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## Carter's Big Catch



This is our grandson, Carter, who has tried all summer to catch "the big Bowfin". After many skunked fishing attempts, his summer was complete right before heading home to Burlington and back to school. One last cast before hitting the road on Labour Day Monday his mission was complete by catching this 5 lb Bowfin!

**Colleen and Roger Sicard**

## Golf Classic Fun



Jim Brunner photobombs Donna Wilson at the Golf Classic! Jim Bridges is behind and looking very serious!

## Welcome New Neighbours

A warm welcome to our newest neighbours in Bayshore Village:

Johanne & Manfred, 173 Bayshore

Sherri & Doug, 46 Southview

Maurice, 175 Bayshore

John & Cheryl, 20 Sandlewood

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who contributed articles and photos to this issue.



Photo by Donna Sverdrup

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## President's Final Report



This will be my last report as President of Bayshore. After serving on the Board for close to six years, I have decided to move on and rekindle my retirement in Bayshore.

I am proud of the accomplishments achieved by the Boards under my leadership. Long before COVID, we embraced WEBEX internet meeting technology to operate

the Board twelve months of the year while accommodating vacationing Directors. Each year I provided a high-level plan that the Directors built on and formulated prioritized work plans and budgets for each year. We have built on the fundamental foundations of Bayshore and have successfully implemented many improvements to the management and administration of Bayshore while significantly upgrading many of the great assets we enjoy in the community.

With limited resources and a volunteer Board, we focused many of the activities on the Membership Research twice completed in the Village. This research ensured that the Board focused on the things the membership desired. It provided us with the ever-changing demographic of the membership and will be commissioned again during the coming year. I would like to thank Jon Wagner for his efforts in helping develop, execute, and analyze the research feedback. If commissioned externally, it would easily have cost us \$40K per event. It really set the foundation for all the work completed over the years.

### Positive Highlights

Below is the work completed by the Board during my tenure. It is by no means a comprehensive list of all the activities, but rather highlights the positive changes that have occurred in the last few years:

- Successful implementation of a cost-effective, ongoing Goose Management Program. Neighbouring communities are overrun with geese, while we have few impacting our facilities.
- Upgrading and rewriting the BVABylaws and regulations to eliminate duplication and provide clarity. Removal of the initiation fee. Today we have more members in good standing than ever, including members joining by paying the back fees of nonmember homes. Members new and old continue to show a strong commitment to our Bylaws.
- Successfully defended Bayshore from a \$68K water bill, reducing it to \$12K.
- Successful defence of various litigations against Bayshore.
- Electoral reform allowed members to run for a specific Director position ensuring we matched individual capabilities with specific job functions.

- Contracting a new service provider to upgrade our website and email communications. With volunteer creativity, improvements occurred each year to these critical communication apertures.
- Implementing lifeguards and pool equipment upgrades, shower, umbrellas, gas heaters and repairing solar heating to reduce expenses.
- Completed a total rebuild of Harbour 33 with floating docks and shore walls.
- Expansion of Harbour 99 both fixed and floating docks with room to further expand the harbour, should it be required in the future.
- Repair and partial rebuild of Harbour 66 providing flexibility for the future.
- Successful implementation of an Arbour Plan and the Ash Borer Program.
- Market-based ladder GIC's to maximize our reserve investments.
- Jeff Zammit has re-engineered the administration, budget and accounting for Bayshore while successfully managing our finances which has made the capital programs and rebuilding possible. He successfully migrated our business to a new and more cost-effective accountant. He has also overseen the office administration by Lee Leivo.
- Introduction and implementation of a long-range plan within the budget process to ensure future Boards are committed to a longer-range view of the budget and facility management while protecting our capital reserves.
- We installed new drainage and grading within the golf course and new irrigation pumps and sprinkler systems.
- Successfully implemented contractor maintenance of the golf course to support our volunteers in managing the upkeep of the course.
- Completed a total rebuild of the tennis courts with the inclusion of four pickleball courts.
- We successfully remodelled the Hayloft. We eliminated all the infrastructure problems, upgraded the plumbing and electrical, while really improving the image the Hayloft presents about Bayshore. We rebuilt the washrooms, showers and saunas and upgraded mechanical units. Installed new flooring levelled between all the main floor rooms. Installed a new sprinkler system at the Hayloft gardens and a new security camera system. By completing the renovation during COVID, we saved several thousand dollars in material and labour costs. The Hayloft is home to many clubs, programs, and social events. It is the front facing asset of the community.
- Over the last few years, the research drove the internet issues and more recently myself, Doug Davies, Jeff Zammit and Joey Torchia successfully implemented the Bell Fibe 5G Internet and TV Service replacing all the other service providers. This was a step change for these services that many never believed we would be able to implement in the Village. There were many points within the negotiations



## President's Final Report (cont'd)

with Bell that this deal could have fallen apart. Only the persistence and creativity of these Directors made this program possible. We used the research to gauge acceptance and develop the communications plans. Past internet team members were engaged as a sales force to promote the program. We met all our objectives through the successful implementation of this program at an unbelievable low cost to the members. We are finishing the first of three years and have another two-year option at the negotiated rates, all during the most restrictive isolation protocols of COVID. Doug's technical team brought many internet improvements to the Village, but Fibe for TV and internet was the final solution which will serve the community for years to come.

- A good number of these projects and programs were managed during COVID, which provided many challenges to the Board and really added significant personal pressure to my position as President.
- One good by-product of COVID was the development of a new AGM and GM process which has met its objective of maximizing participation of the membership in the decision-making and voting processes. We will continue to enhance this medium moving forward.

### *Managing Change*

During my tenure, not one major motion placed before the membership has been defeated. I believe that shows a strong commitment by the membership to the Board and how it has managed the affairs of Bayshore.

Managing change through productivity, administration and asset improvements require significantly more effort than sustaining ongoing plans and programs. Having completed the aggressive plans above, I believe the Directors' roles in the future will be much less complex and less time consuming for any volunteers. The heavy lifting has been completed. Our assets are in great shape. The business foundations have been memorialized and have become the new normal to support management of Bayshore moving forward.

### *Thank you*

A leader is only as good as his team. I recruited Directors over the years, while others came forward to serve. I have had the pleasure of dealing with the following Directors throughout my tenure:

- **Doug Davies** as Hayloft Director, VP and Ex-officio. Doug has been a personal confidante during the trying times in Bayshore, especially the initial years of my Presidency. I appreciate his counsel over the years and especially through the Bell negotiations.
- **Jeff Zamitt**, Director of Finance, has provided simply outstanding service to the community. His financial and business acumen has been invaluable to me as the

President. The list of re-engineering is too long to list here. Jeff has had a major impact on Bayshore through all he has accomplished. Our most recent budget was our most difficult to compile given inflationary pressures and COVID supply chains issues. Jeff was up to the challenge.

