pat Beecham



Golf – Bill Pasel, Irene
Heinz, Marc Bertrand



Walkfit – Barb Thurgood,
Linda Horbay, Audrey Lewis

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WANTED

The Social Committee would like to expand our numbers as we look forward to providing Bayshore with more events, especially during the non-summer months.

We are currently hoping to have a total committee of nine, adding two more. The commitment is one meeting a month, assisting and attending most events as available. The Committee is focused on the planning and organization of events. We have over 30 Auxiliary Members who assist at events.

Please email Debbie at debbierautins@gmail.com if you're interested in helping build community!

Golf Classic

June 25th was the Bayshore Village Golf Classic Tournament. It was a perfect day and the turnout was fantastic!

Special thanks go out to our sponsors:

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Men's Overall Champion: Jack Heitzner

Women's Overall Champion: Irene Heinz

Men's Golf Segment: Norm Seaward

Ladies Golf Segment: Lisa Tobin

Men's Putting Segment: Marc Bertrand

Ladies Putting Segment: Mary Ellen Simerson

Special Putting Award: Julie Murray

Marc Bertrand

Photos by Janice Latorre



Jack Heitzner, Men's Overall Champion



Irene Heinz, Women's Overall Champion



Special thanks to Bill Pasel for all his help in organizing the great golf tournaments that we've had over the years!!



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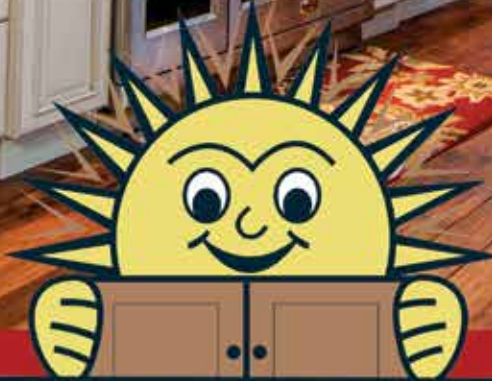
Youth Social Committee - Easter Egg Hunt & Cake Decorating

Thank you to all the families who attended the Kids' Easter Egg Hunt and participated in cupcake decorating! The Easter Bunny was very busy hiding 360 eggs inside and outside The Hayloft! Hope to see you all in September for our next event!

Franchi Torchia and Shania Raina
Children's Event Coordinators



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Kayaking News

Some of the kayakers from Bayshore have enjoyed a few great paddles this season. We try to keep our Tuesdays free for a quick paddle or a longer, away adventure. Our BVYC was fun and always a few laughs followed us across the water.

Glenn & Wendy organized a river paddle to Burnt River, a trip to McRae Park was gorgeous, and our Canada Day participation was a blast!

Several more upcoming events to follow, St. John's Lake, lunch at TailWinds, Green & Black Rivers and of course our beautiful bay and local rivers.

Paddles Up,

Lynda Bertrand

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Big Chief Island Bay

We spent a very hot and humid weekend on Big Chief Island Bay. The feel of being on the water, enjoying the views, and cooling off in the water was awesome. It has been years since we were able to do this with our Covid lockdowns and we're so glad we did it this year. We rafted up with some marina friends and between catching up with each other and sharing delicious meals, what more could one need? The sunset was magical, the air so fresh, and the cool winds so inviting. Sleeping on the water with a mild rocking was so good and I look forward to more of this again.

Marika Relvas



BV Ladies in Mexico

Our own Bayshore ladies, Sharon Dibb, former resident and resident Brenda James were delighted to receive their Oscars while on vacation in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. They were toasted with champagne by guests. Here's to you girls. OLE OLE !!!

Brenda James



Ash Tree Removal

Look up, way up. This is the Taplin Tree Care owner climbing, climbing, climbing up and up and up to begin cutting down this hugely tall ash tree in my front garden. I was terrified just watching him, and praying that he would be safe. As you can see, the uppermost portion of the tree is very slender, but also very long and so needed the utmost precision of exactly where he placed himself, and how he made the slanted cut to bring that portion of the tree down. He was successful, and backed his way down the remainder of the tree, cutting ten or twelve-foot sections one by one until he reached knee height on the ground. Phew! I'm glad that's over! I was always scared that ash tree would fall on my house and my bedroom was right in its path! I'm replacing it with an Autumn Blaze Maple, plus some Sugar Maple trees, but not so close to the house!

Mary Andrews



Boating Safety

Transport Canada publishes this resource to make sure that you know the regulations that apply to boating and that you learn more about safe and responsible boating practices. Boating is fun, but about 100 people die and many more get seriously injured every year in boating incidents. Most boating deaths and injuries can be avoided. While this guide offers a basic overview of boating safety requirements, it should not be your only source of information. No matter your age or experience, you should take a boating safety course. Visit Transport Canada for more information and accredited course providers.

