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Our Volunteers Are The Best!



A huge thank you goes out to everyone who helped with the fall clean-up at the marinas! It is a big job! Great teamwork! Thank you, thank you!

*See other volunteers featured on pages 6, 29, and 36, as well as other helpers mentioned throughout the magazine. To all those who initiate and facilitate all our fun activities, coordinate our charity fundraising efforts, and look after our amenities or serve on committees,
THANK YOU!!*



Spotted at the Hayloft!



Santa took time out of his busy schedule to help us celebrate our Tree Lighting Event and came to the BV kids' PJ party. More pics and details on pages 28 and 36!

New Year's Eve Party



Special thanks go to **Christine Mihailoff** for designing the gorgeous table centerpieces on each table at the New Year's Eve party. Also to **Diane Stoner** and the **Social Committee**, and everyone else who sold tickets, set up the Hayloft, and helped with the clean-up the next day, **THANK YOU!**

These events are not possible without all our volunteers who give so generously of their time and talents.

To see more pictures of the NYE party, turn to page 40.

Yoga and More at the Hayloft



Pictured are some of the participants from the last Yoga class of 2024!

Keep those New Year's resolutions and sign up for one or more of the fitness and fun classes offered at the Hayloft, or join a special interest group, or volunteer.

See page 42 for some of the winter activities and check the BVA calendar regularly.

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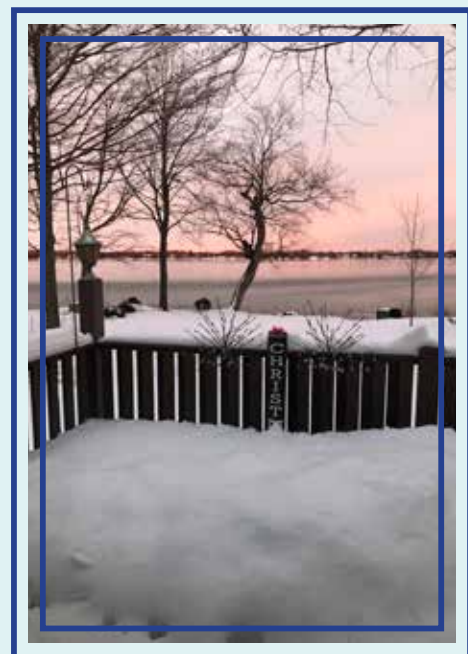
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who contributed their articles and photos.



December Dawn over Barnstable Bay
Photo by **Mary Andrews**

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President's Report



By the time this issue is printed, the Christmas holidays and New Years celebration will be behind us. I hope everyone had a great time and enjoyed being with family and friends. Now we can look forward to trying to stay warm as we slip and slide through winter. I envy those who enthusiastically engage themselves with skiing, skating, snowmobiling, ice fishing etc. Been there, done that...years ago, but now the ol' bones snap, crackle and pop just at the thought of doing those things! Winter for me now consists of pickleball and thermal pool at the Orillia Rec Centre and then Netflix...lots of Netflix.

The Taxman Cometh

You've probably already heard, or read in the minutes of our last Board meeting, that there isn't much in the way of good news regarding our property taxes and water rates. Looking around at how the prices of just about everything are escalating, seemingly out of control, I suppose a hike in taxes is to be expected. Paying more for less seems to be the norm these days. Hopefully, things will take a turn for the better in the near future. That being said, our BVA budget process is underway and with prices the way they are, we'll likely have to nickel and dime ourselves to death in order to minimize fee increases. Our Director of Finance, Jeff Nolan, a.k.a. "the money man" will have to work his magic, along with all the other Directors. Keep your fingers crossed!

Under the Radar

In past issues of the Banner, I have thanked many people for their service and dedication to our community. However, I've neglected to mention someone who I feel deserves a well-earned pat on the back and a big thank you for his time and effort in addressing many of Bayshore's concerns. Recently elected Councillor Joe Gough has always had our interests at heart and has been supportive in presenting our concerns to Ramara Council. He has attended many of our Board meetings and has always made himself available for discussion. And while it's understandable that "one man, one vote," may not resolve all our issues at City Hall, at least he's there fighting on our behalf. Thank you, Joe.

Fit for Life

I'd be pretty darn fit if I wasn't so damn lazy! I'm really impressed at the number of people participating in the many healthy lifestyle activities in Bayshore. If you didn't already know, we have yoga, VON, walk fit, aqua fit, and a morning walking group to help keep you in shape. In the interest of adding more options for improving your fitness, the Board will be assessing opportunities to enhance our fitness room to encourage its use. At the time of this writing, a survey has been posted on our website for feedback and information regarding its use. Stay tuned for results.

In the meantime, have a safe and healthy winter!

Gunther Gratzner
President

Director of Recreation Amenities Report



Spring Happenings in 2025

Yes, it is only January but here in Florida I am looking forward to the spring/summer happenings in Bayshore.

Start planning your calendar with all the events you can be involved with in our village. From ladies'/men's golf, aquafit, bike riding, pickleball, tennis, corn hole, personal watercraft rides around the lakes, volleyball, all the indoor card games, exercise, various other groups, to the July 1 celebrations.

Please browse our Facebook page or email postings to learn about events here in our Village.

We also have the TeamReach App where groups publish their calendars and daily updates.

You can even check the posted calendar for groups that meet in the Hayloft for exercise, cards, and social events. If you need any further information or would like to start a new activity, please contact me, John Simerson, by email at recreation@bayshorevillage.ca.

John Simerson
Director of Recreation Amenities

PS: See the lifeguarding job opportunity on page 42. Feel free to share if you know anyone who may be interested.

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Volunteer News



Happy January Bayshore folks. Hoping everyone had a restful and enjoyable holiday.

December 2024 marked the completion of my first full year as BVA's Volunteer Coordinator. As we step into 2025, I find myself reflecting on the past twelve months, and the word that best captures my experience is **Gratitude**. My greatest joy has

been getting to know the amazing people who make up this community. Our neighbourhood is home to people with generous hearts, willing hands, warm and welcoming spirits, and exceptional talents.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to join your events, gatherings, and volunteer tasks, allowing me to introduce myself, learn about you and your work, and capture your moments with photos. I know some people prefer to stay out of the spotlight, yet many graciously accepted my request for pictures, and I appreciate that.

