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## Get Ready for Our Golden Year

### Bayshore Village's 50th Anniversary Is Coming!

In 2026, Bayshore Village will celebrate 50 incredible years, and we're planning to mark this milestone in style. Our enthusiastic 50th Anniversary Committee is organizing a series of special events from April through August 2026. Watch for more details on these events and also see page 5.

In addition, we are also creating a historical display of photos, documents, articles, and memorabilia from the 1970s and 1980s that reflect the early days of our community. This display will be featured in the Hayloft entrance, spring 2026.

You can help! If you've lived here for many years—or were among the early residents—we'd love to hear from you. We're collecting:

- Old photos of homes, neighbours, or the lake
- Newsletters, magazines, saved articles, maps, flyers
- Other memorabilia from the early days

Our goal is to create a special historical display celebrating the people, places, and memories of the past 50 years.

- Digital items can be emailed to Rehana Suleman, Volunteer Coordinator at [volunteers@bayshorevillage.ca](mailto:volunteers@bayshorevillage.ca)
- Hard-copy documents or physical items may be dropped off at the office.

Thank you for helping us celebrate our past and preserve these memories for future generations.

### 50th Anniversary Committee



Hayloft 1978

## Sharing Place Christmas Cash Challenge

Jim and Leslie Fielding – Organizers

### Bayshore Village comes through again!!!!

With the very generous donations from our Bayshore Village residents, along with this year's two Secret Elves who matched \$1,000 and \$1,500 in contributions, Bayshore Village has surpassed last year's cash donation to The Sharing Place Food Bank with a total of \$5,320.00, along with 60 pounds of food.

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

Since 2020, Bayshore Village residents have donated over \$21,000 and more than 6,600 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*



## Our Hayloft



Hayloft December 2025  
Photo by Janet McPherson-Huxley

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The Banner and the BVA members are very grateful to everyone who contributed their articles and photos.



**Bring on 2026!!**

**Photo of Esther and Randy Noble by Janice Latorre.  
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## President's Report



By the time this edition is published, we'll have celebrated Christmas and brought in the New Year. I hope that all our members, both here in the Village and those abroad, enjoyed themselves. And if you made any New Year's resolutions...well, good luck!

As our community looks ahead to 2026, we truly have a special milestone on the horizon – Bayshore Village's 50th Anniversary. This is an extraordinary moment in our community's history, and we are preparing a year filled with special events that celebrate our shared past, our vibrant present and the spirit that makes this place feel like home. More information will be coming forth shortly, and we hope that we can count on your participation in making this a truly remarkable celebration.

If by chance you've had the opportunity to see the renovated pool and surrounding area, I'm sure you'll agree that it's nothing short of spectacular! Once again, a huge thank you to the pre-construction planning committee led by Joey Torchia, our project manager Kate White, and to Paul Stoner who stepped in on numerous occasions to resolve the many unexpected issues and challenges. In amongst it all, we also had numerous volunteers at various times to assist with tasks to keep the project running smoothly.

The whole area of the clubhouse, golf course, tennis courts and pool is now a beautiful focal point that we all can be proud of. On behalf of the Board, I thank our members for supporting the amalgamation of Phase Two and Three of the pool project, so that we could have it all completed for the summer of '26.

That being said, we don't have any major projects planned for the next few years. We now look forward to concentrating on maintaining the little things that give Bayshore its "wow" factor. As always, we appreciate the time and effort our volunteers put in when the call goes out for help.

We are the best community in Simcoe County...tell me I'm wrong.

**Gunther Gratzner**  
President

## Story Contest!



### **Share Your Story for Our 50th Anniversary!**

As we prepare to celebrate 50 years as a community association, we invite you to help us capture the spirit, history, and heart of our neighbourhood.

We're launching a **Bayshore Village Story Contest**, and we'd love to hear your voice!

Do you have a personal connection or family history in our community? A funny memory that still makes you smile, or a touching moment that reflects what makes this place special? Perhaps you have lived in Bayshore since the 70's or early 80's, and you want to write about your memories of those early days.

Entries can be heartfelt, humorous, historical, or anything in between, as long as they reflect the spirit of Bayshore Village. Whatever your story may be, big or small, we want to hear it.

Selected stories will be featured in our **50th Anniversary Banner magazine**, helping us honour the moments and memories that have shaped us over the decades.

### **How to Participate:**

Simply email your digital short story (and photos if you have any) to Laurel Dewar, [corpsecretary@bayshorevillage.ca](mailto:corpsecretary@bayshorevillage.ca) by March 1, 2026.

Let's celebrate 50 years of friendship, belonging, and shared stories. We can't wait to read yours!





# 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS *MAIN EVENTS*

**Pancake Breakfast - April 25**  
with REAL maple syrup, coffee & juice

**Kick-Off Party & BBQ - May 30**  
Pool Opening Ceremony, Scavenger Hunt &  
Corn Hole Tournament

**Summer Solstice - June 22**  
Sunset Party in Harbour 66 & Barnstable Bay

**Canada Day - July 1**  
Parade with Prizes for Best Float, Children's Events  
& BBQ lunch

**Final Party - August 22**  
Dance to a Live Band with Catered Buffet of Appetizers  
under the VIP marquee tent with  
FIREWORKS over the Golf Course

*Watch for more details!*

## In Memoriam

Steve loved life and lived it to the fullest! After a hard-fought battle with pulmonary fibrosis, **STEVE FARLEY**, 68, passed peacefully on Tuesday, December 16th. Steve spent his final days in the way he loved most, surrounded by family, laughter and love. He enjoyed music, theatre, collecting art, and he was an avid boater. He greatly valued community, friendship, and lived an incredible life. He constantly set an example for how to live life to the fullest, on your own terms. Steve is survived by his loving wife, Michele, along with their children Casey and Ryan (Dani), as well as his adoring grandson Athan. Steve's legacy will live on in the memories and through the stories of everyone who knew and loved him.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, January 17th, 2026 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm at The Hayloft, and Sunday, January 18th, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm, also at the Hayloft. The Family Eulogy will be on Sunday, January 18th at 3:00 pm. As this is a celebration, and in honour of Steve, please wear your brightest colours, your favourite outfit or sports jersey (Leaf's jerseys not allowed!). In lieu of flowers, donations to Toy Mountain would be greatly appreciated.