More information for members with sailboards, kiteboards and powerboats/sailboats over 12 m (39'4") should consult the guide found at https://tc.canada.ca/sites/default/files/migrated/tp_511e.pdf

Paddleboats, Watercycles, Stand-up Paddleboards, Sealed-Hull and Sit-on-Top Kayaks

If everyone on board is wearing a lifejacket or a PFD of appropriate size, you are only required to carry: a sound-signalling device; and a watertight flashlight if the boat is used after sunset or before sunrise or in periods of restricted visibility.

Canoes, Kayaks, Rowboats, Rowing Shells, Other Human-Powered Boats

1) One lifejacket or PFD for each person on board; 2) One reboarding device; 3) One buoyant heaving line at least 15 m (49'3") long; If boat is over 6 metres: 4) One watertight flashlight; 5) Six flares of Type A, B, C or D; 6) One bailer OR one manual bilge pump OR Bilge-pumping arrangements; 7) One sound-signalling device or appliance; 8) Navigation lights; 9) One magnetic compass; 10) One radar reflector.

Personal Watercraft (PWC)

If every person on board a personal watercraft is wearing a lifejacket or a PFD of an appropriate size, you are only required to carry: 1) a sound-signalling device; 2) a watertight flashlight or three flares of Type A, B, C or D, only one can be Type D; 3) a magnetic compass if the personal watercraft is navigated out of sight of navigation marks; and 4) navigation lights if the personal watercraft is used after sunset or before sunrise or in periods of restricted visibility.

Sail and Power Boats up to 6 m (19'8")

1) One lifejacket or PFD for each person on board; 2) One reboarding device; 3) One buoyant heaving line at least

15 m (49'3") long. If boat is equipped with a motor: 4) One watertight flashlight OR three (3) flares of Type A, B, C or D, only one (1) can be Type D; 5) One manual propelling device OR one anchor and at least 15 m (49'3") of cable, rope or chain in any combination; 6) One bailer or manual bilge pump; 7) One sound-signalling device or appliance; 8) Navigation lights; 9) One magnetic compass; 10) One radar reflector; 11) One 5BC fire extinguisher if equipped with an inboard engine, a fixed fuel tank of any size, or a fuel burning cooking, heating or refrigerating appliance.

Sail and Power Boats over 6 m and up to 9 m (19'8" - 29'6")

1) One lifejacket or PFD for each person on board; 2) One reboarding device; 3) One buoyant heaving line at least 15 m (49'3") long OR one lifebuoy attached to a buoyant line at least 15 m (49'3") long; 4) One watertight flashlight; 5) Six flares of Type A, B, C or D, only two can be Type D; 6) One manual propelling device OR one (1) anchor and at least 15 m (49'3") of cable, rope or chain in any combination; 7) One bailer or manual bilge pump; 8) One sound-signalling device or appliance; 9) Navigation lights; 10) One magnetic compass; 11) One radar reflector; 12) One 5BC fire extinguisher if equipped with a motor; 13) One 5BC fire extinguisher if equipped with a fuel burning cooking, heating or refrigerating appliance.

Sail and Power Boats over 9 m and up to 12 m (29'6" - 39'4")

1) One lifejacket or PFD for each person on board; 2) One reboarding device; 3) One buoyant heaving line at least 15 m (49'3") long; 4) One lifebuoy attached to a buoyant line at least 15 m (49'3") long; 5) One watertight flashlight; 6) Twelve flares of Type A, B, C or D, only six can be Type D; 7) One anchor and at least 30 m (98'5") of cable, rope or chain in any combination; 8) One manual bilge pump OR bilge-pumping arrangements; 9) One sound-signalling device or appliance; 10) Navigation lights; 11) One magnetic compass; 12) One radar reflector; 13) One 10BC fire extinguisher if equipped with a motor; 14) One 10BC fire extinguisher if equipped with a fuel-burning cooking, heating or refrigerating appliance.

*Excerpted and summarized
from Transport Canada Safe Boating Guide
by Joey Torchia*

For full Guide, please visit
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Bayshore Village Yacht Club ("BVYC")



Excursions for all boaters, sailors, PWC's, and kayakers Tuesdays or Thursdays in July and August. When we see good weather, we will call for an outing! Destinations for our on-water community include Lagoon City, McRae Point Provincial Park, Mara Provincial Park, and Sunset Sail. Alternate destinations for power boats and PWC's include Orillia, Carthew Bay, Chicken Bay and Thorah Island.

July 19-20 Wet Hogs – PWC excursion to Glen House Resort

September 23 – BVYC Wrap-Up Party at Hayloft

Contact 4laine@gmail.com for more info.

