

# DELTA PILOT.



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## CHRISTMAS CONTEST RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who participated in both the art and the decorating contests.

The Decorating Contest, which was sponsored by the Delta Beautification Committee, was judged during the evening of December 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Photo (l-r)

Contest Judge Hazel Wykes presented Tina Daye and her granddaughters Ada-Lyn and Karsyn with the Best Novelty Award for their clothes hanger snowflakes. Other judges included William Morris along with Connie and Brent Rathwell.



## DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS

CATEGORY	WINNER / ADDRESS
Best Commercial Display	Cedar Knoll Campground, 29 Railway Street
Best Organizational Display	Delta Fire Hall Museum, 121 Mill Creek Drive
Best Display of White Lights	Danielle Bresee, 1202 Chantry Road
Best Display of LED Coloured Lights	Dave Morris, 80 King Street
Best Display of Coloured Lights	Amy Clements & Marty Rombough, 27 King Street
Best Display including Inflatables	Julie Van Muyen, 119 Mill Creek Drive
Best Multi-Residential Display	Brian Taylor, 61 King Street
Best Novelty	Tina Daye, 27 William Street
Best Overall Appearance	Roger Young, 2 William Street

## DRAWING CONTEST WINNERS



CATEGORY	WINNER
0-6 Years of Age	Rosalie Mustard
7-10 Years of Age	Sophia Verkerk
11-17 Years of Age	Lilly Read
18 Years and Over	Joanne Van Dreumel
Parent and Child	Tao Hipwell & Yarrow Carr

The drawings were displayed on the windows of the Jubilee Block and Ethereal Massage during December. Thanks to the Rideau Islands & Lakes Theatre School (RILTS) for sponsoring the drawing contest.

## BUILD A MOUNTAIN OF FOOD CONTINUES TO GROW



From humble beginnings in 2007, 'Build A Mountain of Food' has collected food and cash for the food banks within the following 11 local communities: Almonte, Carleton Place, Perth, Lanark, Smiths Falls, Westport, Elgin, Portland, Merrickville, Athens, and Delta.

The Delta Food Drive was held at the Delta Country Market on December 12<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. during which 1,400 lbs. of food and \$2,321.90 in cash were collected. Thanks to all of the donors who contributed to this year's collection.

### Photo (l-r)

Sharon Findlay, Chris Craig, Leigh Craig, Dave Counter and Arie Hoogenboom



## TOY DRIVE A GREAT SUCCESS!

The 31<sup>st</sup> annual North Leeds Christmas Toy Drive was huge success this year with hundreds of toys and gifts being donated and prepared for families to pick up at the Delta United Church Hall.

Each year, the Toy Drive supports an average of 40 to 45 children with gifts but this year's demand has increased to 58 children. During the three decades of operation, gifts have been provided to over 900 families.

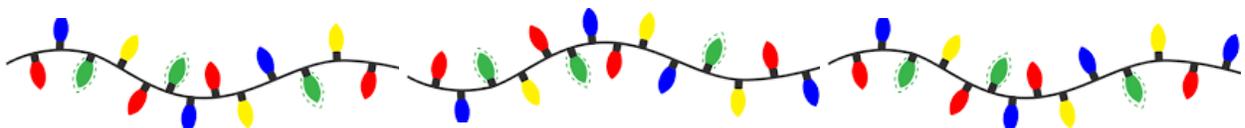


A vote of thanks is extended to all of the residents, businesses and organizations that contributed to the success of this year's drive, to the Delta United Church for providing the distribution centre, to the community toy drop locations, and to Volunteers Vicki Garrett, Pat Greenhorn, John Mac Tavish, and Jim Summers.

Special thanks to Melinda Cowan for her dedication and commitment to this program during the past 31 years. The 2021 North Leeds Toy Drive will be coordinated by Members of the Elgin and Westport Lions Clubs. It takes a whole community to raise a child and the North Leeds area is the best! Thank You! 🍪🍪

### Photo (l-r)

Community member Joan Powers discusses the program with Coordinator Melinda Cowan.



## **DO DELTA ONTARIO CAPS**



Join the DO Delta, Ontario movement today!

If you have not yet purchased your DO Delta, Ontario ball cap, order your cap today by contacting Liz Priebe at 613-928-2902, message Delta Matters or email [dodeltaontario@gmail.com](mailto:dodeltaontario@gmail.com) .

All proceeds are in support of the Delta Waterfront Project.