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## Emergency Preparedness Report

### Why an emergency preparedness plan for Bayshore Village?



Last year's ice storm brought out the best in Bayshore Village residents with neighbours helping neighbours in practical and compassionate ways, but we could have done better. Having a preparedness plan ensures that everyone knows how to respond during emergencies, helps coordinate communication and evacuation if needed, and provides support for vulnerable residents. By organizing supplies, maintaining a resident registry, and conducting regular training and drills, the community can protect lives and property, minimize confusion, and recover more quickly from the unexpected.

On December 11th, 2025, at 7:00 pm we conducted our first meeting on Emergency Preparedness for Bayshore Village Residents to see if there was enough interest in forming a committee. On a stormy winter's night, 52 Bayshore Village residents braved the weather and came to express their interest. Eight members signed up to be on a committee to investigate forming and implementing an emergency plan. Twelve members have volunteered to be Street Captains. The primary responsibility of each Street Captain is to ensure that all residents receive necessary assistance during an emergency, and will function as a liaison, communicating the needs for help or supplies from their respective areas directly to the appropriate committee members.

One member signed up as a medical lead to help with basic medical assistance during emergencies and offered to help organize other residents with medical training.

Where do we go from here? Our next committee meeting will be held to discuss implementing a structured plan and define roles and responsibilities. A second information session will be conducted at the Hayloft to offer a more detailed plan and to update residents who missed the first meeting.

If you have any questions or would like to offer your assistance, please contact Dave Horbay: 905-903-3760 or Steve Goulter: 705-484-0509.

**Dave Horbay and Steve Goulter**



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## Karaoke/Blue Jays Watch Party, October 17th

Dave Renault and Rhonda Wallace – Organizers

It was a fun night of karaoke, with some Blue Jays action thrown in for extra excitement. The Toronto Blue Jays and Seattle Mariners' 5th playoff game was displayed on a 60" TV upstairs in the Hayloft, while the karaoke-ers took the stage. A great time was had by all.

*Photos by Janice Latorre, Dave Renault, Diane Stoner*

LET'S GO  
BLUE JAYS  
LET'S GO!



The Walking Group  
In the Fall, and a December Birthday Celebration

Photos by Shelley Hao



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**Art Gallery**  
**Victor Relvas – Organizer**

The Artist Gallery Wall in the Games Room is on hiatus for now. In the meantime, below are some of the artwork pieces that have been submitted in the past months. Enjoy!

If you have anything you would like to share, please send it in to [susan@hazlett.ca](mailto:susan@hazlett.ca), and it will be published when space allows.

**Susan Hazlett**



**"Three Petals" acrylic by Christa Schmid**



**"Street Performer" blue acrylic by Michelle Martinez**



**"Northern Loon" pencil by Keith Meadows**



**Acrylic by Bob Bell**



**Acrylic by Victor Relvas**



**Acrylic Pour by Judy Flinn**



**"Muskoka Cottage Trail" acrylic by Jacquie Ivory**



**Acrylic by Victor Relvas**



**Acrylic by Ray (Razor) Broughton**

**Art Class Fall 2025 Session**  
Jacquie Ivory – Organizer

Another fantastic art class for our Bayshore artistic crew was held in the fall. Under the guidance of Doug Cooper, students were challenged to paint a bridge over a river – learning all about perspective and water reflections. Well done, class!

We hope there will be another eight-week session in the new year. Even if you have never held a brush before, consider joining in on these fun classes. Everyone at every skill level is welcome, but these classes are popular so stay tuned for announcements via email and Facebook and be sure to sign up right away.

*Susan Hazlett*



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I have just completed my Christmas wish list for Santa, and as I really don't need that much, I asked for the one thing that would make my winter the best it could be. Lots of thick, hard ice and no slush!

Ahhhh, the beginning of ice fishing season.

Since last year's season was a bit of a washout, the anglers of

Bayshore are looking forward to a "normal" season out on the ice.

As I sit here and write this article, I am watching the temperatures, hoping that the minus degree days, and especially the cold nights, freeze up Lake Simcoe.

Safe ice is usually between four and six inches thick. I prefer the latter; anything over six inches is the start of ideal thickness and safe for travel on the lake.

Finding depths of between 10 feet to 14 feet are where many of us look to find those jumbo perch that we wait until the winter ice to target.

Perch is what is most abundant, but lake trout, whitefish, pike, burbot, and lake herring are also available for the taking at these depths, but rarely. Those seeking most of the deep water species (lake trout, burbot and whitefish) usually travel to deeper 20+ foot depths where these fish are most likely to be caught.

The Lake Simcoe unicorn, or walleye as it is commonly referred to, can be found in water ranging from anywhere at 8 feet to 30 foot depths.

Unfortunately, I've yet to locate any walleye in my fishing adventures out on the lake, but there is always hope. YouTube videos show they're out there, so I can only keep searching and trying to find them.

Ice fishing should begin fairly soon, and I hope to see all of my Bayshore comrades out at our usual spots on the ice. Over the years, residents have expressed interest in going out to try this sport. If interested, please contact me. I have all the necessary gear and can take you out for a few hours. If it's the cold you're afraid of, no worries – the huts actually overheat! We bring warm drinks, soups, and sometimes the "spirits" accompany us!

Be safe and good luck. Enjoy the season.