Golf Committee

In the Golf Committee's continuing effort to improve and maintain our beautiful gem of a golf course, Dol Turf Management has been contracted again for the second year to perform various turf management processes that volunteers just cannot perform. These processes include licensed management and application of pesticides and herbicides which is required by Ontario law, fertilizing and seeding as required, mechanical aeration on the greens, and finally, advice on watering and growing techniques. The pictures included here were from June 10th when Dol Turf performed a sand core injection on the greens. This process uses water and pressure to inject a 4 cm plug of sand into the green with very little disturbance to the surface. This sand core helps de-thatch the greens somewhat, helps firm them up, and allows new material for grass to grow in. And the nice part of this injection process is the greens are playable within one half hour after just a bit of cleanup.



We must all also give a huge shout out to our Clintar grass cutter John Lamb. He takes pride in his work and does a wonderful job keeping our course looking great. Give him a wave and say thanks when you see him on the course, and please don't hit him with a golf ball LOL – we don't want to lose him! And thanks to all the volunteers that also help the Committee keep this course in excellent shape. As a reminder, we can all help with course maintenance by filling your divots with sand on the tee boxes and fixing plug marks on the greens. We can always use more volunteers, if interested contact Marc Bertrand or Rick Indewey.

And finally, this year the committee hopes you have noticed our improvements for your golf experience, logo hats and polo shirts, new bag tags, new logo flags on the pins, golf card caddy on the 1st tee box, and proper broken tee holders on each tee box.

Enjoy your golf this year everyone.

Rick Indewey

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Bayshore Anglers

When the lilacs bloom, the walleye have finished their spawning and have put on the feed bag to replenish their bodies from the pre-spawn fast.

This is the season the walleye fishermen have waited for: the walleye are still in the shallow bays feeding as the water is still cold enough to keep them comfortable.

Lake Simcoe is a tough lake to fish for walleye. Simcoe walleye are nomads, chasing and following large schools of baitfish such as shiners or juvenile perch, so parking a boat on a shoal and "still fishing" just isn't going to do it.

Trolling is the best option. Finding the large bait balls of shiners and looking for those arcs on the fish finder underneath at about 30-40 feet may get you into some fine walleye. The term "may" get you the elusive Simcoe walleye is being used as many believe the walleye fishery in Simcoe is about dead.

The Talbot River walleye run has dwindled in recent years, yet the MNRF claims there are lots of walleye in Simcoe. Some Bayshore residents who fish a lot say they haven't seen them in years. That is a mystery and one we'd love to hear about if you are lucky enough to catch one.

July is bass season opening. Here in Bayshore, we are surrounded by some of the best bass fishing anywhere. Whether it is Largemouth Bass or Smallmouth Bass, there are lots and big ones too, thanks to the Round Goby. The Goby is an invasive species that came from the Baltic Sea via ship ballasts draining into the St Lawrence River. They have adapted and migrated throughout the Great Lakes and surrounding areas. Our native fish have taken a liking to them and they have become a mainstay in their diet. Since their introduction, fish sizes for all species seem

to have grown. For example, as a child fishing in Innisfil, Smallmouth or Green Bass as we called them, were much smaller in size than the footballs of today. "Smallies" are tipping scales at 8 lbs plus these days and has made our Lake Simcoe into a world class bass lake. Some say the Smallmouth Bass is the best, pound for pound, fighting fish in the water.

Also in our area perch and jumbo perch are abundant. We have very good Northern Pike fishing in Barnstable Bay. There are also Musky, Bowfin, Catfish, Black Crappie, Carp and also the Sunfish and Bluegill.

And how can I write an Angler's page without mentioning the Canada Day, Children's Fishing Derby. Congratulations to all those Junior Anglers who participated in our derby this year! It is so rewarding to myself as well as my amazing volunteers who guided so many youngsters in catching all those fish. Some for the very first time!!

Thank you to all who came out!

Have fun out there and see you on the water!

We are still looking for other authors to tell their stories and share their experiences as well as expertise on the Anglers page.

Don't forget to send those pictures to myself at keithmeadows1956@gmail.com or susan@hazlett.ca.

Keith Meadows



Dave Renaud with a beauty Smallmouth Bass caught in Barnstable Bay.



Keith Meadows found this little fella off Strawberry Island. They are out there!



Opening Day: "Don't worry, kid. You'll get used to it."



"I must say, you put up a very good fight!"



Brian Finnegan and a huge Bowfin

Houseboat Relocated



May 11 was the day the houseboat that had been “parked” on environmentally protected land was successfully pulled out and sailed on to its new destination. Finally! It was years of struggle by the Bayshore Board and residents to try to have the houseboat removed. Luckily when the new owners bought the property, one of the provisions was that the houseboat be removed. They were able to get it out, it didn’t sink, and now it’s gone and the little creek is flowing as it should be.

Mary Nolan



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It's Always Sunny in Bayshore

Q: What do you call a paper airplane that can't fly?

A: Stationary.