- **Joey Torchia**, our Corporate Secretary, has provided vast improvement to our daily and weekly communication process. He provided new tools to manage Bylaw compliance and goose management. He and Jeff helped develop the new GM and AGM processes. Joey has successfully recruited members for the Banner and overseen the website and its development. He was actively involved in the tennis court rebuild and our pool upgrades.
- **Steve Goulter** and his volunteers have effectively implemented the Ash Borer and Arbour Programs and successfully negotiated and renewed all the Common Lands contracts for grass cutting, snow removal and our new golf course maintenance contract. Remember your third Ash Borer treatment will be free.
- I would like to recognize **Astrid Bruce** and her committee members for her VP work associated with rewriting the Bylaws.
- **Kate White**, our newest Vice President, will be managing our Bylaw compliance and real estate luncheons moving forward. Bylaw compliance to Bayshore's standards will be on the agenda for the AGM so all members are aware of the Board's approach in a post-COVID environment.
- **Keith Meadows** has effectively managed the Goose Management contract for years. As Common Waters Director he has successfully implemented improvements in pond equipment and its maintenance. He has managed the annual spraying for weeds in the ponds and marinas. During the last five years he was also the Harbour Master at 66.
- **Deb Rautins** managed social programs during a pandemic. I think that is an oxymoron. Her creativity kept people in the Village engaged during all the everchanging COVID protocols. Offsite events, Canada Day celebrations etc., could have easily been cancelled, but Deb and her committee soldiered on to provide some much-needed interaction in the Village for everyone's mental and physical wellbeing.
- **Kevin Fox** for all his work on the Hayloft renovations. His firm was the lowest and most comprehensive bid. Having said that, there were many items beyond the scope of work for the project that were completed free of charge by Kevin's firm.
- **Kevin Fox** along with **Bill Pike** were responsible for rebuilding and revitalizing the marinas at a critical time as COVID pushed slip demand to all time high levels.
- **Ted Spain** for his initial repairs of the tennis court.
- **Rod Turnbull** for his work on the Hayloft, pool and tennis courts.

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## President's Final Report (cont'd)

- **Jeff Nolan** for single-handedly managing the Director of Architecture position during a very busy time. Jeff will be harmonizing the Ramara and Bayshore Bylaws in the near future to ensure future additions and new dwellings maintain the very essence of the Village.
- At the centre of all this activity is our office manager, **Lee Leivo**, who has done an excellent job juggling all the Directors' priorities and administration of the day-to-day affairs of the Village.
- Her predecessor **Tara Gibson** was also an important part of all our accomplishments. Together we have run the Village. If we were to annualize the past salaries of all these Directors, the members would have received ~\$1.5+M / year of managerial, professional, and technical services for free. They are clearly a talented and dedicated team that made all the changes listed above possible. It was a pleasure to work with them. By extension to the Board, I would like to thank the many volunteers and committee members whose dedication to Bayshore made the improvements possible and Bayshore the unique community that it is.

### *Bayshore Leaves a Lasting Impression*

I would like to share one short story that emphasizes to me what Bayshore represents. Two years ago at a Canada Day celebration, restricted to a parade only due to COVID, I went to the Hayloft where I met the security team for Jill Dunlop. The black suits, Ray-Ban sunglasses, and the black SUV made them easy to identify. Jeff Nolan insisted they soften their appearance by placing several Canada flags on the vehicle for the parade, which they did. This was the only event Jill was attending because of COVID so she left by herself to go home.

After the parade, the security detail took the time to come to my house to provide the following feedback. The detail indicated that they travel all over the province with the Premier and other Cabinet Ministers. "We just can't believe what a great place this is. The marinas, the golf course the tennis courts, the community centre." They indicated that they had "never seen such a community in all their travels." They could not believe the property and facility standards, the upkeep of all the houses, the openness, and the private and public gardens.

When I told them our annual membership fee structure and the volunteer work ethic, they were blown away. Hardened and trained security personnel just had to take the time to tell me about their first and lasting impressions of a great community. It made me proud to be President, leading a great team for a great community. Let's keep it that way!

All the best to the membership.

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

## BVA New Board

Your Board of Directors:

**GUNTHER GRATZER**  
President

**KATE WHITE**  
Vice President By-Laws, Policy, Security

**JEFF ZAMMIT**  
Director of Finance and Administration

**LAUREL DEWAR**  
Corporate Secretary

**STEVE MILLER**  
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**STEVE GOULTER**  
Director of Common Lands

**JEFF NOLAN**  
Director of Architecture

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Director of Harbours

**DEBBIE RAUTINS**  
Director of Social Events

**ROD TURNBULL**  
Director of Hayloft Amenities

**RICK MATTHEWS**  
Ex-Officio

Thank you to the outgoing members of the Board for your past service to the Association, thank you to the new members for volunteering to fulfil these roles, and thank you to the ongoing members who continue to be of service to the Association!

*Thank  
you!*





# Marg Sharpe Mayor

***"It's Time for Change"***

***I'm excited to be running for Mayor in Ramara Township.***

I was raised in Orillia and area and, after high school ODCVI, I moved to Toronto to continue my education.

I worked in Sales/Management for a large international packaging company out of Toronto for 15 years, then changed my career to work as a Program Manager for a Canadian-owned national merchandising consultant company. I managed high profile clients' marketing plans, quoting, budgeting, executing and reporting results on their business plans.

Ramara has been my home for the past 17 years and I am PROUD to have been involved with our communities over the years. I was Vice-President for two years and President for five years on the Bayshore Village Association Board. I volunteer as a Trustee on the Ramara Library Board, Committee of Adjustment and am Chair of the Ramara Appeals Tribunal Committee.

In 2014, I successfully ran for Ward 2 Councillor. Over the 4 years, I was out and about in our communities. I was Transportation Liaison and had the privilege of working with residents across our Township. I had the exciting experience of sitting as a Simcoe County Councillor Alternate. I was Council Representative on our Library Board, 2 of our Community Centres, Vice-Chair of the Policing Committee, and Lake St. John Home & Cottage Association.

In the 2018 election, I ran for Mayor and lost by 14 votes, which left me off Council but, still eager to be involved, I kept up-to-date on what was happening in our communities. I attended our Township Committee Of The Whole and Council meetings in public and on Zoom during the COVID lock-down and continued my Volunteer meetings on Zoom.

I am committed to execute the duties and responsibilities of Mayor. I have a very good understanding of the vision and needs of our Township, am anxious to work with our residents, to listen and move our Township forward to enhance the economic, social and environmental well-being of our communities and its residents.

Communication, transparency, honesty, integrity, focus, passion, respect, confidence and caring are needed for the residents to believe in me and my credibility. Facts and reputation are key. I have these qualifications and would look forward to becoming Mayor for the residents of Ramara Township.