My picture vault has been depleted, and I'm looking for some new photos to add to my articles. I hope to have some great fish catches recorded for the springtime edition of the Banner, so get busy everyone, and capture some images of your fishing adventures and catches.

Send to me at [meadowskeith1@gmail.com](mailto:meadowskeith1@gmail.com)

**Keith Meadows**



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**Selling your HOME?**

**We're sad to see you go!**

A hand in a black sleeve is shown from the bottom left, holding a large, grey, 3D-style house-shaped frame. The frame is positioned over a blue sky with white clouds. The text "We're sad to see you go!" is written in white, bold, sans-serif font inside the house shape.

The logo for Bayshore Village, featuring a stylized house icon and the text "Bayshore Village" in a blue, serif font.

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## Globetrotting THE MIGRATION VACATION

In 2023, we planned a cruise from Europe that began in Barcelona with planned stops in Spain and Portugal, then traversed the Atlantic Ocean to North America. Both my parents immigrated from Europe in the 50's by ship, and it seemed like such an adventure when told by my mother.

As usual, we arrived days early at the city where the cruise begins, but this trip had a great surprise to start off. With the cruise booked, I began looking for flights to Barcelona. By chance, I went into my Air Miles account and searched for flights to Barcelona, and one option stood out for two reasons. Total Air Miles required was 2,800 for two, which was less than half of any other airline using Air Miles, and another reason was it flew Toronto to Sao Miguel in the Azores, then on to Barcelona. I inquired about a multi-day layover in the Azores, and it would not be a problem. This was a great start to this journey. São Miguel is a beautiful island belonging to Portugal, formed by volcanic activity and is stunning. It is still a thermal hot spot, such as the town of Furnas, where we enjoyed a meal that was cooked in the ground. I would describe São Miguel as a cross between Ireland and Hawaii, and I have heard this from others who have travelled there. We rented a car and went on self-guided tours. The views were spectacular, the locals were very friendly and overall, a very low cost place to visit.

After three days in São Miguel, we flew to Barcelona, where we met up with our friends who joined us for our cruise. We explored Barcelona for a few days and visited the famous Sagrada Familia, the creation of Antoni Gaudí. In 2023, the church had been under construction for 141 years and still needs decades to complete. The church is almost too audacious with spires and steeples infused with artificial fruit, animals, and other ornate objects. It didn't seem like a church. The inside, however, was very representative of a catholic church. The building of the church is funded entirely by donations, so this might explain the long construction period. During the pandemic, construction ground to a standstill as many were isolated in their homes, and travel was almost nonexistent. I found Spain to be a great city that was full of history and adventure.

We then boarded the ship and headed to other destinations in Spain and Portugal. The Mediterranean Sea was very rough, and within a few days, we were hearing of cruise ships being battered by storms and high winds just to the north. The Captain announced that he was changing our ports of call to the more southerly Canary Islands. Regardless, our cruise took us through the Strait of Gibraltar, which is only seven miles across. We stayed up late to see the Strait, and it was amazing. To the right, Spain and to the left, Africa. The Canary Islands were nice, then we prepared to cross the Atlantic. It took eight days to cross from Tenerife to Miami.

Some passengers were freaked out that we were in the middle of the ocean for so long, but I was very comfortable. We were in shipping lanes and saw other ships as we crossed. I was more concerned in Antarctica, where you are pretty much on your own if something goes wrong. First, I noticed there were no longer birds flying about. The ocean was mostly calm, and we had a great time on the ship. Dining, trivia, shows,

casinos, the gym, walking 12 laps every day around the deck of the ship and playing cards filled our days. We witnessed some of the best sunsets ever, and even saw the green flash when the sun dipped below the horizon, which is very rare. I tried to photograph it, but it's the human eye that picks up the flash, not a camera.

We missed a few stops in Spain, Lisbon, and the upper Azores, but that will be another trip. We walked some of the beaches in the Canary Islands, and I learned the islands were not named after canary birds, but rather after dogs (canine). Tenerife, in the Canaries, is where the worst airline disaster took place in 1977. Heavy fog and a KLM pilot who made an unauthorized takeoff caused a collision of two jumbo 747's on the runway, and 583 souls lost their lives that day, along with 61 injured.

Altogether, the trip lasted 24 days. The Atlantic crossing was much more comfortable than my parents' experience, as they travelled on freighters with tight accommodations and no activities to pass the time. Food was not as enjoyable back then either, according to my mom, who travelled with her mom, sister and brother and ended up in Winnipeg. In a short time, my grandmother found it too cold and returned to Belfast, taking her only son with her. My father travelled alone as his family was not keen on his coming to Canada.

**James Schulz**



*Sunset on the Atlantic Ocean*



*Caldera in Lagoa Santiago (a volcanic crater lake, São Miguel Island)*



*Thermal cooked meal*



*The Sagrada Familia*



*Our Ship, the Oosterdam*

**Makers' Market October 25th**  
**Lynda Bertrand and Committee – Organizers**

The Makers' Market was a great success this October. So many people contributed to this wonderful event. Michelle Martinez did a super job on all our advertisements; her social media coverage played a big role in bringing awareness to the public of our crafters and artists. Bayshore has so many gifted people who spent months making their products to sell. Sincerest thanks to each and every one of you.

The proceeds from our bake sale went to the incredible organization, "Shades of Hope," who are the forerunners in assisting orphaned and injured wildlife. Thanks to all of you, we raised \$1,010. This beautiful centre in Pepperlaw is manned by veterinarians who donate their time free of charge to save and rehab thousands of wildlife every year. The Makers' Market will return in October 2026. If you are a budding artist or crafter, please don't hesitate to come and join us to display your work next year. All are welcome.