The gurgle, gurgle, glug, glug coming from the kitchen sink strikes terror in my heart.

Soon after moving into Bayshore five years ago, whenever I would drain water from a pot of pasta or empty the basin of water after doing dishes, the sink would seem to burp itself. I thought it sounded cute. Joey was concerned.

He bought powders, potions, tonics and tinctures to unblock our pipes. He spent hours scouring online forums for professional opinions. Nothing he tried had any effect.

Then, three years ago while hosting both our families on Thanksgiving, the sink backed up and wouldn't drain – forcing us to finally call a plumber. Six hundred dollars later, there was a temporary fix to the blockage but because of the slope of the pipe and its excessive number of connections and bends, the plumber informed us that it would continue to happen. He surprised us with the news that he was no stranger to the plumbing issues of 23 Park Lane. The best option, he said, was to spend a few thousand dollars and rip up the ceiling in the basement and permanently fix the problem.

We did not do this.

Less than six months after the Thanksgiving fiasco, I heard the gurgle, gurgle, glug, glug once again. Joey quickly called a company that could pressure-wash the pipes with blazing hot water. Three hundred dollars and about a thousand gallons of water later, the pipes were "squeaky clean."

...Until later that day when I heard, "gurgle, gurgle, glug, glug."

Off to Home Depot we went! We were going to rent an industrial machine and attempt to snake the pipes ourselves. We were going to conquer this smelly, slimy, putrid beast, once and for all.

For \$100 and no operating instructions, we had just 24 hours to unclog the pipes.

I'm planning to pitch this idea to Netflix as a reality show. Here's the promo (use an announcer's voice for the full effect): "Can couples survive a do-it-yourself project without losing their minds...and their marriages. Watch how couples-in-love react when they work together to unclog a drain. This Thursday, you'll meet Lauren and Joey, a happy couple who have been married for over 20 years. Will they survive being sprayed with sludge when the snake starts spinning out of control? Will Lauren contract typhoid fever when she accidentally ingests some pipe-goo? Grab a bowl of popcorn, sit back and relax. Your marriage has never looked so good! It's feel-good TV."

If there was a way to test a couple's compatibility, this would be it. It's a good thing I find Joey so handsome (and a pretty good Pickleball partner).

When we finally retracted the snake, a large chunk of unidentifiable matter dislodged and we were confident this fossil was the culprit of all our plumbing woes.

Months went by and the sink was silent. Could we have fixed the problem that professionals could not? We were amazing! High-five to us! Mission complete! Victory was ours!

And then, just yesterday... gurgle, gurgle, glug, glug.

I'm putting a "For Sale" sign on the lawn today.

Anyone want a house under water?...Excuse me, by the water?

I have a friend who tried to take a selfie in the shower but the image was too blurry. He has selfie-steam issues.

I just spent \$300 renting a limousine but discovered that the fee doesn't include a driver. I can't believe I spent all that money and I have nothing to chauffeur it.

It used to be free to fill your tires up with air and now it costs \$1.50. Know why? Inflation.

An angel appears in a puff of smoke to a man and says to him, "Because you have lived a good and virtuous life, I can offer you a gift: You can be the most handsome man in the world, you can have infinite wisdom, or you can have limitless wealth." Reflecting, the man says, "I'll take the wisdom."

"Wisdom is yours," says the angel, disappearing in another puff. The smoke is barely clear before the man thinks, "I should have taken the money."

It's a 5-minute walk from my house to the pub. It's a 30-minute walk from the pub to my house.

The difference is staggering.



Stay sunny Bayshore!

Lauren Torchia

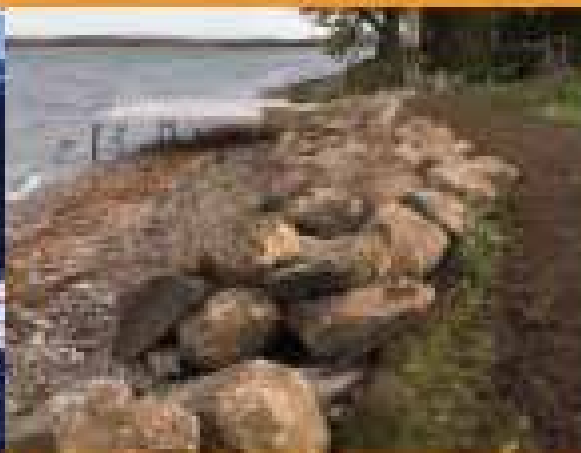
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Tales of an EV Rookie

Last November, I ordered a 100% electric Kia Niro Electric Vehicle, hoping to start driving it in the spring. The dealer said it would take 4-6 months to arrive, but it came in February, so I had to ask for it to be equipped with snow tires, and I learned my first lessons about using an EV under winter conditions. At this writing, I've had it for about four months, and summer is upon us.