**October 24, 2022**

***"I would appreciate your vote!"***

## Social Director's Report



Since Canada Day, the Social Committee has had a huge change in membership. I'd like to thank the committee members who have left for their contributions to social events and activities for over six years. Kathy Hutchinson, Linda Bridges, Donna Wilson, Leslie Fielding, Wendy Lucas, Iris Storozonski, and Gayle Summerland deserve my gratitude for their work and

especially for stepping up for me when I was unable to fulfill my duties.

At this time I'd also like to introduce the new Social Committee. Kathy Fiddler and Anne Graham remain as newer members. Riley Wilson, Julie Murray, Susan Hazlett, and Zita Zultek (after she returns from winter holidays) are

our newest members and I look forward to working with each of them. Brenda Meadows remains as Hayloft Rental Coordinator. Marilyn Goulter remains as the main contact for the Welcoming Committee.

I will be taking most of October off to be with many family members. In place are three events: Halloween night, Pub night in November with band and dancing, and New Year's Eve with the entertainment and caterer already booked.

I'd also like to take a moment to thank the retiring Board members, Rick Matthews, Joey Torchia, Doug Davies, and Keith Meadows for the work they've done for our community and for all the support they have given me during their terms. It's been such a pleasure being on this board who shared a common purpose: to make Bayshore the best it can be for our residents!

**Debbie Rautins**  
**Social Director**

## Karaoke

A fun Karaoke evening was staged July 7th at our Hayloft. Approximately 54 persons attended the event. We had so much fun, singing, dancing and laughing, as you will see in the photos.

Rhonda Wallace and Jack Pignatelli were our gracious hosts. A big thank you to them!

Requests to have another Karaoke event continue to come in. Stay tuned for next Karaoke event upstairs in the Hayloft November 3rd from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

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## BVYC Boating Season

The BVYC 2022 boating season did present its challenges, mainly windy conditions. The first outing to Lagoon City presented us with waves and water temperatures of 19C, reminding us the ice recently melted. Rob Fisher was the only brave soul to take a plunge that day.

The kick-off Happy Hour was attended by 35 of our boaters and kayakers with yet another challenging day of intense rain. Although the Harbour 99 grounds were flooded, it did not dampen our spirits. Everyone was happy to pop a camp chair on the high side and enjoy the beautiful sunshine and appetizers. Thanks to Rick Matthews, the parking lot at 99 was freshly gravelled that afternoon – just in time for the celebration.

We had our best Canada Day Sail Past with Harbour 66 taking honours for the most boats in the parade! Terrific! It was a festive occasion with boats and kayaks decorated and gracing the south shores of the peninsula for our Bayshore residents and guests.

Our next excursion to McRae Point Provincial Park forecast to be calm and sunny was NOT! Twelve to 15 knot winds from the west provided another wavy anchorage and chilly conditions. Everyone was wrapped up in blankets and warm jackets! Hardly July weather!

The Full Corn Moon and Sunset Sail in August did not disappoint. Although it was windy, many boats braved the waves for the spectacular sunset and the rise of the Full Corn Moon! The waves were challenging for the kayakers but they paddled into Harbour 33 and hitched a ride on boats.

The final pop-up excursion to Thorah Island was a fabulous summer day! The warm water temps and boats loaded with guests provided for a festive atmosphere. I was told "The Cottage" provided special drinks on the floating mat? A terrific Sunday afternoon!

The Wet Hogs, our PWC group have been on many outings this summer. Thanks to Rick Indewey and his team for planning their awesome adventures!

The BVYC Wrap-Up party in the Hayloft was well attended. Our theme for the evening was Flavours of the World! WOW! So many delicious appetizers! It was a feast! Starr Oswald kicked up her creative baking side with a "Nautical Themed Cake." It had two tiers with rum cake on the top layer and carrot cake on the lower. Along with all the other desserts, it was devoured. Very impressive Starr! A fabulous three-part movie produced by Marc Bertrand captured the spirit of the BVYC with perfect music accompaniments.

Thanks to our wonderful community for their participation in our BVYC events. The BVYC Committee of Jim and Leslie Fielding, Marc and Lynda Bertrand, Sally and Doug McPherson, and Patrick Murphy made all our special events possible. I am so lucky to have their expertise and help to make all our events so successful! Thank You!

I am finally signing off from Chair of the BVYC after eight years! We are looking for someone or Co-Chairs to take it on! If you are interested, or if you know of anyone else who might be, email me at [4laine@gmail.com](mailto:4laine@gmail.com).

It has been lots of fun over the years and I will help with the transition of the BVYC. THANKS!

**Elaine Ney**





## Upcoming Events – Youth Social Committee and Community Service Crew

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- Tea
- Sugar
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- Stir sticks
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## In Memoriam

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

### **SELINA KIELLY, 1980 – 2022**

Peacefully at Soldiers' Memorial Hospital, with her beloved Mom Judith Kielly by her side, Selina Leah Kielly passed from this life on Friday, September 1, 2022 at the age of 42. Selina was born on March 5, 1980 and lived with her Mother Judith and her Father, the late Harvey Kielly and her cat Grady. Selina's zest for life was apparent to all who knew her; she was an avid fan of the Toronto Blue Jays and the Raptors teams and tried to never miss a televised game. Although Selina was disabled by Spina Bifida, the disability never stopped her from enjoying life to its fullest. She enjoyed shopping local at Mariposa Market and FarmGate as well loved getting farm fresh eggs from local area farmers. She was a fan of homemade grape jelly and posted on Facebook pictures of some of the wonderful meals that she loved. Selina loved animals and was a favourite neighbour to all of her canine friends in the area, as well as their owners. Many of the pooches, while out walking with their owners would just naturally turn in at Selina's driveway for a visit. In lieu of flowers, donations to The Comfy Cat Shelter in Orillia would be appreciated. She was a wonderful friend to her many friends and neighbours, and will be missed by her social media friends. Selina was an inspiration to others to be strong in the face of adversity, to be an outspoken advocate for the rights of the disabled and never fear what others may think or say. Selina was instrumental in having the road she lived on paved so that it would be safer for people like herself in wheelchairs, as well as working to get an elevator installed in the Neighbourhood Clubhouse where she lived. It was wonderful for her to be able to join in the neighbourhood gatherings. Selina may be gone but she will never be forgotten by those who loved her. She will be greatly missed, and in the hearts of those blessed to have known her. Deepest sympathies extended to her Mother Judith, and to Selina's friends and family.

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## Wet Hogs

Another great season for the Bayshore Wet Hogs!