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## **2021 EXECUTIVE ELECTED FOR DELTA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

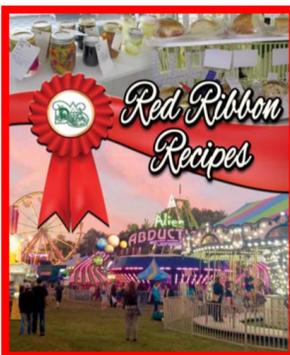
Even though COVID-19 continues to impact community festivals and events, the Board of Directors of the Delta Agricultural Society has optimistically begun making plans for the 191<sup>st</sup> Anniversary edition of the Delta Fair.

A Board of 25 Directors, 24 Associate Directors and 4 Junior Directors were recently elected at the Society's Annual General Meeting. Committees are responsible for organizing the Maple Syrup Festival and the Delta Fair.

Officers for the upcoming term include Brent Rathwell as President, Melinda Cowan as First Vice-President, Charles Nichols as Second Vice-President, Tracy Perrin as Treasurer, William Morris as Secretary and Connie Rathwell as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer. Art Cowan is now the Immediate Past President.

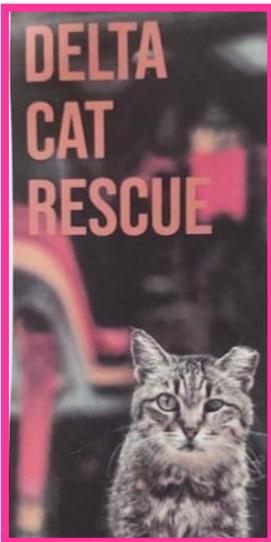
Volunteers are needed to help with the planning and hosting of the events. Interested individuals are asked to contact the Fair Office at 613-928-2800 or via email to [info@deltafair.com](mailto:info@deltafair.com) .

## **RED RIBBON COOKBOOKS NOW AVAILABLE**



Delta Fair's 'Red Ribbon' Cookbook will make an ideal gift for your family and friends! It is a perfect gift for birthdays, anniversaries, showers, weddings and yes, even a belated Christmas gift for that special chef in your household. The spiral bound book features 542 recipes over 258 pages, 32 pages of historical information and newspaper clippings that showcase the Fair and the Maple Syrup Festival. Several photos of fairs from yesteryear have been included throughout the cookbook.

The first 300 copies of the cookbook were sold within two weeks of delivery so an additional 200 copies have been printed. Copies are still available at the Delta Country Market or by calling the Fair Office at 613-928-2800 or via email to [info@deltafair.com](mailto:info@deltafair.com) .



Now in existence for two years, the **DELTA CAT RESCUE COMMITTEE** has made some significant positive steps in improving the health of the feral population within the Village.

DCR is a small but very committed group of concerned citizens who have worked diligently to elevate the platform of feral and abandoned felines. The feral population is an issue throughout Delta, the surrounding area, the country and the world. Like so many of the problems of the world, it can be overwhelming but Members concentrate on one cat at a time to curb the kittens that are born every spring. Most recently, in excess of 10 cats and kittens were spayed/neutered and vaccinated.

A very successful ‘pop-up sale’ was held at the Delta Country Market on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to store owner, Paul, for providing space for our displays and tables. Not only did volunteers raise funds but they were able to talk to people about the mission of the DCR and how people can volunteer or donate cat food and other supplies. People interested in supporting the DCR program can contact the volunteers through their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/deltacatrescue](http://www.facebook.com/deltacatrescue).



**Photo (l-r)**

Volunteers Jean Daye, Kimberlee Brennan, Grant Ross and Wendy Thorn host the ‘pop-up’ sale.



**BRANCH 207 LADIES AUXILIARY of the ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION**

20 Members Strong  
Supporting the Delta Community

Proud to Sponsor  
Barbeques, Pie Sales and the Youth Award of Excellence

Monthly Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Legion Hall

Branch 207 Ladies Auxiliary Members would like to thank all of the community members who supported their recent pie sale. A total of 108 frozen pies were purchased on December 17<sup>th</sup>.





Rideau Lakes Public Library has offered some great, safe activities these past few months.

In October, we created free *Halloween Activity Kits* for the kids that we made available at all our branches. For the month of December, we had free *Holiday STEM Kits* (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) that families could pick up at our 5 branches. These kits provided four activities for kids to experience creativity and imagination with STEM. We plan to create more STEM kits every few months for families to enjoy at home. For the adults we held *Betty's Sign Studio Sign Making Workshops* in South Elmsley and Elgin and a *Parnie's Paint Party* class. Thanks to Parnie's Paint Parties and support from our North Leeds Youth Community Committee we offered free paint classes in Portland and Elgin for the kids. We have a new addition to our website called *Creativebug* where patrons of all ages can find numerous ideas to explore their creative side. This is free with your library card.