It's been great fun to drive. When I want to get up to highway speed quickly, the noiseless pick-up pins the driver to the back of the seat. There are no pauses for gear changes because there is no transmission; just zooooom. Steering is stable. Almost no service is needed: no oil changes; no radiator, coolant or thermostat; no catalytic converter, no muffler, no tail pipe. Brakes last longer because there's a "regenerative system" that charges the battery by slowing down the car without touching the brakes. The tires will need replacing like other cars. Otherwise, all you have to replenish is windshield washer fluid. Unless you're as old as me, you will likely be driving an EV someday. I'm hoping that this narrative will help you make a well-informed decision. The most important issue for most buyers is range and charging opportunities. I'm going to deal with those issues last in this essay; a couple of other matters come first.

Why Now?

My old car, a 2013 Dodge Journey, was running very well and had reasonably new tires, so it might have kept going for another few years. But I'm old (82 this year). Who knows whether I will even be able to drive a car at the age of 85? As a result, I decided to join the EV parade early and act now, rather than just watch as the last years of my life dwindle away into oblivion. Ya gotta keep living as fully as you can, until you're not living any more. I see this as a tiny but real contribution to a moderate climate and cleaner air for my grandchildren.

Cost

This car cost more than twice as much as the most expensive car I've ever owned, and I've bought new cars for the past few decades. I was most interested in the Chevy Bolt, but they were on recall for battery problems, and no dealer would even guess when they might come back on stream. Base price for the Kia Niro is about \$45,000. You can find cheaper EVs (including Bolt, which is available now), and lots of more expensive ones. Tesla is beyond my price range. I decided to finance the cost at 3% rather than use my savings, which earned more than 12% last year (not so great this year).

Driving about 500 km/week (25,000/year), I was paying close to \$300 for gas every month (and it would probably be \$500 with increased gas prices today); that non-expense is paying for well over half the car payments. It's a fairly inexpensive way to drive a very elegant and powerful new car and feel that you're helping the environment. And it's a lot of fun driving past gas stations and watching the prices rise and fall and rise again.

Environmental Factors

If you've ever carried 25L of gasoline in a jerry can, you know how heavy it is. 87% of the weight of gasoline is carbon. In combustion, the carbon in the gas combines



with oxygen and comes out of the exhaust pipe as CO₂. Driving my old car (with a fairly small 2.4L engine) from Orillia to Toronto and back took about 25L of gas (that jerry can full) at less than 10L/100 km. The internet estimates that an average car puts 4,600 kilograms (more than four tons) of carbon into the air every year. That's a lot of smoke when multiplied by millions, and every year we're experiencing the increasing effects of worldwide greenhouse gas emissions in wildfires and violent weather. Everyone has to think about how to make the air cleaner, or

else our grandchildren will be living in dreadful conditions in a few decades.

I've seen a few articles complaining about the environmental damage done by EVs because of mining and manufacturing batteries. I prefer to accept statements such as the following, printed in the Toronto Star on March 16: "As provinces work to decarbonize their electricity grid, which more are doing, electric vehicles get cleaner over time... The battery is more mineral intensive, requiring more copper, lithium and cobalt. Mining those materials does have an environmental impact..." Still, higher environmental standards can be met "by ramping up battery recycling to reduce the amount of minerals that need to be mined. But when looking at carbon emissions on a life cycle basis, electric cars are much better."

Others have pointed out that our electricity system couldn't possibly serve the needs of millions of EVs, especially not with electricity from clean sources. Ontario's electricity grid is over 90% clean (if you consider nuclear to be clean). I'm confident that technology will evolve to provide renewable electricity to meet the needs of millions of EV drivers in the future.

Another friend said that he feared getting stuck in a traffic jam and not being able to recharge. That is a reasonable worry for gas-powered cars when they idle. EVs don't use any power while they're sitting still. Also, to relieve that

Tales of an EV Rookie (cont'd)

worry, the 24-hour roadside assistance package that comes with the car includes towing to the nearest charging station if it ever runs out of charge on the road. The real worry for an EV owner, which I've experienced twice, comes when you're driving on the highway 20 km from home, and the dashboard says you have 25 kms of juice left in the battery. So far, it hasn't been wrong.

Range and Charging

Range is the issue that is preventing most people from buying an EV right now. When my car arrived in February, its range when fully charged was 380 km. Winter driving reduces the real range, because cold weather, the car's heater, and winter tires all drain the car's battery. As a result, when the range tracker on the dashboard in February says that I have enough juice for 200 km, I find I'm running low after 160 km on the odometer. Now in the summer, full range is 445 km, and the car delivers all those kilometers. Too bad we don't live in California, but I'm still glad to be driving my EV in Ontario. For most daily driving needs, you will rarely use a commercial charging station. Generally, an EV gets charged in its own garage or driveway, overnight at off-peak rates.