*Photos by Elaine Ney*



## Poker Run

This is a shot taken at the Poker Run in Orillia this summer, showing some of the powerful boats as they move to the starting area, with a plane flying low overhead. This event is organized and run by Performance Boat Club Event Inc. who have raised \$750,000 since 2007 for various Southern Ontario charities. They promote safe and responsible performance boating while raising money for charity. For more info go to <https://performanceboatclub.ca/>

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## Around the Village

Here are some photos of the amazing snapping turtle mamma nesting June 14th, and the hatchlings arriving September 13th. That is our front walkway where she came three days in a row to finally nest. When mamma was finished she made her way back to the lake.

**Colleen and Roger Sicard**



Beautiful swans at Beaver Pond. – **Donna Wilson**



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Sometimes tree stumps are pretty. – **Steve Flinn**

\*\*\*\*\*



Just another part of the golf maintenance crew. Thanks to Dol Turf. – **Catherine Plue**





*Blue Skies*

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## Around the Village (cont'd)



Look up and you might spot **Keith Barrow's** model airplane flying over!



Hummingbirds sure do enjoy **Marielle Montemurro's** feeder!



The first fall leaf in **Mary Andrew's** maple trees. Fall is here!



A great blue heron at Harbour 66. – **Mary Andrews**



Two turtles and only one fish. – **Mary Andrews**



**Keith Barrow** kayak sailing on Barnstable Bay.



Sunset and black-eyed Susans at Barnstable Bay. – **Mary Andrews**



Insider view of kayak sailing. – **Keith Barrow**



Blue Jay beauty – **Donna Sverdrup**



Great Blue Heron – **Donna Sverdrup**



## Facebook - Not for Me!



I know, Facebook, it's just a dirty word to some – it's only for simpletons and halfwits who want to talk about what they had for breakfast. Not so. Those days have changed, and you really need to give Facebook a serious second look.

We in Bayshore Village have our own private, residents-only "section". Only Bayshore member residents, past and present (currently 156), can post items and likewise, the items can only be viewed by same. It contains a lot of very good and helpful information. For instance recently, there have been items listed for sale, photos of various Bayshore sporting activities, wildlife activity and with the municipal election upon us, there has been information posted about some of candidates which you won't see in their campaign literature.

To get started, go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and click Create New Account. Now enter your name, email or mobile phone number, date of birth and gender, and create a password by entering it in the space provided. Finally, click "Sign Up". For those of you who are overly security conscious, I believe you can be less than truthful about all items except your email address. Of course, if you use a false name then no one will be able to find you, including your friends – perhaps a good thing in some cases. Then you will be able to sit back and watch the goings on, an activity known as lurking.



Once your account has been created, Facebook will search all your formal contact lists and from them, create a list of possible friends which you can individually accept ("friended") or ignore. Outside of our private section, you can, if you wish, view all the posts of the people you have Friended. Yes, there is a learning curve but, in the long term, I guarantee it will be worth it.

If you get bogged down, maybe ask your neighbour for help. Otherwise, if there is sufficient interest, I am prepared to run a short, free "Facebook Clinic" this fall. If interested contact me at [john@ridem.ca](mailto:john@ridem.ca).

**John Alden**

## Boat Day

On August 28, there was a Bayshore boating excursion to Thorah Island Beach by Woodsman Shoal. Rick Indewey put out the call and many boaters came out to enjoy a beautiful warm day at the beach.

**Dave Renaud**



## Bocce Ball

The Bocce Ball games for the 2022 season were planned for 1:00 p.m. on Mondays. Unfortunately the weather has been very uncooperative on Mondays this year, however, we did get lots of games in between all the showers. What a wonderful group of players!

We play behind the tennis courts, adjacent to the golf course. The sign-up green sheet is located on the bulletin board under the overhang of the Hayloft. Each week, you sign up and I collect the sign-up sheet on Sunday night for the following game on Monday.

The grass is uneven and challenging, but it's the same for everyone! It is a very easy game to learn as you play and you'll get some good exercise too. Our last game will be sometime in October to be determined by the weather.

**Donna Wilson**

**Bocce Ball Co-Ordinator for 2022**



**Regular players Brian Murray and Ted Gryzick**



**Roger Hotoyan, Ted Gryzick and Julie Murray**

## The Arts

Our Bayshore Art Gallery re-opened in May. Each month we highlight one resident's beautiful works as "Featured Artist" for a month.

In May, it was Victor Relvas with Pat Beecham in June. Maria Saringer was Featured Artist in July with her beautiful watercolours. In August, it was Marilyn Goulter with a variety of art work. In September, Helen Deckert's variety of media and works were featured.

We are always looking for artists to present their beautiful works. If you would be interested in showing, please contact Pat Beecham at (705) 484-0221. Along with the featured artist as the focal point, on the side wall is our Group Wall, where a number of artists can hang one or two of their pieces. We usually have four or five artists on the group wall.

**Pat Beecham**



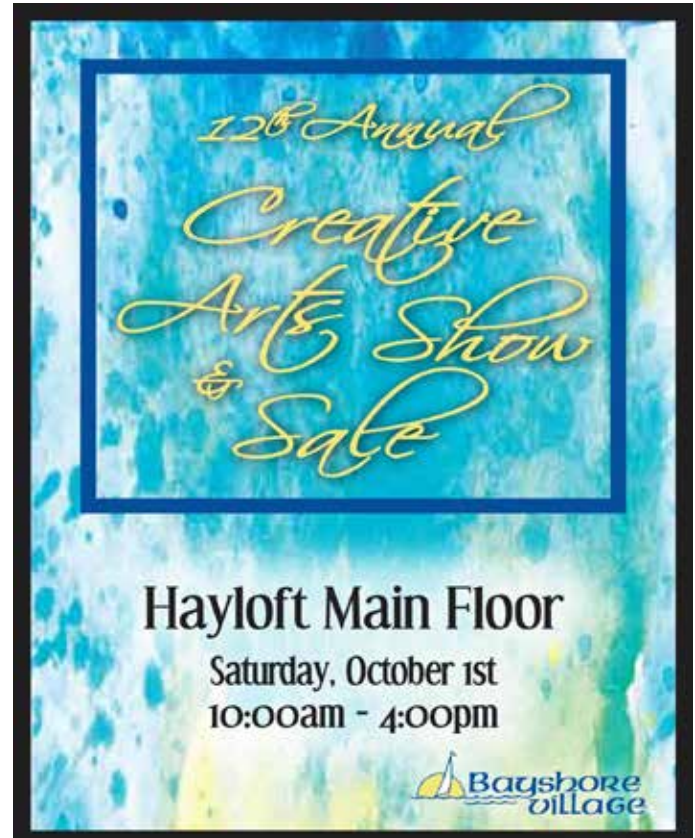
*Featured artist in July was Maria Saringer*



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Be sure to attend the Creative Arts Show & Sale on October 1st in the Hayloft!