The kindness shared among all volunteers is evident, credit is always generously spread. When requests go out for volunteer needs, folks show up with tools in hand and smiles on their faces. It is clear that the residents of Bayshore take pride in their community and are always willing to lend a hand to keep it clean, safe, and well-maintained.

Thank you to Gunther for offering me this role and for his thoughtful and supportive leadership. A big thank you to the Board Members as well for their prompt responses to my questions, for assisting with statistics and reminders. It's been an incredible year, and I look forward to what lies ahead. I would like to wish everyone a fulfilled, content, and healthy 2025.

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In this issue of the Banner, I would like to acknowledge the hard work and contributions of the Social Committee, and recognize the leads of the activities that continue during the winter months.

The Social Committee:



The Social Committee is: Top L-R: Janet Sauve, Shelley Hao, Diane Stoner (Director), Anne Graham, Susan Hazlett, Cindy Hotoyan. Bottom L-R Helene Maikawa, Rehana Suleman, Kathy Fidler, Julie Murray. Absent: Johanne Lusch. (photo courtesy John Alden)

As winter sets in, the outdoor volunteer needs trickle down to almost none. This is when the Social Committee gets busy coming up with creative events to keep the community engaged socially. Since October, the Social Committee has been working tirelessly on Halloween, Christmas, New Year, and winter events.

The Committee meets to set dates, plan agendas, shop, decorate, set tables, plan menus, create flyers, sell tickets, arrive early to welcome guests, work the event to make sure everything is running smoothly, stay after to clear tables, wash dishes, dismantle tables, take laundry home for washing, lock up and anything else that needs doing. This continues event after event throughout the year.

The Social Committee works without fanfare, supporting each other every step of the way. They are dependable, responsible, and always willing to lend a hand wherever needed. I am so proud to serve alongside them and be part of this incredible team. Thank you, Social Committee.

Winter Activities Leads:

As you settle into a cozy chair, wrapped in a warm blanket and lost in a world of fantasy from a book borrowed from the Hayloft Library, take a moment to appreciate the incredible Library Team.

This group of exceptional individuals, led by Heather May-Horbay (pictured here) includes: Susan Hazlett, Dawn Sutherland, Mary Nolan, Rhonda Wallace, Merrill Miller, Dorothy Hall, Brenda James, Mary Ellen Simerson, Carol Spain, Marion Kilner, Anne Graham, and Irene Heinz.

Thank you for keeping the Library organized, tidy, and easy to navigate—making it a place of knowledge and entertainment. Our minds and vocabulary are better for it! A HUGE thank you also goes out to the leads of the following groups for their dedication and enthusiasm:

- Italian Rummy – Barbara Thurgood
- Euchre – Janet Sauve
- Mahjong – Irene Heinz
- Bridge – Velma Burley, Judy Kielly, and Dorothy Hall
- Bible and Chat – Deborah Leon and Sherrie Powell
- Tea and Chat – Kristina Frise
- Crafters Circle – Michelle Martinez
- Walkfit – Heather May-Horbay and Rhonda Wallace
- Remote Control Flying Group – Keith Barrow
- Darts – Jim Fielding
- Photography – Gilbert De Nobile
- Art – Jacquie Ivory
- Bid Euchre – Emily Murua
- Yoga – Lynda Bertrand

Thank you all for your time, commitment, and contributions to making our community stronger and more vibrant!

Rehana Suleman
Volunteer Coordinator



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Karaoke Night, September 26
Rhonda Wallace – Organizer

From "Girls Gone Wild" to "The Hockey Boys" *oh, what a night* 🎵 that was! Great times at the Hayloft!

Photos by Debbie Dennis



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Bayshore Anglers Fall Fishing



Fall is the time of year when Mother Nature takes out her easel, adds a blank canvas, opens the paint box and colours the landscape in fall splendour. Or as fall fishermen call it “musky season”!!!

Muskellunge (*Esox masquiongy*), are also referred to as musky, lunge, water wolf, fresh water barracuda, water dragon, gator or, as my fishing buddy refers to

them, “big toothy buggers.” There are four varieties of muskellunge in Ontario, the Clear, Spotted, Barred and a Hybrid “Tiger”, which is a blend between a Northern pike and a Barred muskellunge, (*Esox masquiongy* x *Esox lucius*). “The fish of a thousand casts.” They are legendary, and the topic of many folklore fishing stories, truly “the big one that got away.” I have, in my many fishing experiences, battled some of these amazing sport fishes. Not great table fare, musky are not often caught to put on a dinner plate, but they are indeed a great ride when you hook into one, catch and release, and of course snap the photo.

Since I began writing this column for the Banner, I have shared many experiences with my fellow Bayshore Anglers – everything from spring, summer warm water fishing, fall, and into winter ice fishing. I have made many friends through my love of fishing and have found many like-minded residents of Bayshore that have that same passion.

Recently I met Doug Richardson, a Bayshore resident who lives on Southview Drive. Doug is a passionate musky fisherman. He is a member of Muskies Canada, designs and sells musky lures and is one of the most knowledgeable fishing partners I have had the privilege to share a boat with – a musky guru for sure.

Lake Simcoe is usually my focus when writing my article, however, you don’t hear of many musky catches on Simcoe. Around Lake Simcoe there are many lakes that hold musky, including Lake Couchiching and the surrounding waters of the Trent Severn waterway. So why not Lake Simcoe? Perhaps it is so vast and deep, the muskellunge are located in various places around the lake, kinda like those walleye.

They are known to be a migratory species, always on the prowl for food, which can include waterfowl, muskrat, small turtles as well as any other fish species.

Prior to the Covid pandemic, a stocking program partnered with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forests, Muskies Canada and the Orillia Fish and Game Conservation Club joined together to stock Lake Simcoe with 10,000 muskellunge. The fish were stocked in many

areas around the lake, including Barnstable Bay (900). I, as well as Eugene Storozinski and Doug Richardson, had the privilege of being part of that program.

Since that release of 10,000 muskies, I am not aware of any recent catches of the stocked variety of these fish, a Georgian Bay strain, raised at Sir Sandford Fleming College in Peterborough .