Our regular online programs for families will continue and are much enjoyed by many. Children have fun participating twice a week on Zoom for Library Play, Learn and Story Time. We promote early literacy skills teaching the calendar, weather, letter and number of the day through songs, rhymes and story time. The children enjoy the show and share at the end of each program. Parents with baby's birth to 12 months join us on Wednesday mornings for an hour of Baby Songs, Rhymes and Story Time to promote parent-child bond and early literacy.

Thanks to local Fern & Fox Yoga instructor Tao Hipwell, our area youth are engaging in a weekly online yoga program. It's a big hit and will continue for the month of January.

Find out what we have to offer by following us on Facebook and/or Instagram and get our monthly newsletter by entering your email on our front page of our website [www.rlpl.ca](http://www.rlpl.ca).

# RIDEAU LAKES PUBLIC LIBRARY

[WWW.RLPL.CA](http://WWW.RLPL.CA)

## Upcoming Events

- Weekly Zoom Play, Learn & Story Time Programs
- Weekly Baby Songs, Rhymes & Story Wednesdays 10:30 am
- Youth Yoga weekly on Zoom
- Author Talk with Chadham Thomas with his book *Light from Below*

Check posters for details!

To Register - [lauralee@rlpl.ca](mailto:lauralee@rlpl.ca)

## Rideau Lakes Public Library

### Open hours and pick-up service

Beginning August 4, 2020

Branch	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<b>Delta</b> 613-928-2591 <a href="mailto:delta@rlpl.ca">delta@rlpl.ca</a>	x	x	4 - 6	x	2 - 4	x	10 - 12
<b>Elgin</b> 613-358-5315 <a href="mailto:elgin@rlpl.ca">elgin@rlpl.ca</a>	x	4 - 6	2 - 6	2 - 4	10 - 12	2 - 4	10 - 12
<b>Newboro</b> 613-272-0241 <a href="mailto:newboro@rlpl.ca">newboro@rlpl.ca</a>	x	x	4 - 6	x	2 - 4	10 - 12	10 - 12
<b>Portland</b> 613-272-2832 <a href="mailto:portland@rlpl.ca">portland@rlpl.ca</a>	x	4 - 6	x	2 - 4	x	10 - 12	2 - 4
<b>South Elmsley @ Municipal Hall</b> <a href="mailto:southelemsley@rlpl.ca">southelemsley@rlpl.ca</a>	x	x	x	2 - 4	x	x	10 - 12

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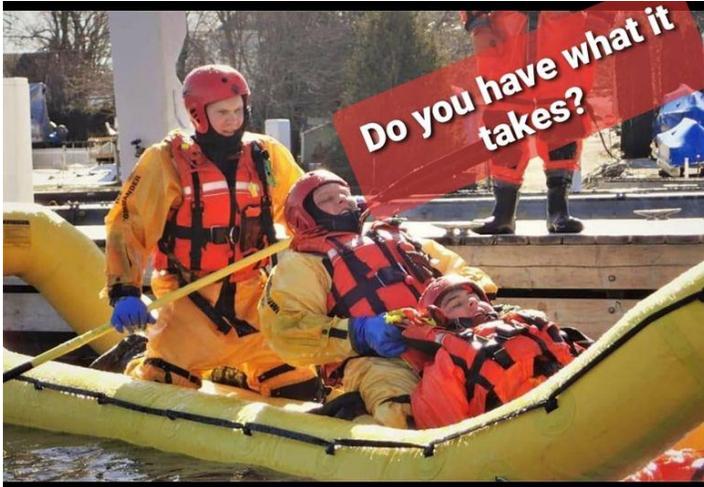
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Do you have what it takes?  
 Rideau Lakes Fire & Rescue  
 is accepting applications for  
 paid-on-call firefighters.

Recruit classes in February 2021.

Applications can be found at <https://www.rideaulakes.ca/component/edocman/...>  
 and submitted to [fireadmin@rideaulakes.ca](mailto:fireadmin@rideaulakes.ca)

## Holiday Fire Safety Starts at Home

Warm up the holidays with safety.  
**Clear snow, ice and debris** from chimneys and outdoor vents.