My son Paul, who drives a Tesla and usually charges it in his driveway, says that his electricity bill rose by \$440 (less than \$40/month) in the first year that he owned his EV. (He drove 19,000 km.) That's a lot cheaper than \$300/month for gas.

My annual 25,000 km is a lot of mileage, and a lot of charging. It is a strange feeling, plugging in your car after every little trip, and it takes a lot of hours to recharge with a Level 1 charger, but I've only had to use a commercial charging station six times in the past four months (cost, about \$10 per time), usually as part of a return trip from Orillia to Toronto, which is slightly beyond the winter range of my EV.

I was using the level 1 charger that came with the car, which plugs into an ordinary 120-volt outlet. It took as long as two days to go from low to high, but the battery was rarely very low, and of course the car works perfectly well when it's not fully charged.

On June 28, an electrician installed a level 2 charger in our garage. It works from an outlet similar to your laundry dryer, and can charge the battery from low to high in one overnight. Total cost of the device, wiring and installation was about \$2,000; I understand there will be some government help to be claimed next year at income tax time. After four months of very slow charging, the Level 2 charger makes the car seems to charge like lightning now. For longer trips, the charging network for EVs like mine

simply isn't good enough yet. At present, it takes about an hour at a charging station to move the batteries from almost empty to almost full. Tesla's charging network is good enough to support a long trip with 15-minute charges. (My son drove his Tesla, with four people and their camping equipment, from Toronto to Lake Superior and back with no problems.) It is reported that Tesla is going to make its charging network available to EVs like mine in the near future, and that will be a big step forward for taking long trips.

When real inconvenience is foreseen, we're a hybrid household: my wife has a gasoline-powered car, so we can use hers if we're heading into the wilds of northern Ontario, or planning a long trip where we want to make the best time possible.

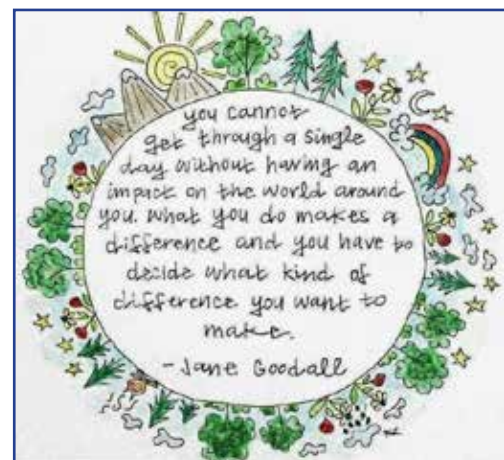
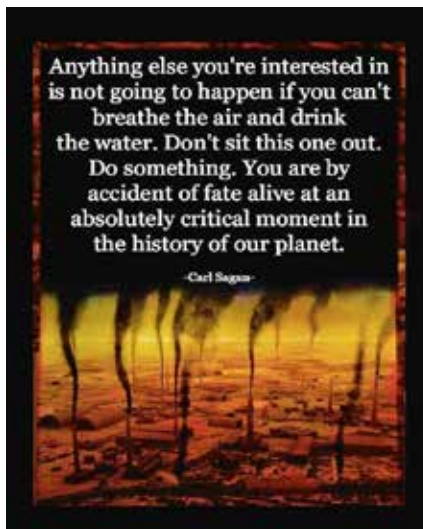
Summary

I bought this vehicle recognizing that there may be some inconvenience. I wanted to try to make a difference, even a tiny one, as soon as possible. And, though it takes some planning, I haven't had a serious problem yet.

I can hear thousands of readers saying that all this information confirms their intention to stay with their gas-powered vehicle for another few years. I agree that owning an EV adds a level of

complication, and continual involvement with charging and range. Still, I'm quite happy that I decided to get an EV now. I didn't do it for convenience, but to try to make a real, though small, contribution to a healthier environment for my grandchildren. The planet needs millions of people to take similar actions soon to achieve a sustainable future. And so I invite you to consider seriously the traditional question: "If not now, when?"

Noel Cooper



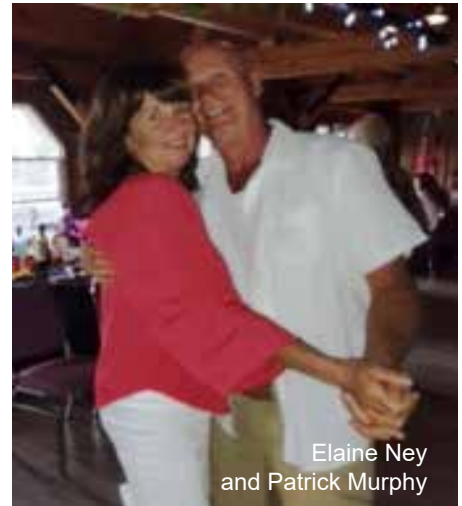
Spring Fling May 28

Our Spring Fling was attended by 80 people, catered by Big Doug, and the music was provided by DJ Steve. The excellent music and great food made for a fantastic party. Raffle prizes were provided by Gayle Summerland of Bayshore. Margaret Lover and Pamela Bowes generously donated their 50/50 winnings to Canada Day expenses. Thank you to our generous donors and to all who volunteered their time to make this event a success!