This year, early in the spring, I caught a smaller 28 inch Tiger musky in Barnstable Bay, while fishing for pike. Perhaps a migratory fish that had come in from the Kawartha Lakes via the Trent Severn waterway.

Canal Lake, Mitchell Lake and Balsam Lake, just east of here are known to hold muskies, as are most Kawartha Lakes. Muskellunge can and will migrate into other lakes in search of food.

Fishing for musky is somewhat different than most other fish, this is where you break out the really big lures. Casting into weedy bays with flashy spinner baits such as the Mepps Musky Killer, large top water crankbaits, or large fish-like lures that go just below the surface that resemble musky prey. Trolling is the most successful way to catch muskies. Fast speed trolling is a very successful tactic as muskies like to chase their prey.

Many times anglers will be fishing for other species of fish, when Mr. Musky slams into their bait, and the rush starts. Like their cousin the Northern pike, muskellunge favour weedy bays with a lot of structure, whether it be sunken logs or rock shoals. If you can find a cluster of cabbage weed, chances are

muskies will be present.

In the fall when the water cools, usually around 68 degrees and cooler, muskies get active. They put on the feed bag to fatten up for the winter; this is the exciting time for musky fishermen.

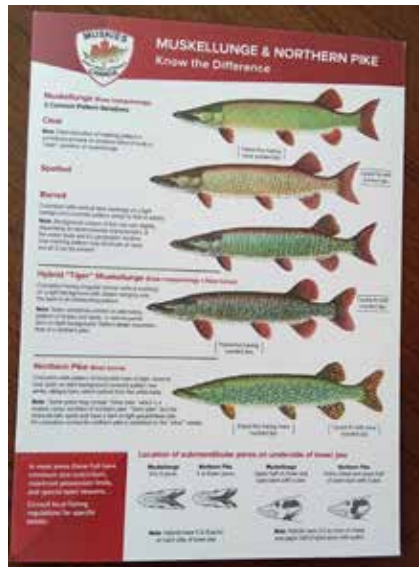
I have heard many stories of anglers fishing in blinding snowstorms to catch a muskellunge. Some fish right up until the ice forms, and when it gets thick, the musky will head out into deeper water to the thermocline, the area of the lake where the temperature stays the same throughout the year.

Then it is time for ice fishing season!!!!

As I leave this chapter, I look forward to having many successful ice fishing stories to share in the next edition of the Bayshore Banner!

I look forward to my “ice pals,” the fun we share and the stories we tell, the time worth not going to Florida for, lol. Enjoy your fishing experience and, as always, good luck and stay safe. No fish is worth your life!

Keith Meadows



Bayshore Anglers Fall Fishing (cont'd)



Musky guide and customer of Doug Richardson, Marlon Prince caught this 50" monster "leopard pattern" musky on one of Doug's designed lures



My friend, Bill Proietti with a 34" Rice Lake Tiger musky caught in late September



Doug Richardson and friend showing off a 42" musky caught at Wood's Bay in the Moon River Basin



A 38", 20+ pound musky I caught this fall in Sturgeon Lake

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Tea & Chat Holiday Potluck
Kristina Frise – Organizer

Many thanks to Kristina Frise who hosted our Tea & Chat potluck holiday lunch! Very fun!
Tea & Chat will resume in January. Happy Holidays!

Photo by Mary Andrews



Walking Group Celebrations

Margaret and Murray Bisset hosted our December gathering for the morning walking group, where we celebrated Bob Bell's birthday on the 4th, Margaret's on the 19th, and Sally and Doug's anniversary on the 22nd. Best wishes to all!

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DJ Steve's Alter Ego

We know him as "DJ Steve." He has done a great job at our many different parties and events at Bayshore. But did you know he also moonlights as Santa Claus? Or maybe Santa is moonlighting as DJ Steve!

Either way, Orillia Matters did a write up on how Steve Oliner started playing Santa, has appeared as Orillia's Santa in the parade, and is now in a KitKat holiday commercial! To see the full story, go to www.orilliamatters.com and search for *Steve Oliner*. Thank you Janice Latorre and Diane Stoner for bringing this story to my attention. Here are some of the highlights and photos from the article:

It began with Ilda and Albert (Bert) Oliner, Steve's parents, who portrayed Mr. and Mrs. Claus at many holiday events from the 70s to the 90s. Bert was the Santa at Santa's Village in Bracebridge from the late 70s to 1993. Ilda made many of Bert's suits and Steve now has a collection of about a dozen Santa suits.



Ilda and Albert Oliner

Steve recounts a favourite memory of one particular day:

"I remember when I was in public school, I got sent to the office one day for saying that my dad was Santa," Steve said. "The teacher told me to not make up such stories." Oliner's father visited the school later that day in his red suspenders and told the staff they were being put on the naughty list.

Steve has since stepped into his father's shoes and sits in the "big chair" at Santa's Village every summer along with his wife, Amy... errr... Mrs. Claus. He also does other events throughout the year including the Orillia Santa Claus Parade, the Orillia Tree Lighting, an Ugly Christmas

Sweater Party at ODAS park, private parties, and even an upcoming wedding. And now he has just been hired to play the jolly old elf in a KitKat commercial! You can view the commercial at www.ispot.tv and search for *KitKat Santa*.



Steve Oliner in KitKat Commercial

Steve is now recognized as Mr. Claus almost everywhere he goes and is often followed by children when he's doing his grocery shopping. "I always carry tokens that say 'I've met Santa Claus' and 'I'm on the nice list,'" he said. "I always have a handful in my pocket that I'm ready to give." Be sure to check out the Orillia Matters article and the KitKat commercial. Thank you Steve for bringing holiday cheer to children and the young at heart.

Susan Hazlett

Photos Orillia Matters



Steve and Amy Oliner

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FRANCES McVIE

Fran passed away peacefully at the Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital on Monday October 21st, 2024, at the age of 86. Fran was born in Stouffville and raised in Bethesda by her parents, Roy and Marjorie Smith. Beloved wife of David McVie for 66 years. Loving mother of John McVie (Lisa), and Lisa Deletroz (late Eric). Proud grandmother of Lauren and Taylor. Dear sister of the late Ron Smith (Gertrude). They raised their family in Markham where Fran enjoyed many activities including curling at The Unionville Curling Club. Dave and Fran moved to Bayshore Village where they had an active retirement and most recently, they enjoyed a slower pace in Leacock Retirement Lodge. Fran loved a scotch and a game of cards with family and friends. We will never forget her contagious laugh and sharp wit. She will be fondly remembered.