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## Ryder Cup 2022

On September 10th, many Bayshore residents had the privilege of participating in our yearly Ryder Cup Tournament. This is the first Ryder Cup since the pandemic, and we were not disappointed. It borrows its name from the famous Ryder Cup Challenge of American golfers vs European golfers. In a similar fashion, our format divides participants into the Red Team vs the Blue Team.

We had a beautiful sunny day for the event. It was a bit hot for those designated to play in the afternoon, but the bonus was that we had no rain worries. For the day, our Bayshore Saloon was stocked generously by Kate White of Century 21. Many residents enjoyed beverages during their rounds.

Our event could not be possible without the help of our volunteers. Catherine Plue and Leslie Fielding ran the High/Low Spinning game which raised funds that will

be reinvested into the golf course. The BBQ Lunch was managed by Margaret and Murray Bisset, Bob Plue and Jim Fielding. They were invaluable to the success of our day. Our dinner was catered by Lanterna Restaurant in Lagoon City. It consisted of homemade lasagna, Greek salad, garlic bread followed by cannoli and custard tarts for dessert. During the dinner, we had a final spin-off from the top three High/Low players. Going home with the big money was Lisa Tobin and Sandra Cherry. They each received \$70 of toonies and loonies.

After all the matches were played and the scores were counted the Red Team won by a hefty margin. This day is always an amazing time to spend with our neighbours and friends.

**Irene Heinz**



**The Red Team Wins!**



**Murray & Margaret Bisset, Bob Plue, Jim Fielding BBQ'ing**



**Joe Latorre and Jim Brunner waiting to tee off on the 7th hole**



**Golf bags and carts ready to go!**



**Catherine Plue and Leslie Fielding**



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## The Rhythms of Light and Darkness

We, in Bayshore, enjoy many activities in the summer months! When August comes, we realize that the sun is setting earlier each night and sunrise comes later in the morning. Essentially, we are experiencing fewer daylight hours as we advance into autumn. The birds instinctively know their time to migrate southward, as do some of us, when we start planning where to spend our time in warmer climates.

In the springtime we observe the opposite effect to what is occurring now, with daylight hours increasing significantly! Flowers peek their heads out of the snow and birds return to start their nesting rituals in response to these changes.

Have you ever wondered why our planet has this variation of daylight and temperature? The Earth revolves around the sun every 365.25 days. However, while we are moving around the sun, our planet also rotates like a spinning top every 24 hours. The spin axis is tilted at 23.5 degrees to the plane of the orbit around the sun. On September 21st the sun was directly overhead on the equator. This is called the autumnal equinox. The sun will appear to move in a more southerly direction until it reaches the Tropic of Capricorn at a latitude of 23.4 degrees south of the equator on December 21st. We call this the Winter solstice for the Northern Hemisphere. At this time, the Southern Hemisphere is angled towards the sun and the Northern Hemisphere is angled away from the sun.

When this occurs, where is Bayshore? Well, on December 21st, we experience the fewest daylight hours, while the Southern Hemisphere experiences the most daylight hours. This is because the South Pole is tilted towards the sun and the North Pole is in shadow facing away from the sun. Any land in the world north of the Arctic Circle (also a line of latitude) will be in some degree of darkness.

The sun will start to move northwards slowly until March 21st (the vernal equinox) when the sun will again be directly overhead at the equator. September 21st and March 21st mark the beginning of our autumn and our spring. In the Southern Hemisphere it is the opposite: They have spring when we enter autumn and they have autumn when we enter spring. The two dates are called the equinoxes because our planet has the same amount of daylight hours in both the Northern and the Southern Hemispheres on only those dates. At the summer solstice on June 21st, the sun is overhead at the Tropic of Cancer, and the Northern Hemisphere experiences the longest day of the year. When we have summer after June 21st, the Southern Hemisphere will have winter!

People living above the Arctic Circle will have varying lengths of polar darkness after December 21st, depending on their latitude. The average duration is around 30 days, but more northerly locations can experience almost two months of darkness. At the poles, darkness would last about 11 weeks! On December 21st when we have the fewest hours of daylight, the Arctic has even fewer. At the winter solstice, Ontario experiences sunset at 4:48 pm. The day is 6 hours and 31 minutes shorter than our longest day, June 21st.

The Inuit have a special celebration for their spring (March Equinox), for the date marks the beginning of the return of the sun to their land. The sun will rise briefly and then set below the horizon again. Each day from then on, they will see the sun rise for a longer period of time. It is a very special event for them after so long in darkness and they spend ten days celebrating! Can you blame them?

I do hope this has helped some of you understand why we have seasons and the varying hours of daylight over the year. It is a difficult concept to understand, and I have tried my best to explain it to you.

**Marilyn Goulter**

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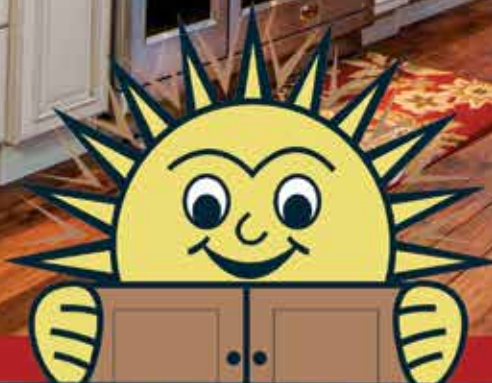
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## Pickleball

2022 was a dynamic year for pickleball players in Bayshore Village. Our elite athletes displayed speed, agility and sportsmanship. Bayshore Village members have embraced the fastest growing sport in North America – and the beautiful, new courts certainly have enhanced their performance.

Aside from new courts, our instructors, John Alden and Randy Hutchinson welcomed many new faces from all ability levels to enjoy this great sport.

The rain held off, and the weather conditions were ideal for our Tournament on September 13th. After five regular games and an additional two final rounds of intense competition between the top four players, our grand champions are Joey Torchia, Paul Stoner, and Kate Switzer. Runner up was Anne Pike. Congratulations!! The Most Improved Player award goes out to Cher Jackson. Well done! She'll be a force to reckon with next year!

Our scorekeepers, Artena Hutchison and Deborah May did a fine job – and didn't take any bribes (this time) LOL. Following the Tournament was a delicious pot luck dinner organized by Diane Stoner and Rhonda Wallace. Thank you!

Special thanks to John Alden, our resident photographer, for all his exciting shots and for being my go-to man when I had questions.

For all those hearty players enduring the Canadian cold, Amanda Knapp and Joey Torchia will be your winter commish. They'll be keeping you posted regarding games at the Orillia Rec Centre and arranging Bayshore happy hours.

I look forward to next year as your commish. See you in the spring! And, let's heed Randy's wise advice, "Keep 'em low."

**Bill Merkley**

**Photos by John Alden**





## Bridge News

Ladies' Bridge takes place every Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 in the Hayloft (Great Room/Card Room). All are welcome. We are a very congenial group and welcome new players. If you would like to join us, please contact Pat Beecham at [beecoop79@gmail.com](mailto:beecoop79@gmail.com) or 705-484-0221.