**Lynda Bertrand**

**Photos by Gilbert De Nobile, Susan Hazlett**



**(L-R) Maria Morro, Lynda Bertrand, Terri (Manager of Shades of Hope), Sally McPherson and Wendy Lucas with donations collected from the Bake Sale. The Bayshore Walkers did an outstanding job on our bake sale. Every item contributed was quickly purchased. This year Des Barnes made 16 loaves of his famous sourdough bread that left the shelf in minutes. Wendy Lucas, Sally McPherson, and Maria Morra organized 15 others who filled the baskets with delicious muffins and cookies. Thank you all!**



**Meet Your Makers!**  
**Makers' Market October 25 (cont'd)**



**Alison Thoms**  
**Jewelry**



**Anna Milligan**  
**"Quiet Moments" Silver**



**Anne Harwood**  
**Glass Garden Art**



**Barry Peyton**  
**Artwork and Wood Crafts**



**Catherine Hermans**  
**Artwork**



**Diane Camack**  
**Jewelry**



**Doug Richardson, Lures & Sherri Richardson, Quilting**



**Gayle Summerland**  
**"A Treasured Gift" Baskets**



**Jacquie Ivory**  
**Jewelry and Gifts**



**Jeanette Cherry**  
**Knitted Gifts**



**Judy Flinn**  
**Artwork and Giftware**



**Kathy Alden**  
**Pottery**



**Lynda Bertrand**  
**Artwork and Gifts**



**Matthew Harper**  
**Woodworking**



**Romaine Dawkins**  
**Clothes and Gifts**



**Sue Plumbohm**  
**"Hot Mama's" Sauces**



**Susan Hazlett**  
**Jams and Jellies**



**Suzan Bertrand**  
**Artwork and Glassware**



**Victor Relvas**  
**Artwork**



**Bayshore Cookbooks**  
**were offered for sale.**  
**Thank you Janet Sauve**  
**for staffing that table.**

## Volunteer News



Wishing everyone a joyful and fulfilling start to 2026!

As Volunteer Coordinator, I have the privilege of meeting fellow residents and witnessing the generosity that defines our community. Time and time again, I am inspired by the willingness of Bayshore members to step forward whenever a call for help is made.

Despite the challenges we faced last year, residents came together—not only to support one another, but also to

ensure the success of our regular Bayshore events and to tackle the added demands of post-storm cleanup. Such camaraderie is truly remarkable and speaks volumes about the spirit of our village.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you to each and every one of you for your time, energy, and kindness.

Please see below the total number of volunteers and hours dedicated to maintaining the health, safety, and beauty of Bayshore Village. These figures for the year January to December 2025, reflect the contributions I am aware of, though I am certain many additional hours have been generously given by those who volunteer quietly without recognition.

- Common Waters: Pond care which includes installing and removing aerators, adding enzymes and herbicides to water – 220 hours by 60 volunteers
- Harbours: Installing and removing docks and channel markers, general maintenance of harbour areas and storage yard – 214 hours by 15 volunteers
- Common Lands: Maintenance of all common lands (including gardens and Eco Park) within Bayshore Village – 264 hours by 115 volunteers
- Storm Clean Up: 295 hrs by 72 volunteers
- Recreation: Including Golf Course, Tennis and Pickleball courts, pool and other recreation activities – 440 hours by 198 volunteers (this includes post-storm golf course cleanup hours and volunteers)
- Social Events: NYE party, Snowbirds' Happy Hour, Spring Fling, St. Patrick's Day, Newcomers' Luncheon, Canada Day, Volunteer Appreciation, Streets of Treats, Halloween Dance, decorating inside and outside of Hayloft, Tree Lighting Ceremony among other events – 665 hours by 311 volunteers
- Hayloft: Includes maintenance of Hayloft building and issues related to Hayloft – 826 hrs by 5 volunteers
- Other volunteer hours: Would include activities and activity leads, Appy Hours, Library, Banner, administration and more.

January to December 2025 – approximately 3,400 hours by 800 volunteers (numbers per event, not individuals, and includes time put in by the Board)

With 2026 marking the 50th anniversary of Bayshore Village, I have volunteered to gather historical information (pictures, articles, newsletters, stories and anything else) and work with the 50th Anniversary Committee to create a memory archive board to be displayed in the Hayloft. If you have any items or information/stories you would like to share with me, please reach out to me at [volunteers@bayshorevillage.ca](mailto:volunteers@bayshorevillage.ca) or call me at 905-999-2132. I would love to hear from you.

**Rehana Suleman**  
Volunteer Coordinator

## Hayloft Holiday Decorating

Thank you to all the folks who decorated the Hayloft this year! You did an outstanding job of making everything look so festive! Special thanks go to our outside Holiday Tree lighting team who once again came through for us to make the Christmas Tree Lighting event so special! Thank you all!

*Photos by Dave Horbay, Diane Stoner*



*Hayloft Decorating Team: (L-R) Shelley Hao, Diane Stoner, Marilyn Goulter, Lee Anne Wiebe (crouching), Lori Simpson, Marielle Montemurro, Nori Drysdale, Velma Burley, Deb Rautins (Not pictured in group shot: Jeff and Kate Switzer, and Paul Stoner who decorated the Hayloft exterior)*



*Holiday Tree Lights and Decor Team: (L-R) Randy Smith, David Horbay, Steve Chiasson, Keith Meadows, Jeff Dennis*

## Duck Pond Tree Cleanup

Thank you to all those volunteers who helped remove the fallen tree in Duck Pond on Saturday, November 29th. This tree had fallen down into the pond during the ice storm and has been a persistent eyesore all summer. With the help of some 15 volunteers, we were able to remove this tree, saving the village a few thousand dollars. Thanks goes out to Brian Finnegan for envisioning and planning the event, Fileno Parente and Luciano Cristao for the use of their all terrain forklift, Eugene Storozinski for his tree cutting abilities, and all others for their labour, including Bob Hepburn, Mark and Matthew Taylor, Doug Richardson, Paul Sauve, Ian Maikawa, Gunther Gratzter, Steve Miller, Glenn Lucas, Bob Sutherland and any others I may have missed. Thank You!