Source: Orillia Matters



TED GRYZICK

August 31, 1938 – December 9, 2024

With profound sadness, we announce the peaceful passing of Detlef (Ted) Karl Gryzick on December 9, 2024, at Southlake Regional Health Centre, in his 86th year.

Ted was predeceased by his beloved wife, Betty Gryzick, with whom he shared a beautiful life in Bayshore Village. Together, they cultivated a warm and welcoming community of friends during their retirement years. Ted's legacy of love and kindness will be cherished by his family: Karen and Mark Bonokoski, Erin Bonokoski and Drew Paulusse, along with their daughters Briar and Morgan, as well as many dear friends and extended family members.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

Source: Orillia Matters

Photo Mary Andrews

*Candle in motion
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Ted Gryzick

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Makers' Market, October 19th
Lynda Bertrand and Committee – Organizers

Many thanks to our wonderful committee for all their hard work and dedication in making this a fantastic show at the Hayloft! Due to Michelle Martinez's excellent social media campaign with ads and artists' bios, our attendance increased substantially from previous years.

A new and terrific addition to the show this year was the baking table. The sale of homemade goodies raised \$530 and, along with the fees from the maker's tables, a total of \$600 was donated to Shades of Hope.

Sincerest thanks to all involved for your extraordinary efforts in putting on the show, and to all who came out to support our makers and artisans.

Committee Members: Lynda Bertrand, Romaine Dawkins, Judy Flinn, Susan Hazlett, Johanne Lusch, Michelle Martinez, Gayle Summerland.

Bakers and Helpers: Kay Beacham, Lynda Bertrand, Velma Burley, Margaret Bisset, Nori Drysdale, Myrna Finlay, Anne Graham, Shelley Hao, Irene Heinz, Karma Hepburn, Janice Latorre, Wendy Lucas, Johanne Lusch, Sally McPherson, Maria Morra, Julie Murray, Emily Murua, Marika Relvas, Dianne Sofarelli, Karen Semple, Carol Wong.

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Acrylic Pour Art & Gifts



Kathy Alden
Pottery



Cathy Fidler
Paper Crafts

Makers' Market (Cont'd)



Lynda Bertrand
Acrylic Paintings & Cards



Marc Bertrand
Golf Swag



Mark MacLean
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Woodworking



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Victor Relvas
Acrylic Art



Baking Table for
Shades of Hope



Baking Table for
Shades of Hope



Door Prize was won
by visitor Gail Wilson

**Bayshore
Holiday
Makers' Market**

See you again in
fall 2025!

Men's Friday Golf
Keith Meadows – Organizer

I want to thank all those who participated this year and for the wonderful gesture and gift from the group for running it this year. I hope next year we have the same success and hopefully increase our numbers.

It is fantastic to have such a great facility at our doorstep for use by our residents, and the golf course was in the best condition ever. Kudos to Rick Indewey and Marc Bertrand for such a great job, well done!

This year we introduced a "Green Jacket Award" which will be presented to the lowest score winner each year. Scott Cherry was presented this award at the end of year party. Scott won by a putt off against Keith Meadows after a tie – each scoring a 61 for 18 holes. Scott can hang the award at his home for the year and then it becomes available to next year's winner to hang at their home. Scott's name will be engraved on a brass label and attached to the Green Jacket, as will the subsequent years' winners.

Keith Meadows



One of our beautiful days for golf this year



This is the first showing of the "Green Jacket Award" presented to the year's low score winner



Presentation by Keith Meadows to this year's inaugural winner, Scott Cherry



It fits!!!! Scott Cherry poses with the "Green Jacket Award"



*Friday men's golf regulars (L-R) Norm Sicard, Lorne McCaig, Neil Parker, Ian Maikawa, Brad Dutot, Simpson Cherry, Scott Cherry, Stuart Simpson, Dave Horbay, Keith Meadows, Carlos Cordeiro, Rod Turnbull
Absent: Dave Renaud, Keith Barrow*



"You Fancy Yourself" Production
Michele and Steve Farley – Organizers

Wow!! Maja Ardal of Barrie's Talk is Free Theatre came to Bayshore Village on October 3, to perform "You Fancy Yourself." This was a one-woman show with Maja Ardal and she was fabulous. She acted and sang in this play, and the fact that she also wrote, directed, and choreographed the whole presentation, just blows my mind! It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening, and it was obvious that everyone enjoyed it. The long standing ovation at the end was well deserved. I'm looking forward to attending Maja's sequel to this, and I'm sure that word-of-mouth about this presentation will ensure even more Bayshore-ites attend the sequel!

Thanks again for arranging it, Michele and Steve – I loved every minute of it!

Mary Andrews



Steve (left) and Michele (middle seated) Farley



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Opening Thoughts

We keep a potato masher in a drawer because sometimes it's fun to not be able to open that drawer.

Little known fact:

Before the crowbar was invented crows simply drank at home.

On the Subject of Milk

- I've found marriage to be very educational. For example, I had no idea there was a wrong way to put milk in the fridge.
- A man just assaulted me with milk, cream and butter. How dairy.
- You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- You can remember milk being delivered to your house early in the morning and placed in the "milk box" on the porch.
- I asked the waiter, "Is this milk fresh?" He said, "Lady, three hours ago it was grass." (Phyllis Diller)

All the toilets in Orillia's police station have been stolen. Police have nothing to go on.

Helpful Hints

How to parallel park: 1) Park somewhere else. When I told my contractor I didn't want carpeted steps, he gave me a blank stare.



This advice is dispensed by past BVA Common Lands Director Glen M.

It's Little Johnny time..... again

Teacher: If I gave you two cats and another two cats and another two how many would you have? Johnny: 7

Teacher: No, listen carefully thy gave you two cats and another two cats and another two how many would you have? Johnny: 7

Teacher: Let me put it to you differently if I gave you two apples and another two apples and another two, how many would you have? Johnny: 6.