If you used to play a long time ago and would like to refresh, or just want to learn, bridge lessons are available on Friday mornings at 11:00 a.m. (just after the VON exercises) also in the Great Room. Contact Pat for that also.

Men's Bridge takes place on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m., also in the Great Room. Contact Noel Cooper at [nhpcoop@yahoo.ca](mailto:nhpcoop@yahoo.ca).

Results for Ladies' Bridge from July 7 to September 14, 2022:

1. Maria Saringer 4550 points
2. Nancy Wallingford and Anne Belanger (tied for second) 4180 points.

We also had two guest bridge players who scored high scores:

Lloyd Lockhart 5640 points  
Doug Sellery 4590 points.

We thank these honorary members of Ladies' Bridge!

**Pat Beecham**



## Bayshore Bikers

Bayshore Bikers travelled many distances and indulged in great food choices supporting local restaurants! Many lunches and laughs! Special thanks to all Riders for input and your fearless organizers Randy & Artena Hutchison, Laurel Dewar and Kathy Alden. It is a team effort. Happy Riding. Where is Randy?

**Amanda Knapp**





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## Recipes

### **CURRIED LENTIL SALAD – Diane Stoner**

1-1/2 cups green lentils, rinsed\*  
1/2 cup currants  
1 sweet red pepper, diced  
2 green onions, chopped

**Dressing:**

1/4 cup vegetable oil  
1/4 cup red wine vinegar  
1 Tbsp lemon juice  
1 tsp curry powder  
1 tsp Dijon mustard  
1/2 tsp ground cumin  
1/2 tsp each cinnamon, salt and pepper  
Pinch ground cloves



1. For dressing: Whisk together oil, vinegar, lemon juice and spices. Set aside.
2. Rinse lentils in cold water and drain.
3. In saucepan, bring lentils and 3 cups of water to boil; reduce heat, cover and simmer for 20-25 minutes or until tender. Drain and let cool.\*
4. In bowl, toss together lentils, currants, red pepper, onions and dressing

\* I use one can brown lentils, drain well. To remove the skins, place beans in a bowl of water and skim off the skins as they float to the top. This step is optional. OR use cooked green lentils: cook dry lentils as instructed for 20 minutes. I rinsed the lentils again after cooking by placing them in a bowl and covering with cold water. The skins will float to the top. Will have to do this several times. I used all the dressing as it makes more than canned lentils.

Makes 4 servings and tastes better when made ahead of time, at least the day before.

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### **MAPLE GLAZED STUFFED PORK TENDERLOIN – Diane Stoner**

2 pork tenderloins  
2 apples peeled and finely chopped  
1/2 cup finely chopped apricots, dried apple, pear or fig  
1/2 cup dried raisins or raisins  
1/4 cup finely chopped celery  
1/4 cup chopped pecans  
1/2 cup finely chopped onion  
3/4 cup apple juice or cider (I used a bit of orange juice)  
1/4 cup maple syrup divided  
1/2 tsp salt  
1/4 tsp pepper  
10-12 slices of bacon (enough to cover the entire tenderloin)



1. Preheat oven to 350F.
  2. Working with one tenderloin at a time, place on cutting board and slice lengthwise almost all the way through. Spread it open and hammer to a thickness of 3/8". Do the same to the other tenderloin.
  3. In a medium bowl, mix the apple, apricots, raisins, celery, pecans, onion, apple juice and half the maple syrup and salt and pepper.
  4. Fill the tenderloins with the filling and wrap bacon around the meat. Place both tenderloins in a glass baking dish and drizzle with remaining maple syrup.
  5. If there is any filling left over, just pack it around the meat and bake it at the same time.
  6. Bake uncovered for 45 minutes or until the internal temperature of the pork is 140F.
  7. Remove from oven and cover with foil. Let the meat rest 5-10 minutes before slicing.
- Enjoy!



## Recipes

### BEET AND GOAT CHEESE SALAD – Diane Stoner

4 beets, boiled, peeled, cooled and sliced  
4 cups arugula (or other greens)  
1/4 cup chopped pecans (or walnuts)  
1/2 cup goat cheese, crumbled  
Blueberries (or blackberries)

#### Dressing:

1/3 cup olive oil (regular is preferred)  
3 Tbsp apple cider vinegar  
3 Tbsp honey (adjust to taste)  
1 Tbsp Dijon mustard  
Salt and pepper

1. In a bowl, assemble the beets, greens, nuts, cheese and berries.
2. Drizzle with the dressing.

Makes 4-6 servings. Really good!



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## Cupcake Fairies

The Cupcake Fairies were back in Bayshore! Following the Covid restrictions of the past two summers, the Seaward granddaughters, Olivia (10) and Isabella (5), baked, decorated and then randomly delivered cupcakes to residents in the community once again. Their simple little act of kindness certainly goes a long way.

The girls feel so happy to bring a smile to people's faces as they are always well received. With personal thank you's, hugs, notes and even small gifts in return, the girls love to do this little activity in our wonderful community. Especially this year, when they got a fun response in return. Resident, Jim Fielding, quick to react, came out of his house when the girls were leaving and told them that he grew fairy wings after having a bite of their wonderful cupcake. (Wonder why he had wings so readily available??) The girls got a kick out of it and then warned all other recipients of what might happen to them following a bite of their magical cupcakes. Olivia and Isabella are already looking forward to next summer when the Cupcake Fairies return. Overall, it was a wonderful experience for everyone!

**Sharon Seaward**



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## It's Always Sunny in Bayshore

Q: Why do scuba divers fall backwards out of a boat?

A: If they fell forward, they'd still be in the boat.

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When faced with an angry army of clowns, it's best to go for the juggler.

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I'm addicted to collecting Beatles albums.

I need Help!

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We all know Murphy's Law which is that anything that can go wrong will go wrong. But have you heard of Cole's Law? It's thinly sliced cabbage.

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A bear, a wolf and a moose fall into a trapping pit. After a couple of days with no food, the moose sees the wolf and bear whispering to each other.

The wolf turns to the moose and says, "Look, the bear and I are getting really hungry and you are looking pretty delicious. You know what's about to happen, right?"

The moose says, "Yeah, I figured. But listen, before you kill me and eat me, can I ask for one last request? There is a birthmark under my tail that supposedly looks like a word but I've never known what it says. Do you think you could take a look and tell me?"

The wolf says, "Of course."

So he and the bear get close to the back of the moose and lift up his tail. Right at that moment, the moose gets up on his front legs and kicks both the wolf and the bear in the chest.

The wolf is killed instantly. The bear is fatally wounded and with his dying breath, he says, "I don't know why the heck I looked. I can't even read."