Debbie Rautins



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Ramara Public Library News

Summer time, it's here again! Are you up for the season or new to the area? Be sure to stop by the library to pick up your FREE library card and meet our staff. We look forward to seeing you!

We are back in action with daily summer programming and reading clubs for those ages 0-18! Registration is required for all and many spaces are going fast.

Ready to Read – Ages 0-5

TD Summer Reading Club – Ages 5-12

YA Summer Reading Club – Ages 12-18

Join your local summer reading club, borrow library books or eBooks from the Libby app with your card and report back to us on how you enjoyed them! You'll be entered in to win gift cards to local businesses of your choice. Good luck and happy reading!

All programs happen at the Ramara Centre branch, unless otherwise stated. All are FREE!

Tuesday: Touch a Truck 10:30 AM – All ages welcome

Tuesday: The Green Thumb Club 2 PM – Ages 4-12

Wednesday: Get Ready for Kindergarten 10 AM – Ages 4-6

Wednesday: Snack 'n Relax 2 PM – Ages 8-18

Thursday: Get Crafty 10:30 AM – Ages 4-12

Thursday: Superheroes of Ramara 2 PM – Ages 6-18



Friday: Roam Ramara (various locations) 10 AM – All ages

Saturday: Lego Challenges at both branches

Saturday, July 23rd, 30th, August 6th and 13th: Makerspace

Saturday drop in 10 AM til noon

All participants in the reading clubs and daily programming will be invited to our summer wrap up party with entertainment, prizes, food and more on Saturday, August 27th at 10 AM.

Looking to join a great book club, meet new people and discuss all things lit? Join the Ramara Book Club at the Ramara Centre on the last Wednesday of the month at 1:30. The July book is Kristin Hannah's "Four Winds". Order a copy to read at your local branch.

Looking for a fun way to get active with the family or while caring for grandchildren? Visit the Lagoon City Trail or Ramara Trail during the months of July and August for a Story Book Walk!

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Bridge News

With most of the COVID restrictions relaxed, Bridge is becoming more active at Bayshore. There are three opportunities to play at Bayshore. The Ladies Bridge (in winter becomes General Bridge) takes place on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. in the Great Room (card room) at the Hayloft. We can accommodate up to four tables. For further information or if you would like to join us, please contact Pat Beecham-Cooper at 705 484-0221 or at beecoop79@gmail.com.

Men's Bridge takes place on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. For further information, contact Noel Cooper at nhpcoop@yahoo.com or phone 705 484-0221. Also in the card room at the Hayloft.

If you used to play bridge a long time ago and would like to freshen up, Pat Beecham teaches basic bridge on Friday mornings at 11:00 (right after VON). These lessons are tapered for beginning bridge and brushing up including some very commonly used conventions so you will feel comfortable playing with the ladies and/or the men. Call Pat if you are interested. Also in the card room.

Congratulations to the following players who scored the highest points from March 23 to June 29 on Wednesday afternoons (Ladies):

Dorothy Hall	5790
Fran McVie	5510
Maria Saringer	4690

On the men's side, Lloyd Lockhart had an amazing day on June 23. In the first round, he and partner Jack Fraser won by 2700 to nada. In the second round, as Doug Sellery's partner, he won by a modest score of 740-160. In the third round, playing with Noel Cooper, his team won three games and ended by bidding and making a vulnerable grand slam (7 no trump!). Lloyd's total on that round was 3540, for a grand total of 6980 points on the day. Jack Fraser took home second prize, with a little more than half of Lloyd's total.



Pat Beecham

Spring Perennial Plant Swap

Another successful perennial plant swap organized by Wendy Lucas, Donna Wilson and Glenn Lucas was held on Sunday, June 5th at the Hayloft.

Thanks go out to all the Bayshore residents who generously filled tables with their lush, hardy perennials, shrubs and even some trees. A lot of choosing and trading went on, and sharing of gardening tips and advice.

Anne Harwood also brought some of her glass flower creations which look lovely in any garden and added to our display. There were even enough perennials left over after the event to share with some lucky residents who just happened by.

There is already talk of another perennial swap in the fall.

Wendy Lucas

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Ladies Garden Hat Luncheon

I invited the ladies from our walking group over for a fun luncheon on June 16th. Although we were bombarded by a windy storm at the beginning of our day, the sun appeared and the rest of the gathering was a wonderful success. I had prizes for the best designed hats. There were so many to choose from but our winners were pleased with their gifts. I so enjoyed having them all here but missed a few ladies that were unable to come. Such a variety of yummy dishes and desserts were delicious too. My sangria was enjoyed by all and now that all the ladies have headed back home, I plan to sit back with a glass of sangria and reminisce on the day's event.