Teacher: Good now if I gave you two cats and another two cats and another two how many would you have teacher? Johnny: 7

Teacher: Johnny, where in the heck do you get seven from? Johnny: Cause I've already got a cat.

Why don't skeletons fight each other? They don't have the guts! And I'll bet you thought they don't have the stomach for it.

Premium Groaner

Why did the scarecrow win an award? 'Cos he was outstanding in his field! He really knew how to stand out among the corny competition.

Overheard on Misty Court



Some actually published church bulletins

- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice. (With apologies to Pat & Noel)
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.
- Don't let worry kill you - let the Church help.

We've got to have at least one

A blonde is walking by a high-end shoe store in New Orleans. She is charmed by a beautiful pair of alligator shoes. She enters the store, and is admiring the shoes. "How much are these?" "\$10,000" says the salesman. The blonde screams "WHAT? How? For \$10,000 I could buy a gun and shoot my own alligator!" The salesman laughs and apologizes but says "I'm sorry miss, but that is what this brand of shoe goes for." She thanks him and leaves the store. Later that evening the salesman is driving home. Passing a bayou who does he see but the blonde? She's wearing hip boots, is waist deep in the bayou and is aiming a rifle at a huge alligator that is surging right toward her!

He slams on the brakes and runs to the rescue just as BANG! The blonde shoots it dead. He runs up just as she's pulling the dead gator out of the bayou. He sees the shore already has several dead alligators, all flipped on their backs. The blonde gives a final heave, flips the new gator on its back and bursts into tears. She turns to the salesman and sobs "Would you believe it? THIS one's not wearing any shoes either!"

The main reason that Santa is so jolly is because he knows where all the bad girls live.



Parting thought

I'm still taking care of my procrastination issues. Just wait until the next edition and you'll see – John Alden

Ladies' Golf
Irene Heinz – Organizer

We had a terrific year at the Monday morning Ladies' Golf League. A pot of money just shy of \$300 was raised by each lady contributing a dollar when they came to play. That means that on Monday morning there were 300 rounds of golf played by our Ladies in Bayshore. We had a gathering for lunch on Monday, October 7th, and awarded the prizes to the ladies that won first and second place in five different categories.

Irene Heinz



2024 Winners: Lynda Bertrand, Sharon Seaward, Mary Ellen Simerson, Barb Sicard, Bev Joseph, Karma Hepburn, Dawn Sutherland, Donna Wilson, Marcie Lancaster

Night Golf
Irene Heinz – Organizer

We had a beautiful fall night to have our second annual Night Golf event on Monday, September 30th. We had to move the date up by one day but everyone who had signed up was keen to still participate. As you can imagine, it is difficult to get any photos but here is Lynda Bertrand nailing her putt while her teammates Marc Bertrand, Sue Plumbohm, Walter Plumbohm, and Patrick Hunt look on.

Irene Heinz



Tennis
Jeff Switzer – Organizer

Some great shots (pun intended) of this summer's tennis groups and year-end luncheon.

Photos by Debbie Dennis, Sharon Seaward



Around the Village



*October 10 Northern Lights
– Sharon Seaward*



*Ready for the holidays
– Dave Horbay*



Fall Reflections – Steve Flinn



*Happy Holidays at the
Hayloft – Susan Hazlett*



*October 10 Northern Nights
– Sharon Seaward*



Sunrise at Harbour 33 – Steve Flinn



Leaves and more leaves – Shelley Hao



Winter Whites – Judy Flinn



Holiday Cheer on Maple Gate – Dave Horbay



*December's cold temps over the warm(er)
lake cause a steamy mist – Starr Oswald*

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Halloween Party, October 26
 Conni and Randy Bowman – Organizers

I want to thank some amazing people in this community who helped set up and run the Halloween dance. Thank you Janet and Paul Sauve, Rehana Suleman, Helene Maikawa, Rhonda Wallace, Heather May-Horbay, Laurel Dewar, John Simerson, and Mary Ellen Simerson for all your help. Thank you to Conni and Randy Bowman for being the lead at this dance. And a huge thank you goes to our amazing decorator Willy Harrison and her fantastic assistant Carmen Scime. Such creativity!!

From all reports this dance was great with lots of amazing costumes!! Thanks to all those who attended. You all helped make it a very successful night.

Diane Stoner

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Bayshore's Street of Treats
Diane Stoner & Social Committee – Organizers

What started off to be an overcast afternoon, turned into a dark and stormy night this year on Halloween (again!). But we still had a great turnout for trick or treating and everyone had a great time!

*Photos by Debbie Dennis,
Helen Lewis-Federovich, Willi Harrison*



Art Class
Jacquie Ivory – Organizer

We had another successful art class this fall, led by Doug Cooper. The subject this time was a very challenging beach and water reflection scene but thanks to Doug's excellent tutelage, everyone came away with a beautiful painting. We celebrated the end of the session with a tasty potluck! Another class is being organized for the winter.

Susan Hazlett



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Shades of Hope Shines Brightly in Bayshore

Not only is Bayshore Village a unique place to live with such community spirit where everyone helps each other out, but it is a place surrounded by various wildlife, which also needs our help sometimes. Shades of Hope Wildlife Refuge is a great support for the wildlife in the Village. Recently, during a puppy play date down at the point, there was an injured swan in the water. A couple canoeing past saw it and called Shades of Hope for help. Initially, they didn't think that anything could be done as it was a Sunday, but luckily a member of the wildlife refuge was quick to arrive. With a short golf cart ride to safety (thanks to Kathy Alden!), the swan was on its way to getting the medical attention it desperately needed. We come together to help one another – that's community. Whether you have two legs or four; skin, feathers or fur, you can be sure everyone will be cared for.

Johanne Lusch



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Christmas Tree Lighting, December 1st
Diane Stoner & Social Committee – Organizers

The Hayloft Christmas Tree was picture perfect this year, thanks to our wonderful decorating crew and a thick layer of fresh snow that had fallen the day before.

We had a great turnout of children of all ages who enjoyed the home baked goodies, hot chocolate, pictures with Santa, carolling, bell ringing and, of course, the countdown to the tree lighting.