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What's the worst thing about having an apple addiction?

You can't see a doctor about it.

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My doctor told me I'm going deaf.

The news was hard to hear.

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A man goes to the doctor, complaining that he hasn't been feeling well. The doctor examines him, leaves the room and comes back with three bottles of pills.

The doctor says, "Take the blue pill first thing in the morning with a big glass of water. At lunchtime, take the green pill with a big glass of water and before you go to bed, take the red pill with a big glass of water."

Startled to be put on so much medication, the man stammers, "Jeez doc! What's wrong with me?"

Doctor says, "You're not drinking enough water."

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My ex-girlfriend just told me she wants to get back together.

I am SO lucky! First I win the lottery and now this!

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Why do teenage girls walk in groups of 3s, 5s and 7s?

Because they literally can't even.

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A grasshopper walks into a bar and the bartender says, "Hey, we have a drink named after you!" The grasshopper looks surprised and says, "Really? You have a drink named Steve?"

\*\*\*\*\*

I ordered a deck of second-hand cards from a casino but after a month, they still haven't arrived. I called to investigate and was told that they're still dealing with my order.

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Stay sunny Bayshore! And remember, "Whatever you do, give 100%." Unless you're donating blood.

**Lauren Torchia**

\*Every joke came from Reddit. Assume every future joke will also come from Reddit. I spend most of my online time on Reddit. If you don't have the Reddit app, don't download it. You will wonder where all your time went. I warned you.



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**Bob Plue and Lake Trout** your hand. The vibration and flash attract trout from a great distance. We attach a spoon, body bait or spinner about three feet behind the flashers.

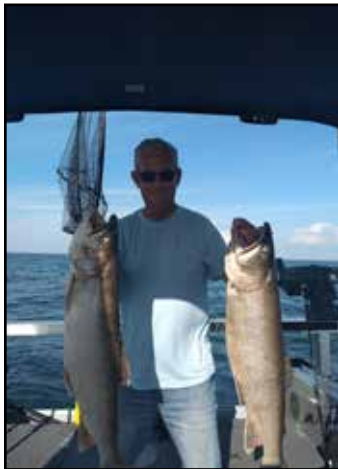
Our biggest fish to date is 24 pounds. We find herring, perch, minnows and zebra mussels in the belly when we clean them. Many people find the taste of trout too strong. Others enjoy them fried, baked, smoked or canned.

It's a relaxing day on the lake, enjoying the warm weather and scenery. The excitement starts when the rod pops up. It's fish on and the battle begins. And it is a battle.

**Catherine and Bob Plue**



**Catherine Plue**



**Bob Plue**



**Catherine Plue**

I want to thank Catherine and Bob for submitting such an informative article about their excursions on Lake Simcoe fishing for the elusive Lake Trout.

In my view, they are the experts when it comes to fishing Lakers. They make numerous trips out onto the water during the Lake Trout season, which closes in a few weeks to allow spawning which occurs each fall.

Now we turn our attention to the "fall fishing" season and the numerous species of fish who put on the feed bag to fatten up for the long winter, cold and hard water season.

The pike, bass, walleye and muskie are on the hunt in shallow water to feed on the smaller game fish who in turn are chasing bait fish such as shiners, dace and other minnow species.

Big lures for big fish is the name of the game this time of year. The use of everything "flashy," such as Mepps spinners with big bucktail horse hair or feathers attached to the hooks is very effective also. Many varieties of spinners work well too. Some prefer live bait such as a six to eight inch sucker minnow attached to a hook and bobber or float. Those big "gators" cannot resist this application.

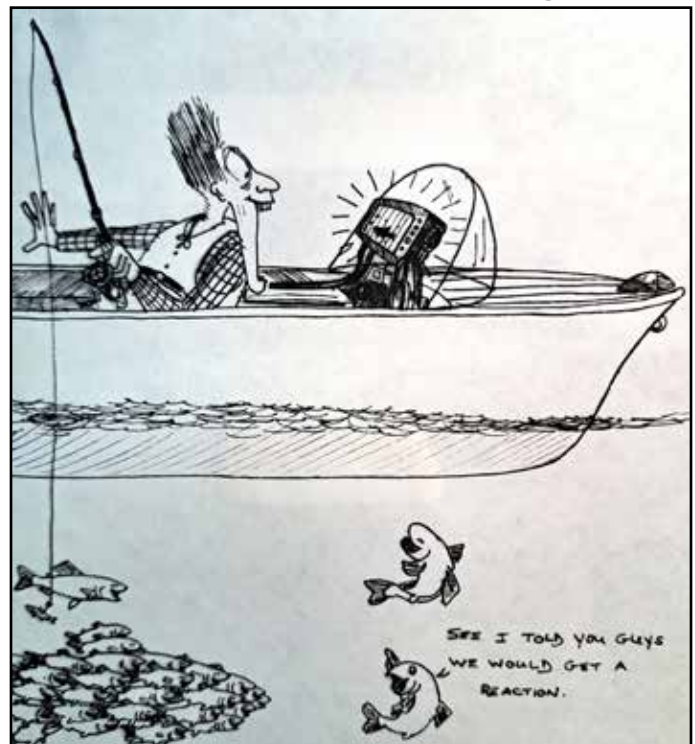
To all, enjoy this time on the water, because sooner than you think, we will be concentrating on the hard water and ice fishing season will be here!

Can't wait for the "fun in the huts"!

Until next time, don't forget to send in your stories and adventures as well as pictures.

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## End of Summer & Volunteer Appreciation BBQ

September 14 turned out to be a great evening for the End of Summer & Volunteer Appreciation BBQ!

Thank you to Joey Torchia and Chris Iles for bbq'ing the fantastic burgers, to everyone who brought the delicious salads and desserts, to the organizers and set-up/clean-up crew, and of course to Debbie Rautins who made it all happen.

Rick Matthews spoke briefly about the importance of volunteerism. As Rick explained, Bayshore relies on its volunteers to keep our fees low, so please consider volunteering your skills and time! You'll meet great people and have fun too!

**Susan Hazlett**



**Debbie Rautins**



**Rick Matthews**



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**Joey Torchia**





## Ramara Public Library News

We are quickly closing in on the last quarter of 2022 – make it a great ending with your local library! We have so many great programming opportunities to socialize, learn something new and keep you entertained on a budget. As always, we also have a great collection for you to enjoy, whether it's reading (both physical and digital), listening or watching. Sign up for your FREE library card at either branch location or online through our website.

We have so many upcoming programs between October and January, there are too many to list! Head to our website to view them all and register or contact us for more information. We have something for everyone, from ages 0 to 100, both in person or virtually! Check out some of these highlights:

**Children:** Little Adventurers Story Time, Pajamapalooza, TinkerTank STEAM, Youth Night, PD Day Animal Programs and Take and Make Kits, Scientists at Home and Sensory Santa photo opportunities.