**Jeff Switzer**  
*Director Common Lands*



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## Harbour Leaf Cleanup



A big thank you to all those who helped with the Harbours Leaf Cleanup on Friday, November 14th. There was a great turnout, making the work relatively short at two hours to do all the harbours. In total, 165 bags of leaves were picked up! Thank you again!

**Jeff Switzer**  
*Director Common Lands*  
*Photos by Susan Hazlett*



## Marilyn and Steve Goulter's 60th Anniversary Event



On Saturday, November 15, our 60th Wedding Anniversary party was held at the Hayloft in Bayshore Village. Over 80 guests from Bayshore and far afield were invited to celebrate with us. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food, the variety of beverages, and the opportunity to visit with each other – the warm hospitality of family and friends was very evident. It was a real privilege



to have so many of our friends and family together all at one time. We just want everyone in attendance to know that you all have played an important part in our lives over the years.

There was much to say in the way of speeches. Steve acted as MC and encouraged several guests to come forward and tell of their experiences over the (many) years. There were a lot of laughs, funny stories and serious moments. Greg Goulter (eldest son) spoke of the good times, his parents and many experiences we all had together. Our grandchildren (Onyx and Aura) had a good time – what a privilege that they could be with us for this special celebration.



We wish to thank everyone who helped make this event a huge success, decorated the hall, arranged the tables, served the food, and provided their best wishes for many more years together.

- Brenda James
- Terri Papa
- Heather Horbay
- Julie Murray
- Anne Graham
- Barb Cordeiro
- Shelley Hao
- and all their husbands!



A special "thank you" to Ross and Cathy Fidler for tending to the open bar, and their good advice and encouragement. The appetizers from Eclectic and Metro were especially delicious.



At Bayshore, we are so fortunate to have the Hayloft – such a wonderful facility for an event like this – bright, cheery, beautiful, with an excellent PA system, amazing kitchen, decorations, elevator, dishes and supplies, etc. Our friends and family were very impressed! We should all be proud of our Bayshore facilities. A special thanks to all the volunteers who contribute time and effort towards this venue.

In spite of the poor weather (it was no better in 1965!), everyone had a very enjoyable afternoon.

We will always have fond memories of this special day.

**Marilyn and Steve Goulter**



## Walking Group Holiday Gathering

A fun holiday party with the Walking Group was held at Darlene McGuinness' home on December 18th.

*Photos by Shelley Hao*



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## Remote Control Club Keith Barrow – Organizer



During the winter, the Bayshore Remote Control Club will meet upstairs at the Hayloft every Thursday from 1:00 to 4:00 pm to fly ultralight aircraft. On Thursday, November 27, the Club had its first Show and Tell event, which we hope to have every other week. Modellers will be bringing in their winter build projects to share with the group, so if you have an interest in remote control boats, planes, drones, helicopters (or aviation in general), please sign up via Team Reach BVARCCLUB1 or contact Keith Barrow.

*Photo by Shelley Hao*

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## Euchre Janet Sauve – Organizer

Please note that Bid Euchre has been discontinued for now due to lack of participation. This may be revisited should enough people indicate an interest. Regular Euchre will continue on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the Solarium.

*Janet Sauve*





# Laughing Matters

A Whimsical Collection of Jokes, Puns and Other Curiosities

## Opening Thoughts

Women like silent men; they think they're listening.

## Helpful Information

If a man says he will fix it, he will. There is no need to remind him every three months.

## Useless Information

Antarctica has the largest unclaimed territory on Earth.

## They Walk Among Us

I used to work in technical support for a 24/7 call centre. One day I got a call from an individual who asked what hours the call centre was open. I told him, "The number you dialled is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week." He responded, "Is that Eastern or Pacific time?" Wanting to end the call quickly, I said, "Uh, Pacific."



## It's Little Johnny Time..... Again

The teacher asked Suzy where her nose is, and Suzy pointed to it. Next, she asked Freddy where his ears are, and he pointed to them.

Then she asked little Johnny where his heart is. Johnny pointed to his behind. The teacher said, "No, that is not right. Let's try again. Where is your heart?"

Again, Johnny pointed to his behind and explained, "Every time my grandma comes over, she gives me a hug, pats my behind, and says 'Bless your heart.'"

## Medical Corner

Patient: "Doctor, my back hurts every single morning when I get up."

Doctor: "So get up in the afternoon."

## Did You Know?

As an average Canadian driver, you will spend an average of six months waiting at red lights during your lifetime.

It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.

Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors.

## Home Sweet Home



## Potpourri

Mum is putting her little boy to bed. She sings him a lullaby, but he doesn't fall asleep. She sings a second one, he still doesn't sleep – a third, a fourth. The boy sighs and says, "Mum, I get it, you sing really beautifully, but I'd really like to get some sleep."

I'm reaching out on behalf of a friend of mine who wishes to remain anonymous and needs some help. His wife told him to go out and get some of those pills that would help spice up their sex life. When he came back he handed her diet pills. Anyway, now he's looking for a new place to live. Can you help him?

A father texts his son: "My dear son, today is a day you will treasure for all the days of your life. My best love and good wishes. Your Father."

His son texts back: "Thanks Dad. But the wedding isn't actually until tomorrow!"

His Father replies: "I know."

## Parting Thoughts

Did you hear about the pessimist who hates German sausage? He always fears the Wurst.

If I am ever on life support, unplug me and plug me back in and see if that works.