Many thanks to everyone who made this a wonderful event:

The Social Committee helpers: Janet Sauve, Susan Hazlett, Shelley Hao, Rehana Suleman, Julie Murray, and Diane Stoner.

The Tree Decorators: Keith Meadows, Dave Horbay, Jeff Dennis, Brad Dutot, and Steve Chiasson.

The Bakers: Maria Morra, Janice Latorre, Sally MacPherson, Heather Horbay, Susan Hazlett, and Gayle Summerland.

The Sound Crew: Paul Sauve and Steve Chiasson.

Leading the Carolling: Noel and Pat Cooper, Keith Meadows and Debbie Rautins, and Diane Stoner.

Santa Claus: Bruce Monkman.

And thank you to everyone who came out and made the tree lighting event such a great success!

Photos by Mary Andrews, Shelley Hao, Susan Hazlett, Janet Sauve, Diane Stoner



**The Sharing Place
Christmas Cash Challenge
Leslie and Jim Fielding – Organizers**

Bayshore has done it again!!
With the very generous donations from our Bayshore Village residents, along with this year's two Secret Elves, who matched \$1,000 each in contributions, Bayshore Village has made a cash donation to The Sharing Place Food Bank in the amount of \$4,400.00 along with 115 pounds of food.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to make this a wonderful holiday for others not so fortunate.

Since 2020, Bayshore Village residents have donated over \$15,600 and more than 6,500 pounds of food through the Christmas and Canada Day food drives.

A very special thanks to this year's Secret Elves who would like to remain anonymous.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!!!

Jim And Leslie Fielding



**Operation Christmas Child
Diane Stoner – Organizer**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Operation Christmas Child shoebox campaign. Ninety shoeboxes were filled and are on their way to needy children all over the world. Fantastic!!

Diane Stoner



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Ladies' Christmas Luncheon Linda Bridges – Organizer

The Ladies' Christmas Luncheon 2024 was held on December 3rd in the Party Room of the Hayloft. We had a full house of 80 Bayshore residents who enjoyed a wonderful homemade lunch catered by "by-the-rock Farm." My great team of Merrill Miller, Bev Joseph, Catherine Plue, and many other volunteers helped organize, decorate, and serve. The winner of our Share the Wealth was Marci Lancaster who generously donated it back so that we could donate a total of \$740 to this year's beneficiary, Uptergrove Public School. Many thanks to all attendees who donated door prizes and participated in our Christmas story game. Thank you!



Linda Bridges

Photos by Debbie Dennis, Shelley Hao, Susan Hazlett





Bridge Velma Burley – Organizer

The Bayshore Bridge groups play Monday mornings from 10:00 to 12:30, and Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:30 in the Hayloft Solarium. The groups average 8-12 in attendance.

The Monday group produced some very impressive scores this fall. At the top was Lloyd Lockhart with 8510 points! In second place was Noel Cooper with 7230 points and Jack Fraser had the 3rd best score with 6190. Congratulations gentlemen!

The Wednesday bridge players play one less round and therefore the top scores are a little lower.

Pat Beecham-Cooper had the top score with 5520. Dorothy Hall had the second-best score this fall with 5320 and Maria Saringer rounded out the top 3 with 4820 points. Very well done, ladies!

We are always looking for more bridge players to join us on Mondays, Wednesdays, or both. To help facilitate an increase in our membership, Dorothy Hall is offering bridge lessons on Thursdays at 1 pm in the Hayloft Games room. If you have any questions regarding lessons, you can email Dorothy at dh9697@gmail.com.

Velma Burley
Photos by Janet Sauve



Euchre Janet Sauve – Organizer

Come out and join regular euchre Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm, or bid euchre Sunday afternoons at 2:00 pm.

Janet Sauve



Art Gallery

The Featured Artist on the Gallery Wall in the Games room for December and January is Jacquie Ivory. Jacquie is a talented artist and has been the organizer of the Bayshore group art classes for the past few years.

Here are some of her works on display, but you really must go to the Hayloft and see the whole collection in person.

Also pictured below are a few submissions from our other talented Bayshore artists. Thank you everyone!

If anyone else would like to display their work, please contact Victor Relvas. If you would like to submit your work for this publication, please send your photos to susan@hazlett.ca.

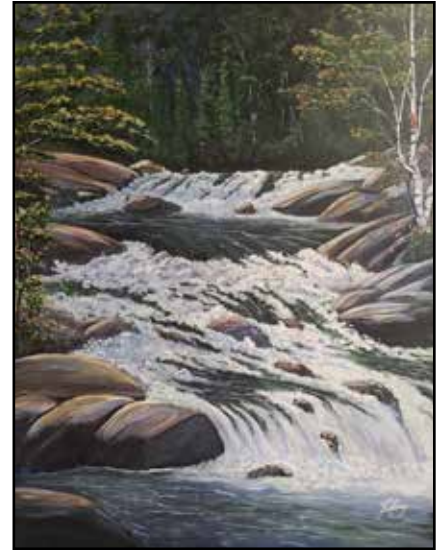
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**"End of Summer" - Acrylic by
Featured Artist, Jacquie Ivory**



**"Leaping Orca" - Acrylic by
Featured Artist, Jacquie Ivory**



**"Serenity Stream" - Acrylic by
Featured Artist, Jacquie Ivory**



Acrylic by Bob Bell



**"Monsieur Fox" - Acrylic by
Featured Artist, Jacquie Ivory**



Acrylic pour by Judy Flinn



Watercolour by Michelle Martinez



**"Naked Birch" - Acrylic by
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Peru

South America is a continent that offers a major cultural change from anywhere else in the world. Although not as historic as Europe, many parts of South America offer a significant history to explore and learn about. We voyaged to Peru in October 2024 on a pre-arranged tour. We flew to Lima, the capital of Peru, and spent two days in this city of 11 million people. The total population of Peru is 33 million. We were advised by our guide that it only rains in Lima every 50 years. The majority of the time it is overcast in Lima, but rain is very sparse, and the city performs daily irrigation of grass and flower beds.