**Teens, Young Adults and Adults:** Pottery Program, Learn About Quillwork, Craft Nights, Create a Ukrainian Egg, Trivia Night, Book Clubs, Writing Group, Author Talks and more.

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## White Squirrels

For new residents to Bayshore and the many visitors who come to our village, many are surprised to see a few white squirrels that frequent our yards and parks in the area. White squirrels are almost always a version of the eastern grey squirrel. While some of these squirrels are albino (having pink eyes), many are not. The others are called white morphs. This is a different genetic aberration that is very rare. The result is called Leucism, which is a condition in which there is a partial loss of pigmentation resulting in white, pale or patchy colouration of the fur or hair but not the eyes. There are several ways scientists think that white morphs appear. Sometimes squirrels are born with genes that produce minimal amounts of melanin. A squirrel's hair colour is dependent on the amount of melanin in the hair cells. Too much melanin creates black, too little creates white, and moderate levels create blonde. However, some squirrels have mixed amounts of melanin in their hair cells located on different parts of their bodies. These are called piebald variations of white morphs. We have several squirrels that have white chests or paws, sometimes with white tufts on their ears etc. These are very beautiful but uncommon as well.

Small populations of white squirrels are found all over North America and we have a healthy population of grey, black and some piebald squirrels right here in Bayshore. Our white squirrels have been reduced in the past few years for whatever reason, possibly predation but that is the way of nature.

It is an interesting phenomenon, and we are privileged to enjoy the company of these squirrels in Bayshore.

In Exeter Ontario, white squirrels have become the town's mascots. The population appears to be abundant. The town decorates their garbage cans, lampposts, and some retail stores on the main street with white squirrel motifs. This has even become a tourist draw for visitors to the area. The town of about 4,500 is located 40 km northwest of London Ontario and their mascot, Willis the White Wonder, is often seen on many occasions such as the Canada Day parade and the Santa Claus parade.

There are some who believe that the population of white squirrels is increasing. In the United States, some towns have trapped black and grey squirrels to promote more white ones. Albino squirrels are very rare, due, possibly to their poor eyesight, as their eyes have no pigmentation to protect them from the sun's rays. This in turn makes them prone to being caught as prey or prone to falls from trees. While the white variation should make these squirrels more at risk from predators it doesn't seem to be a huge factor. However, I have observed one being carried away in the mouth of a red fox in the early morning hours of a summer day in 2016. The other squirrels seem to accept them as their own and squirrels of many colours can be seen under bird feeders competing for the seed that has fallen. It is humorous to watch them chase each other away from the food only to have another slip in behind and eat to its heart's content!

Yes, we in Bayshore are fortunate to enjoy the wildlife around us in such a beautiful setting. It is a pleasure to watch the white squirrels in their daily tasks, along with the other animals that we share this rural environment in all seasons of the year.

Keep your eyes on the lookout! There could be a white squirrel out in your yard right now. And if your timing is right, you just might get a picture to prove that you really saw one!

**Marilyn Goulter**



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## BVYC Sunset and Full Moon Sail

On August 10th, some members of the the Bayshore Village Yacht Club set out for a sunset sail and stayed out long enough to enjoy the full moon. This particular super moon is called the Sturgeon Moon or sometimes Corn Moon.

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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. Please contribute your ideas for our next issue!

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Well, we sure had some fun one rainy day making this castle. All it took was some wrapping paper, boxes, some paper towel rolls, glue, tape, a marker or two, scissors and a little imagination.

After making the castle, the g'kids amused themselves for a good while by using some toy people and making up stories and recreating fairy tales. With only a small bit of help from me with the scissors, they spent almost an entire afternoon creating this by themselves.

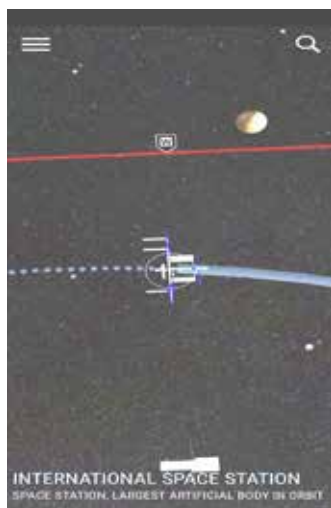
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Now, I know the point of this page is to share screen-free ideas for the kiddies, but, I have a couple of apps on my phone that I want to share with you. Anyone of any age can enjoy these and you just might get your kids or g'kids interested in astronomy, recognizing constellations, or just plain stargazing for fun.



Here is an example of the app, **Skyview Lite**. You simply download and open the app, and move your phone or tablet around. You can see what's above and below the horizon (the red line). You can also see the orbit trail of planets and stars just by moving your device around. If you touch part of the screen, the stars will join like connect-the-dots and form a constellation – see the name at the bottom?

If you touch a planet, you will see the name of that planet at the bottom too. Click on the name of anything for more information. I like this app because you can see some satellites. Here's what it looked like when I touched the image of the International Space Station. See its orbital path? And the Hubble Telescope happens to be below it. Amazing.



The other app I like is called **Star Tracker**. This one has a little more detail and has a busier screen. You can see shooting stars and nebulas, as well as constellations and planets. Also, as you can see, the names of everything are tagged without you having to tap or touch the screen.



Here's an example of the Star Tracker screen basically pointed in the same direction as the Skyview Lite example. You'll notice it has a lot more going on which sometimes I like and sometimes I don't, so I switch between both apps.

You can turn on and off some features like the music, 3D visuals and other things shown in the menu at the left. Just play with it and it's easy to navigate. There is an ad at the top which is a bit annoying but unless you want to pay for this app, you're stuck with the ad.

We are blessed to have little

if any light pollution here at Bayshore. Often on a clear night I'll be outside looking up and wondering, "What am I looking at?" So I'll get out my phone and launch one or both apps. I've had these loaded on my phone for years and use them often. If the g'kids are here, sometimes I take them outside with me to play around with these, but interestingly enough, both of these apps also work from *inside* the house.

Inside or outside, these work best if you turn your Location setting on.

One last bonus feature about these apps is that they are both free! There are paid versions available if you really get into it, but for me, free is just fine.

Happy stargazing! 🌙

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Anyone in your family have a special day coming up? Here's an idea for a "cake" where kids can do all the assembly by themselves.

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- **Kid's Pizza Night** - October 23 - see page 11.
- **Karaoke** November 3 at Hayloft. 7-11 pm. Details TBC.
- **Leslie Sansome Walkfit Workout** Mon, Tues & Thurs at 9:30 am Hayloft upstairs. Contact Rhonda Wallace.
- **Yoga** Wednesdays 10 am in the Hayloft. Spots are limited. Contact Lynda Bertrand.
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