## Ice Thickness Guidelines

### Safe Ice Depths

2" OR LESS	4" Ice Fishing and Ice Skating	5"-6" Snowmobiles and ATVs	8"-12" Cars and small trucks	12"-15" Medium trucks
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**Note: These rough guidelines apply only to new, clear ice.**

## CHRISTMAS and FESTIVE HOLIDAYS of DELTA: PAST, PRESENT and FUTURE



It's alive..... phew! Thank you all for bearing with us and the lovely slow speeds of rural internet, but we finally have the Christmas and Festive Holidays of Delta: Past, Present & Future Storytelling walk video published! We did have to separate the storytelling walk (first link) from the drive around the village to view the lights (second link) in order to upload, but it worked! Both the storytelling walk and the lights video were filmed, edited and uploaded by Jack Young - many thanks Jack!

This video is a recording of the storytelling walk that took place on Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in Delta, Ontario.

**VIEWING RECOMMENDATION:** If you are able, get bundled up, take your smart device and head to the Old Stone Mill. When you get there - press play on the recording and move along the route as the play progresses. We'd love for you to experience the walk as close to how it was designed as possible.

All of the stories told on the walk were compiled from memories, thoughts, feelings and stories of Delta, and community, residents. At the end of the video is a short drive around Delta so that you can experience the Christmas decorations in the village. Thank you to all who participated, contributed and supported this project. This initiative that was made possible by a micro-grant from Ontario Presents.

**PLEASE NOTE:** This event was not meant to be recorded, but rather experienced live, we did our best to switch to provide a safer viewing alternative for you during this very different and difficult year. We hope you still feel all of the love that went into creating this walk while watching at home or while watching and walking the route yourselves.

We do not own the rights to the music in the video.

If you like the video, or the stories, or the drive around Delta at the end to see the lights, please consider showing your appreciation by making a donation to the Delta Waterfront Park revitalization project. You can find out more about the project by following this link: <https://bit.ly/37hQ9zj>

Please follow this link to view the story telling walk: <https://youtu.be/UCOuas-Cjy0>

Please follow this link to view the Delta Christmas Light Tour: <https://youtu.be/olP02C4qFB0>

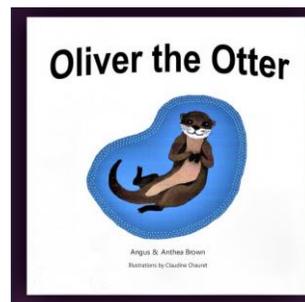




**READ ALL ABOUT IT!!!**

## DELTA RESIDENTS PUBLISH CHILDREN'S BOOK

Local authors and Delta residents Gus and Toni Brown have created a beautiful children's book about Oliver the Otter who lives in Lower Beverley Lake. With thanks, the sale of these books will support the Delta Waterfront project. Books are available at both the Delta and Elgin Branches of the Rideau Lakes Libraries at a cost of \$15 each. A limited number of French books are also available.



Books are similarly available by messaging Delta Matters or via email to [dodeltaontario@gmail.com](mailto:dodeltaontario@gmail.com). Thank you for your continued support.



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Even though the Old Stone Mill (NHS) and the Old Town Hall are closed to the public for the season, work of the Society continues on.



And let there be light! Thanks to the efforts of a cheerful and passionate team of volunteers, holiday decorations and lights were once again installed in the windows of the Old Stone Mill and the Old Town Hall.

**Photo**

Society Secretary Lisa Martin decorates the Old Town Hall.

In mid-December, work was completed to replace the aged roof on the turbine shed by Athens based Superior Contracting Ltd.





## WINTER ROAD REMINDERS

- ✓ **Drive according to the conditions!**
  - ✓ **Pushing snow across roads and streets is not only a safety hazard; it is against the law.**  
The Ontario Traffic Act states that “No person shall deposit snow or ice on a roadway without permission in writing to do so from the Ministry or road authority responsible for the maintenance of the road.” R.S.O. 1990, c H8, s. 18.
  - ✓ **Overnight parking is prohibited on the roadways between 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. from November 15<sup>th</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>.**  
Please help the snowplow operators to do their job by not parking on the street.
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## LOOKING TO DISPOSE OF UNWANTED METAL MATERIALS?



The Delta United Church is collecting scrap metal, copper, and lead acid batteries as a fund-raising project. Metal materials may be placed inside the container at the farm of Gerald Phillips, 718 Daytown Road, Delta while spent batteries and wire may be placed beside the container. This recycle bin is NOT intended for regular garbage; thank you for your cooperation.

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## GOOD FOOD BOX

The Good Food Box offers fresh fruits and vegetables at wholesale prices for all members of the community.