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

*John Alden*

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## Pool Progress

I'm sure you've all seen by now the outstanding upgrades to the pool, the deck, and all the stonework at the front of the Hayloft. Here are a few photos continuing to track the progress since our last publication in the fall. What a transformation! A tremendous thank you especially to Paul and Diane Stoner. Paul was the Project Supervisor on this huge task, liaising with the trades and keeping Kate White, Project Manager, and the Board updated. Paul and Diane were often seen doing some of the physical work themselves (removing gates, moving stones and dirt etc). THANK YOU!!

**Susan Hazlett**

**Photos by Diane Stoner**



Oct. 1 - Stonework going down on the new pool deck



Oct. 27 - Tiling and grout covered to cure



Oct. 25 - Stonework almost finished, tile getting grouted



Oct. 28 - Fencing being installed



Oct. 25 - Stonework extended to building



Oct. 30 - Finishing touches with river rock



Oct. 25 - Stonework extended to kiosk area and front walkway



Oct. 30 - All done! Time to fill and winterize the pool

## Job Opportunity - Lifeguard 2026

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5. Liaise with Certified Pool Operator
6. Seasonal opportunity
7. Reports to BVA Director of Recreation



### Qualifications:

Lifesaving Society National Lifeguard Certification

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2. Hours of work vary 35 to 40 per week.
3. Bonus at end of season to be determined.

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## Monday Ladies' Golf

Irene Heinz – Organizer



**Monday Ladies' Golf Group**

Another enjoyable golf season for the ladies at Bayshore ended on the last week of September. A total of \$322 was collected from the loonie contributions each week. That represents 322 rounds of golf from the ladies over an entire season on Monday mornings.

At the final Appetizer Party, the money prizes were awarded, with 15 ladies receiving money back in the range of \$2 to \$51.

The big prize winners for this year are as follows:

- Sue Plumbohm for the lowest tally in the A flight.
- Donna Wilson for the lowest tally in the B flight.
- Maura Hughson for the lowest tally in the C flight.
- Bev Joseph for the most dedicated golfer as she attended all 20 weeks, rain or shine.

All Bayshore ladies are welcome to join in, regardless of their skill level. Let's make 2026 bigger and better by having even more members participate. See you in the Spring!

**Irene Heinz**

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## Wednesday Men's Golf

Joe Sokolowski – Organizer

Men's Wednesday golf is played every Wednesday at Cedarhurst Golf Club in Beaverton. The group is organized by Joe Sokolowski and comprises 32 members. Several trophies are handed out every year at the year end get-together, held this year at the home of Corrado Roccasalva. The five awards given out this year are pictured below.

**Wayne Perzel**



**Award winners (L-R) Jim Law, Keith Meadows, Scot Cherry, Carlos Cordeiro, Marc Bertrand**



**Wednesday Men's Golf Group**



**Friday Men's Golf**  
Keith Meadows – Organizer

Another successful season concluded, and time to pack away the clubs for the winter. The group enjoyed another season of golf the way it should be played, a little bit of competition and a whole lot of fun. Each Friday, we assembled at 10:00 am, drew cards to set the foursomes, and played nine holes. At the end of the season, we played the "Green Jacket" round followed by

our banquet luncheon. This year's winner for the second year was Scot Cherry. A great group of guys, with always room for more, so come join in. Until next season, have a great winter.

**Keith Meadows**



**Green Jacket winner, Scot Cherry**



**End of season lunch**



**Friday Men's Golf Group**

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## Gabs Sings Babs Michele and Steve Farley – Organizers



On November 13, eighty Bayshore residents and friends enjoyed an evening of music provided by Gabi Epstein accompanied by pianist Mark Camilleri. Mark is an incredibly talented accompanist, conductor, director and recording studio owner.

Barbra Streisand's music had a huge impact on Gabi and on her journey to becoming a multi-award winning Canadian singer, actor and recording artist. The evening included many of Barbra Streisand's songs, interspersed with stories from Gabi's life.

What a performance!!

Bayshore was so incredibly fortunate to be able to experience the top-notch talent of these two fantastic artists.

Thank you to Michele and the late Steve Farley, for arranging this amazing night of Broadway-calibre entertainment for our community. You really knocked it out of the park with this performance.

*Diane Stoner*

**Photos by Michele Farley, Diane Stoner**



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## Ramara Public Library News



A new year means new library programs! Visit our Eventbrite page to see all the library's upcoming programs and events. Check out our website at [www.RamaraPublicLibrary.org](http://www.RamaraPublicLibrary.org)

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### Adult Programs

- Fibre Friends: Wednesdays | 1:30 to 3:30 pm
- NEW Genealogy Club: 1st and 3rd Tuesday | 1:30 to 2:30 pm
- NEW Men's Coffee Club: 2nd Tuesday at 10:00 am
- NEW Tech Time: 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 1:30 pm | RSVP | Visit the Eventbrite page for more details
- From Near Extinction to Hope: The Trumpeter Swan Journey: January 22 | 10:30 am | RSVP
- Ramara Book Club: January 28 | 1:30 pm | Titles TBD
- Elderberries 101: February 3 | 6:30 pm | RSVP
- Do Not Ignore Your Mortality (In-Person & Virtual): February 5 | 2:00 pm | RSVP
- Understanding the Progression & Stages of Dementia: February 6 | 2:00 pm | RSVP
- Love at First Chapter (In-Person & Virtual): February 19 | 7:00 pm | RSVP
- Learn about Perimenopause & Menopause with Dr. Thomas (In-Person & Virtual): February 24 | 7:00 pm | RSVP
- We're Jammin': March 24 | 7:00 pm | RSVP

### Children's Programs

- Little Adventurers (Ages 0-4): Fridays | 10:00 am
- PA Day: Adventures in Forensic Science (Ages 5-12): Friday, January 30 | 10:00 am to 2:00 pm | \$10 | RSVP
- Family Literacy Day Storytime: January 27 | 10:00 to 11:00 am | RSVP
- Learn to Crochet: February 10 – March 4 | 6:30 to 7:30 pm | RSVP
- Pi Day: March 14 | 10:30 am to – 12:00 pm | RSVP
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# Halloween Party

Conni Bowman and Randy Smith – Organizers

The Halloween dance on November 1 was hosted by Conni Bowman and Randy Smith. The room was decorated with skeleton candelabras as part of the centerpieces, and chips and candy bars were added as treats for each guest. Willy Harrison and Carmen Scime hung eight impressive and scary Halloween-themed tapestries around the room and added black lights, which created a spooktacular effect.