Our next stop was a flight to Cusco, which is at 11,000 to 12,000 feet elevation. Oxygen is considerably less at this altitude, and you can get winded very easily. We left the airport and descended to the Sacred Valley which was at 7,000 feet which was to help guests acclimatize. The journey to Machu Picchu began the next day with a bus ride to the train station, an hour and a half ride by train, then another 30 minute bus ride up the mountain to the entrance of Machu Picchu. There were many stairs to climb to enter the site, but once at the scenic overlook, the sights were amazing. Our guide advised that approximately 400 Incas lived here with a total population of 10-12 million Incas dating back approximately 1,200 years. It is thought that this site was dedicated to high-level Inca rulers as a retreat of sorts. The Spanish never found Machu Picchu during their conquest of South America and therefore, the residents were spared death by disease and slaughter. The masonry stonework of the Inca craftsmen is incredible.

You cannot slip a piece of paper between any of the joints in the stonework. After centuries of earthquakes, almost all of the stonework remains intact and undamaged. The Incas were also excellent cultivators of food crops, growing more than the population could consume and they found ways to preserve crops for up to ten years. Machu Picchu borders a rainforest and mosquitoes are plentiful.

We then journeyed back to Cusco for a few days. Cusco is a tightly wound city with constant noise. There is non-stop beeping of horns from cars and motorcycles, crazy drivers that play chicken with other motorists, and half the vehicles are smashed up. Food in Peru is somewhat bland and lacking in flavour. A delicacy for a birthday or other significant event in Peru is guinea pig. Often gutted, then fried or flame-roasted, it can be found in many restaurants with feet, legs, and head intact. We did not try it but we were going to. Alpaca steak we did try and it is very good and similar to a New York strip steak. Peruvians almost always consume rice and potatoes with their meals. If you order goat soup be prepared to see half a goat's head in your bowl. Pisco Sour is their main cocktail, with pisco being derived from white wine but with a 40% alcohol content. Pisco, simple syrup, lime juice, a raw egg white, and bitters make up this tasty drink.

If all you want to see is Machu Picchu, be prepared to travel four days non-stop (two there and two back) to see the sight for a couple of hours.

James Schulz



Typical Peruvian Woven Wall Tapestry



James conquering Machu Picchu



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"Cuy" (Guinea Pig)



Machu Picchu



Alpaca Petting Farm

HO HO Happy Hour, December 6
Diane Stoner & Social Committee – Organizers



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Thank you to all the volunteers who decorated the Hayloft inside and out for the holidays!



Back row (L-R) Cindy Hotoyan, Kate Switzer, Paul Stoner, Diane Stoner, Paul Sauve, Shelley Hao, Janet Sauve, Anne Graham, Kathy Fidler. Front row: Helene Maikawa, Debbie Rautins, Leanne Weibe, Marion Dutot, Julie Murray



Christmas Tree Crew (L-R) Jeff Dennis, Steve Chiasson, Dave Horbay, Keith Meadows, Brad Dutot



Thank you to our great volunteers for removing and winterizing the aerators in the ponds: **Dave Horbay, Joe Latorre, Glenn Lucas, Keith Meadows, George Miller, Steve Miller, Jim Fielding, Kevin Peebles, Wayne Perzel, Merv Scott, and Joe Sokolowski.** Also thanks to: **Bill Pike, Jim Bridges, and Jim Fielding** for blowing out all the water lines at the harbours and front entrance.

Children's Christmas Pajama Party Willy Harrison – Organizer



The kids had a great time at the Christmas PJ Party on December 21st!

Pictured are a few of the helpers:

(L-R) Willy Harrison, Carman Scime, Diane Stoner, Cindy Hotoyan, Lia LeBlanc.

Others also helped out with the crafts. Thank you everyone and a big thank you to **Bruce Monkman** for playing Santa!



Black Bear Farm

Karyn Dolan organized a group from Bayshore on September 30th to help a local organic farmer, Rebecca Gairdner of Black Bear Produce squash farm (also the same Rebecca that several residents have as their hairdresser!) harvest her Honeynut squash and Sugar Pie pumpkins. They sell mostly to restaurants and private chefs and at farmers' markets, including The Orillia Farmers' Market on Saturdays with the help of Rebecca's daughter and mom! Her farm is completely organic, growing with care for both the environment and the consumer in mind. NO chemicals or sprays are used. She supports two young men from Ghana who work and live on the farm. These workers are solely responsible for maintaining the ten acres. They hoe all the weeds themselves to keep both the environment and produce safe, and tend to the farm as needed. We

were happy to assist in the harvest. It was a great learning experience. We will gladly pitch in again next year. New helpers will be appreciated too! Many hands make light work!

Some of us were up in the fields picking and transporting to the washing station and storage barn, and some of us were at the washing station. The produce is washed, rinsed again, and checked for imperfections like nicks in the skin. The ones that have large nicks or imperfections are not able to go to sale and the farm donates the unsaleable produce to the Food Bank! We all got a few samples to take home too.

Debbie Dennis

Photos by Karyn Dolan and a few other participants



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Ramara Public Library News



A fresh new start, welcome 2025! As many of us create new goals or reflect on the year that has passed, we hope that it includes memories of the library or wanting to join some of our new and fun programming this year! We remind everyone that if you live in Ramara you are eligible for a FREE library card that opens up so many doors. We hope to see you soon.

Update: The temporary Brechin branch has moved to the Township Administration Building and is open Thursday 12-6 and Saturday 10-2. Send your holds and save the drive up the highway this winter.

Programming Highlights – Registration Required

Adult Programs:

Way Back Trivia – January 21st at 7:00 pm (Virtual and In-House). Win far-out prizes while reminiscing about the iconic moments and cultural highlights of these unforgettable decades.

Crafting It Up with Cappuccinos – Tuesday February 4th and March 4th at 6:30 pm. Join us for a delightful evening of Crafts & Cappuccinos... No experience is required—just bring your creativity and a coffee mug, and we'll supply everything you need.

Cuppa Crime – Wednesday, February 11th and March 18th at 6:30 pm. Come out and meet others interested in reading about murder and mayhem! February's book will be *Maggie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz!

Pop-Up B.I.N.G.O. – Wednesday, February 19th at 6:30 pm at Brechin Legion. Mark your calendars, Pop-Up Bingo Nights are back! There will be four rounds of bingo each evening, with fantastic non-monetary prizes to be won at each round.