Participants pay when they place their orders with the local host by the seventh day of each month for pick up on the third Tuesday of the month. Prices vary between \$5 and \$15 depending on the size of the box requested. This program is volunteer driven and volunteer run.



For additional information, contact Claire by calling 613-928-2761.

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## Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE for the  
March / April Edition Is February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

### Delta Food Bank

- Open on the second Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the United Church Hall.  
Call Linda at 613-213-4828 or Jana at 613-928-2217 for information.

### Good Food Box

- Fresh fruit and vegetables are available at wholesale prices for all community members.  
Payment is due on the 7<sup>th</sup> of the month; delivery is made on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday.  
Call Claire at 613-928-2761 for information.
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## MUNICIPAL NEWS from Councillor Cathy Livingston

Email: [cathy.livingston9@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.livingston9@gmail.com)

Telephone: 613-928-2796



As we come to the end of a very unforgettable year, I want to thank the residents for their support in keeping our community safe from the COVID-19 virus. Rideau Lakes Township has imposed restrictions on the various halls and recreation facilities during the year in accordance with Public Health guidelines. Now that there is a vaccination that will be available for all in the near future, we hope that everything will go back to a new normal.

The Delta & Area Community Enhancement Committee has been working on behalf of area residents with recommendations forwarded onto Rideau Lakes Council and the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville.

- ✓ The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville has approved a speed limit reduction on County Road 42 (King Street) throughout the Village from 50 km/hr to 40 km/hr.
- ✓ Rideau Lakes Council has approved a speed limit reduction on all streets within the Village from 50 km/hr to 40 km/hr.
- ✓ Rideau Lakes Council has approved the installation of a larger STOP sign at the corner of William and Matthew Streets along with the painting of SLOW indicators at various locations on Matthew Street.
- ✓ Additional sidewalk replacements along with the installation of waste receptacles and bicycle racks will be included in the 2021 budget deliberations.



I want to acknowledged and thank all of the volunteers who worked tirelessly to collect donations of food, money, toys, hats, socks, mitts for those in need and to those helping improve the feral cat situation. Your work is appreciated by all who are in need of help especially at this time of year; thanks to all who give as you give hope to those in need.

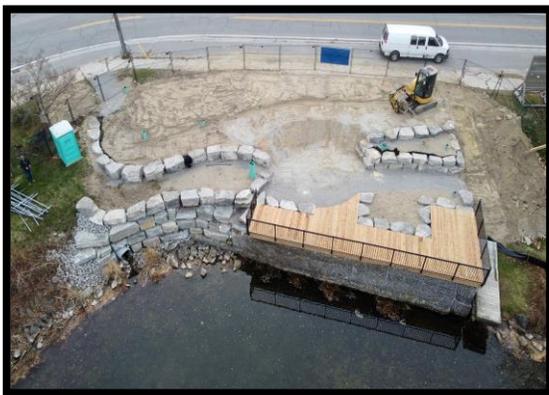
I also want to commend all residents for helping to brighten the community during the Christmas season. It was disappointing that COVID-19 challenges necessitated the cancellation of Celebrating the Season in the park; however, residents worked hard to ensure their properties were resplendent with bright lights and lovely decorations. Special thanks to the Delta Beautification Committee for sponsoring this year's competition.



Congratulations to Rachel VanderMarks and the actors from the Rideau Islands & Lakes Theatre School (RILTS), the Delta & Area Community Enhancement Committee and the Delta Mill Society for presenting "Christmas and Festive Holidays Past, Present and Future" walk on December 5<sup>th</sup> where participants heard the stories from residents along the walk. The evening trek was video recorded but there have been technical difficulties with uploading the video; hopefully it will be available for viewing by the time you are reading this edition of the Pilot.

Phase 2 of the Delta Waterfront Project has now been completed. Fundraising efforts are now underway to help with Phase 3 that will include stabilized docking and a kayak launch.

**Photos-End of Phase Two as of November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020**



During the remaining two years of Municipal Council, I will continue representing you on the Municipal Services Committee, the Economic Development Committee, the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee and both the Delta and Portland Community Enhancement Committees.

A vote of appreciation is extended to William Morris and the Lower Beverley Lake Park Management Board for supporting the creation, printing, and distribution of the Delta Pilot. It is a great way for our non-profit and charitable organizations to share community information.

May you have a blessed Christmas Season. It will be different this year but hopefully we can still continue to find joy in this season of light and hope for a better New Year!



**SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES**  
United Church at 9:15 a.m. / Baptist Church 9:30 a.m.



**LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE PARK MANAGEMENT BOARD**  
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