Marika Relvas



Marika (L) and Maria (R)



"Hats off" and a tip of the hat (actually many hats) and our thanks to Marika Relvas for being the hostess with the "mostest" and putting on a wonderful Ladies Garden Hat Luncheon. Delicious food and fun was had by all. – Janice Latorre



Photos by Marika Relvas and Janice Latorre



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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!

S'mores

Summer = S'mores, right? Well, if you don't have a campfire to roast these treats, you and your little ones can still enjoy this concoction of melted chocolatey goodness.

First, pour about a half cup of chocolate chips into a shallow microwave-safe bowl, and melt them in the microwave for about a minute, stirring halfway through. As that's going, put some graham crackers in a ziplock bag and smash them into bits. My g'kids especially liked doing this part, using my rolling pin to whack the crackers. Next, spear a marshmallow with a popsicle stick or cake pop stick. Older kids could use a shishkabob skewer – just watch the pointy ends. Hold the end of the stick and roll the marshmallow around in the melted chocolate. Last but not least, sprinkle the graham cracker crumbs onto the chocolate. So good you'll want to have s'more!

Here's a tip for all you parents and grandparents: Now that you have the marshmallows out after making your s'mores, put some of the extra or stale ones away in a ziplock bag and store them in the freezer. This makes a perfect children's cold pack for an oopsie, ouchie or boo-boo. They keep fairly soft, don't get ice cold, and have no sharp edges. (photo credit facebook/kidsactivitiesblog)

I saw this somewhere and thought we'd give it a try. It really works!

Start your seeds in ice cream cones and plant in the ground when ready. It's the perfect biodegradable hack for your young gardeners.



Super Bouncy Balls (*not suitable for children under 5*)

Dissolve 1 Tbsp Borax into 1/2 cup warm water. Slowly add about 2 Tbsp Elmer's Glue (Elmer's seems to work best and not the dollar store types). If desired, use half and half of clear Elmer's and Elmer's Glitter Glue for a glittery ball like the one pictured.



The glue will start to harden in the solution. Pick up the glue glob and start to roll it and manipulate it into a ball shape until it is no longer sticky. You will be left with the liquid solution in the bowl as the ball is the glue's reaction in the liquid, but the ball is really only made up of the glue.

It should be super bouncy! Over time it will flatten and can be re-rolled and shaped a couple of times, but that this is a temporary "toy" and more of an science experiment – the ball won't last forever. Have fun and see how high your ball can bounce! (source www.lifescarousel.com)

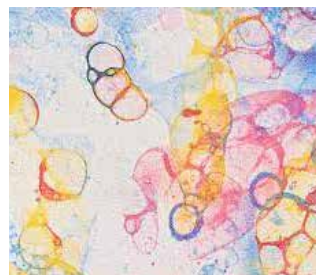
Popped Bubble Art

It's a good thing it's summertime because this craft is definitely an outside project! It can be messy so have the kids put on their smocks or "crafty clothes" and take this out on your lawn. We used water soluble food colouring and we still got it everywhere. Get some bubble mix from the dollar store or make your own* and divide it into a few separate cups or bowls. I suggest using disposable paper cups. Add different food colouring to each cup or bowl.



Using a wand

There are two easy ways to do this craft, each achieving a different result: (1) kids can use a bubble wand, and simply dip it into the various colours and blow bubbles onto craft paper; or (2) for older kids only please, place a straw directly into the coloured bubble mix and blow OUT (do not inhale!). As the bubbles expand over the top of the cups, place the craft paper on top of the bubbles.



Using a straw

In either case, as the bubbles pop, they'll make beautiful works of art! The kids can make their own wrapping paper, place mats – whatever they can think of!

***Home made bubble mix:** Dissolve 2 Tbsp sugar into 1/2 cup hot water. Pour into 1 cup room temperature water. Stir. Add 1/2 cup dish soap. Stir and it's ready. And yes, I said sugar! The sugar acts as a binding agent and will make awesome bubbles!

Susan Hazlett



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Ladies Golf League Mondays 10 am.
Contact Irene Heinz.

Mahjong Mondays at 1 pm.
Contact Kathy Alden.

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Contact Pat Beecham-Cooper/Noel Cooper.

Pickleball email Amanda at amanda.knapp@live.ca
For **Lessons** email artena_hutchison@hotmail.com

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

Volleyball Mondays and Thursdays 6:30 pm at Pier 99. Contact Terri Papa.

Boaters//Kayaks/PWC excursions Tuesdays or Thursdays. See bulletin board or 4laine@gmail.com

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