Sixty people attended, dressed in some pretty amazing and creative costumes. Because it was the last game of the World Series, it was a priority to show the game during this event. While everyone danced to a great playlist of songs organized by Paul Stoner, the game played on the big screen for everyone to enjoy.

The prize for the best-dressed female went to Karen Klimaszewski, who was dressed as a box of TicTacs. The

best-dressed male prize was won by Keith Meadows, who was dressed as the gentleman from Day of the Dead. The 50/50 draw was won by Roy Oswald, who donated his winnings back to be used for the 50th Anniversary celebration. Thanks, Roy!!

Everyone had a good time dancing, mingling, and watching the ball game. Near the end of the 8th inning, the music was turned off, and the sound was turned up on the game. We all watched the final innings of the game together and were so sorry to see the Blue Jays lose. Better luck next year, boys.

I want to thank Conni and Randy for all their hard work organizing such a successful Halloween dance. Next year's dance is already on the calendar.

*Diane Stoner*

*Photos by Willie Harrison, Janet Sauve*



*Thank you to our scary set-up crew*



## VON Halloween

Linda Bridges, Velma Burley, Wendy Lucas, Terri Papa – Organizers

VON got into the "spirit" of Halloween on October 31.

Photos by Mary Andrews



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## Bridge News

Velma Burley – Organizer

The Bayshore bridge groups meet in the Hayloft solarium on Monday mornings from 10:00-12:30 and on Wednesday afternoons from 1:00-3:30, with most of the same players but slightly different scoring. This fall, Derek Fox joined the Monday group, but we had to say goodbye to one of our very regular bridge players, Dianne Sofarelli. We held a farewell party for her on her last bridge day as a Bayshore resident. We wish her all the best in her new community of Big Cedar.

Top scores for the fall for the Wednesday group are as follows:

John Alden - 5540  
Patti Norris-Rigby - 5430  
Maria Saringer - 5130

The Monday group plays four extra hands so the top scores are usually higher.

Derek Cox - 8230  
Pat Beecham-Cooper - 6590  
Lloyd Lockhart - 6070

Congratulations to all our top scorers!

If you are interested in learning to play bridge or need a refresher, Dorothy Hall gives lessons on Thursday afternoons in the Dart room at 1:00 pm. Two of her pupils who were new to the game, Avril Fisher and Barb Cordeiro have made wonderful progress and are playing regularly with the Monday group. E-mail Dorothy if you are interested in lessons [dhall9697@gmail.com](mailto:dhall9697@gmail.com).

**Velma Burley**



Around The Village



November sunrise. Photo by Judy Flinn



December sunrise. Photo by Judy Flinn



Red Sky in Morning. Photo by Brian F. Jones



Santa's Helpers. Photo by Dave Horbay



Even Frosty is [@colt!](#) Photo by Susan Hazlett



JOY to the world! Photo by Susan Hazlett



Welcome to Maple Gate. Photo by Dave Horbay



Train to the North Pole. Photo by Dave Horbay



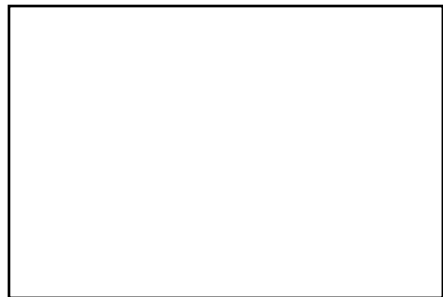
Raise your hand if you noticed the white squirrel yet. Photo Susan Hazlett



Festival of Lights at Dave and Heather's house. Photo by Dave Horbay



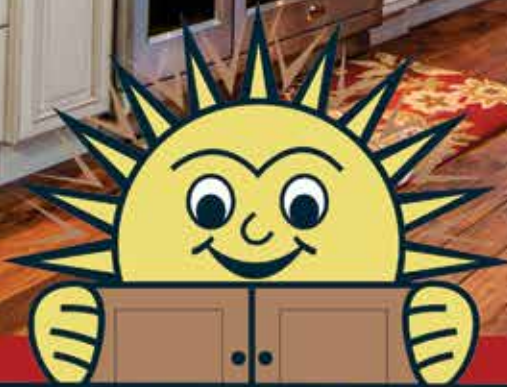
Winter deer looking beautiful in the snow. Photo by Susan Hazlett



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## Tree Lighting

Diane Stoner and The Social Committee – Organizers

It was a beautiful, but cold night on December 1st for Bayshore's Tree Lighting event. With some snow on the ground and a few flakes in the air, it was a perfect night to start the Christmas season.

Inside the Hayloft, everyone was greeted with hot chocolate and homemade cookies made by our resident "elves" and, as a special treat, John MacDonald from Trevello Travel provided hot mulled wine and hot apple cider. Santa made an appearance, and Willy and Aubrey Harrison dressed up as Olaf and the Gingerbread Man for extra fun.

The 15-person Bayshore Choir, led by Sherrie Powell, and accompanied by John Pilniuk, entertained everyone with beautiful Christmas carols throughout the night.

The evening was made complete by the lighting of the beautifully decorated Christmas tree.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this a truly fun night!!