BookTok Book Club – Thursday, February 27th and March 27th at 7:00 pm. Do you enjoy reading recommended titles that are all over TikTok and Instagram? Start with *It Happened One Summer* by Tessa Bailey! Contact the library to order a copy of the book.

Children/Youth Programs:

PA Day – Friday, January 24th at 10:30 am. Ages 0-8 - Snow Much Fun! Enjoy outdoor time in the snow with different activities before you come inside to enjoy a warm hot chocolate treat, story and craft!

And at 2:00 pm. Ages 8-13 - Pop-Up Tech Tinkers! For the fans of the library Tech Tinker program, you won't want to miss this one-off session! Build, create and play with friends during this hands-on tech program. Limited spaces available.

Structured Literacy – Supporting Your Child's Decoding Skills (Kindergarten – Gr. 3) Saturday, January 25th at 10:00 am. Join SCDSB educators in this parent/guardian session as you learn how best to support your child in their literacy journey through reading abilities and foundational reading skills.

Pajamapalooza – Friday, January 31st, February 28th, and March 28th from 5:00-6:00 pm. Ramara Recreation and Ramara Library are looking for friends who want to have fun! Come decked out in your favourite PJs to enjoy a story, a craft, and games in the gym.

Little Adventurers – Fridays at 10:00 am January. 31st to May 30th. Ages 0-4. Join Abby (Ramara Recreation) and Rebecca (Ramara Library) for the Little Adventurers program! Guaranteed fun with songs, stories, and open play activities for the family.

Grandparent Meet-Up:

Tuesday, February 4th and March 4th at 10:30 am. Come and meet other grandparents in the area who may be involved with raising their grandchildren! Get ideas, talk about experiences and socialize. Young children welcome. Gather in the children's area of the library. Refreshments available.

Art Explorers!

Wednesday, February 5th and March 5th at 6:30 pm. Ages 8-15. Explore a different type of art media each month and see what you can create! This free opportunity gives you the ability to fall in love with materials you may never have used before.

Youth Hub:

Tuesday, February 25th and March 25th at 6:30 pm. Ages 8-15. Bring a friend and get creative making no-sew fleece blankets, repurposing figurines, painting your pet portrait and Minecraft-influenced crafts. Limited spaces available. Wishing you all a wonderful, happy, healthy, and safe New Year!

**Your Ramara Public Library Staff:
Jo-Hellen, Lori, Rebecca and Vanessa**

ATTENTION!

Please note that beginning
December 21st, the temporary
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Volunteers are always welcome! Find out how you can get involved – ask a neighbour, a board member, or leader of any club or group.

See <https://bayshorevillage.ca/members-only-section/member-directory> for contacts.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES:

- **Yoga** Wednesdays 10:00 am in the Hayloft. Contact Lynda Bertrand.
- **Italian Rummy** Mondays at 2:00 pm. Contact Barb Thurgood.
- **Bid Euchre** Sundays at 2:00 pm. Contact Janet Sauve jannylynn200@gmail.com or use TeamReach app BVABID.
- **Regular Euchre** Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. Contact Janet Sauve jannylynn200@gmail.com or use TeamReach app BVAEUC.
- **Ladies' Tea & Chat** Tuesdays 2:00 - 4:00 pm. Contact Kristina Frise.
- **VON Smart Exercise** Fridays at 10:00 am. Call 705-326-7021.
- **Daily Walking Group** is open to all. Join our early morning outdoor walks around Bayshore.
- **Mahjong** Thursdays at 1:30 pm in the Solarium. Contact Irene Heinz.
- **Bridge** Mondays at 10:00 am. Contact Judy Kielly.
- **Bridge** Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. Contact Velma Burley.
- **Bridge Lessons** Thursdays at 1:00 in the Games room. Contact Dorothy Hall.
- **Bible Study Group** Thursdays 10:00 - noon. Contact Deborah Leon.
- **Low Impact Aerobics with Leslie Sansome (WalkFit)** Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 am upstairs at the Hayloft. Contact Heather Horbay or Rhonda Wallace.
- **Flying Club (BVRCFG)** Thursdays 1:00 - 4:00 pm upstairs in the Hayloft. Contact Keith Barrow.
- **Crafting Circle *MORE DATES ADDED*** Jan 6 & 20, Feb 3 & 17, Mar 3 & 17 in the Games room 10:00 am to noon. Contact Michelle Martinez.
- **Photography Club** Fridays 1:00 - 3:00 pm in the Solarium. Contact Gilbert De Nobile.
- **Darts is** returning in January. Every Thursday from 7:00 - 9:00 pm in the Hayloft Games room. \$1/pp to cover coffee and snacks. Contact Jim Fielding or use TeamReach app TNDARTS. Every skill level welcome!

UPCOMING EVENTS/SAVE THE DATE!

- **January 28 – Lunch'n Learn by Expedia Travel.** Contact Laurel Dewar
- **March 15 – St. Patrick's Day event.** Contact Diane Stoner
- **April 25 – Welcome Back Snowbirds Happy Hour.** Contact Diane Stoner
- **April 29 – Children's Easter Event.** Contact Willy Harrison
- **May 3 – Spring Fling.** Contact Diane Stoner
- **June 8 – Newcomers' Luncheon and Club Fair.** Contact Diane Stoner

Job Opportunities (2)

Bayshore Village Lifeguard

June 1, 2025, to September 1, 2025

Role and Responsibilities

1. Responsible in enforcing all Simcoe/Muskoka Health Regulations
2. Bayshore Village Pool Bylaws
3. Coordinate opening and closing of pool daily
4. Complete water samples as per health regulations and record
5. Liaise with Pool Committee when needed
6. Seasonal opportunity
7. Reports to Bayshore Director of Recreation

Qualifications

1. Lifesaving Society National Lifeguard Certification
2. Current Standard First Aid with CPR-C

Compensation

1. \$20.50 per hour (2024 rates under review)
2. Hours of work vary 35 to 40 per week including weekdays, weekends and statutory holidays
3. Reimbursement for required training/certification (for qualified applicants) to be paid at contract end
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For more information, please contact Bayshore Village Director of Recreation at recreation@bayshorevillage.ca

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