**Diane Stoner**  
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## Ladies Christmas Lunch Linda Bridges and Committee – Organizers

On Tuesday, December 9th, 68 Bayshore Ladies attended our 2025 Ladies Christmas Luncheon. The event was catered by Bailey of “by-the-rock Farm.” A delicious plate of gourmet mac and cheese, along with mixed greens, and a wonderful array of home made treats, was served and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Everyone was so generous that all attendees received a “Secret Santa Gift.” We played Christmas trivia and each lady at the winning table received a gift courtesy of Lori Simpson. The most festively dressed was won by Maria Morra in all her sparkles!

I couldn't have accomplished this without the help of my committee Merrill Miller, Lori Simpson, Bev Joseph, Catherine Plue, and all my serving and clean-up helpers Marcie Lancaster, Sally McPherson, Lee Anne Wiebe, and Margaret Bisset. Janice Latorre and Maria Morra sold our Share the Wealth tickets, Julie Murray and Betty Gow helped check all attendees in, Steve Miller helped with the sound system, and my husband, Jim Bridges, was on elevator duty as well as set up. If I've forgotten any name I'm truly sorry as it went by so fast. The table centrepieces expertly handmade by Merrill Miller were also given away, and the beautiful white chair covers and centrepiece candles were there for us to use courtesy of Angela Scott. Our Share the Wealth was won by newcomer Doreen Teasdale and she generously donated \$130 of her winnings back to our charity Uptergrove School. We managed to gift the school with \$465 which will go to their families in need this Christmas. Thank you all for coming and helping celebrate togetherness and generosity this time of year. Fortunately, with the snowy weather that occurred, no one had too far to drive home.

*Sincerely,  
Linda Bridges*

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*A Unique Waterfront Community*

# JOIN IN!

*\* All meetings and events are subject to change. Continue to watch your emails for updates.*

**Volunteers are always welcome!** Find out how you can get involved – ask a neighbour, a board member, or leader of any club or group.

## CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES:

- **Yoga:** Wednesdays 10:00 am in the Loft. Contact Lynda Bertrand.
- **Italian Rummy:** Mondays at 2:00 pm in the Solarium. Contact Barb Thurgood.
- **Bid Euchre:** TBA. Contact Janet Sauve.
- **Regular Euchre:** Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the Solarium. Contact Janet Sauve.
- **Ladies' Tea & Chat:** Tuesdays 2:00 - 4:00 pm in the Solarium. Contact Kristina Frise.
- **VON SMART Exercise:** Fridays at 10:00 am in the Loft. Call 705-326-7021.
- **Daily Walking Group:** Open to all. Join our early morning outdoor walks around Bayshore.
- **Mahjong:** Thursdays at 1:00 pm in the Solarium. Contact Irene Heinz.
- **Bridge:** Mondays at 10:00 am in the Solarium. Contact Judy Kielly.
- **Bridge:** Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the Solarium. Contact Velma Burley.
- **Bridge Lessons:** Are available. Contact Dorothy Hall.
- **Bible Study Group:** Thursdays 10:30 am - 12:30 pm in the Solarium. Contact Deborah Leon.
- **Low Impact Aerobics with Leslie Sansome (WalkFit):** Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 am upstairs at the Loft. Contact Heather Horbay or Rhonda Wallace.
- **Remote Control Flying Club:** Starting Nov 6th, Thursdays 1:00 - 4:00 pm in the Loft. Contact Keith Barrow.
- **Crafting Circle:** From January until advised otherwise will be every Monday in the Games Room 10:00 am to noon. Contact Michelle Martinez.
- **Photography Club:** Every other Friday 1:00 - 3:00 pm in the Solarium. Contact Gilbert De Nobile.
- **Fitness Class Strength and Tone:** Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 - 11:30 am upstairs in the Hayloft. Bring running shoes and yoga mat. Contact Karen Semple.
- **Birds of a Feather** on the 4th Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm in the Loft. Contact Barry Peyton 705-689-0852.
- **Beginner Spanish:** Tuesdays at 3:00 pm in the Games Room. Contact Janet Sauve.
- **\*NEW\* Snow Hogs.** Snowmobiling news and excursions. Contact Chris Iles.



<u>Group Name</u>	<u>TeamReach Code</u>
BVA Fitness	BVAFIT2025
BVA Thursday Night DARTS	TNDarts
BVA Wet Hogs and Boaters	BVAWHG
BVA Pool	Bvapool1
BSV Crafters	BSVCRAFTERS
BVA Kayak	BVAkayak1
BVA Euchre Wednesday 7PM	BVAEUC
BVA Bid Euchre	Bvabid
BVA Biking	977167
BVA Tennis	BVATNS
BVA Volleyball	BVAVolley
BVA Ladies Golf	BVAgolf
BVA Pickleball	bvapb
BVA Cornhole	BVACORN2025
BVA Contract Bridge	BVABridge
Bridge Lessons Thur 1PM	BVABL1PM
BVA Mahjong	BVAMahjong
BVA Spanish Study Group	BVAESPA1
Aquafit	BVAAQUA25
BVA Photography	BVAPhoto2024
BVA Birds of a Feather	BVABirds1
BAV RC CLUB	BVARCCLUB1
BVA Yoga	BVA4Yoga
BVA Walk Fit	BVAWalkFit2025
BVA Sno-Hogs	BVASNO-HOGS-2025

Download the TeamReach app, enter the code to access news and activities of each group.

## UPCOMING EVENTS/SAVE THE DATE!

- April 25 - Pancake Breakfast
- May 30 - Kick-Off Party & BBQ
- June 22 - Summer Solstice Party
- June 27 - Golf Classic
- July 1 - Canada Day
- August 22 - Final Anniversary Party and Dance
- September 12 - Ryder Cup
- October TBA - Makers' Market 9am-3pm.
- October 31 - Halloween Treat on the Street
- December 31 - New Year's Eve Celebration



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