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Thank You Delta

A food drive was held in support of the **Delta Food Bank** on April 25th.

Thanks to Ada-Lyn and Karsyn Rhoden for being the Ambassadors for this project along with all the volunteers of the day.

In addition to $360 in monetary donations, a mountain of food was collected which replenished the empty shelves at the Food Bank.

A bottle drive on May 30th in support of the **Delta Agricultural Society** profited $535.00

Thanks to volunteers Ava Coon, John Kitson, Brandan Chant, Susan Abrams, Shelby and Mackenzie Harland.

Photo(l-r)
Fair Director John Kitson accepted the funds from Drive Organizer Shelby Harland.

BLAM #2; Beverley Lake Anglers' Meeting

Tom Heinze will host a meeting of area anglers on Wednesday July 29th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at his home (922 Kendrick Lane-off of Short Point Road) to talk over catches, water conditions and levels, aquatic weed growth and any other information which can help prepare a lake profile. It will also provide an eye on aids to navigation, wildlife on and in the water, and a general fellowship with other anglers on both Beverley Lakes. Social distancing will be observed. Check the Association's Facebook page or www.lbla.net just before the event in case it has been cancelled.

Social Distancing Lake Clean-Up

All are welcome to help pick up trash not meant for our beautiful Beverley Lakes on August 6th at 10:00 a.m. (Rain date is August 7th). Information on how best to dispose of the trash will be provided beforehand; check the Association's website www.lbla.net or Facebook page for details. Due to current social distancing requirements, a meeting of volunteers or a pizza lunch will not be held.

Bach On The Beverley

Do you think Chamber Music is hard to understand or boring? Come out to this musical event and experience active listening to the chamber music of Johann Sebastian Bach on August 29th between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. at Kendrick's Park in Lyndhurst. A brief explanation of each selection with some listening suggestions for musical ideas that will make the music easy for first time listeners to follow will be provided. Background information on each piece along with a belief of what Bach wanted each of us to experience during the performances of his music will be shared. This will be a fun and informal time. The event is free, although donations are accepted with all proceeds going to local organizations. Bring a lawn chair to sit on so social distancing can be practiced. Check the Association's website www.lbla.net or Facebook page for details before the event in case it has been cancelled.

Robertson Cemetery

The Robertson Cemetery Board regrets the cancellation of the memorial service on June 7th, 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions. If circumstances improve, it may be possible to conduct something in the early fall. The memorial service is a time to remember family members as a community. It is also a time to collect the necessary funds required to continue the care and maintenance of the cemetery. Anyone wishing to contribute a donation are asked to contact Chairperson Sharon Halladay at 613-207-4989 or Treasurer Penny Sawyer at 613-285-9345.

GROW FOR IT! GARDEN CONTEST 2020

The Township of Rideau Lakes is hosting a Garden Contest. We invite you to get out your shovel and take your garden to the next level! The contest will conclude with recognition for the winners and prizes for all nominates!

Nominate yourself, your neighbour, Beautification Committee or a local business for one of the following categories:

1. Residential - overall residential
2. Edible - residential or commercial edible
3. Commercial - overall commercial
4. Beautification Committee - garden display in a park, village or Rideau Lakes sign

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS JULY 19.
JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE JULY 20 TO 31.

Submit all nominations and inquiries to Leila at lstafford@rideaulakes.ca or 613-928-2251 ext. 238

Rideau Lakes Horticultural Society

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RIDEAU LAKES PUBLIC LIBRARY

Visit WWW.RLPL.CA

Register for our Monthly Newsletter

Follow us on Facebook &/or Instagram
(Ask about joining our Virtual Book Club on Facebook)

Check out our Digital Collections available 24/7

Free Wi-Fi

Watch for TD Summer Reading Club 2020 at RLPL

Virtual Play, Learn, Storytime (via computer, tablet/phone)

Story time with Laura Lee
Tuesday & Friday @ 9:30am

Baby Songs & Rhymes
Wednesday @ 9:30am
Contact Laura Lee lauralee@rlpl.ca

CURBSIDE PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Branch	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Delta 613-928-2991 delta@rlpl.ca	x	x	4 - 6	x	2 - 4	x	10 - 12
Elgin 613-359-5315 elgin@rlplca	x	4 - 6	x	2 - 4	x	2 - 4	10 - 12
Newboro 613-272-0241 newboro@rlpl.ca	x	x	4 - 6	x	2 - 4	x	10 - 12
Portland 613-272-2832 portland@rlpl.ca	x	4 - 6	x	2 - 4	x	10 - 12	10 - 12

Curbside Pick-up: Place Holds from home, contact during pick-up times or email info@rlpl.ca
Need a library card contact info@rlpl.ca and we will be happy to set you up with a library card and PIN.

DELTA FAIR SEEKING 'RED RIBBON RECIPES'

Do you have a prize-winning recipe that you would be willing to share with your community? If so, Delta Fair wants to hear from you!

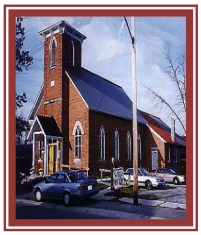
In celebration of the 190th anniversary of the Delta Fair, volunteers have started building a cookbook which will showcase the best recipes that the community has to offer. Recipes are needed for salads and dressings, soup and sandwiches / wraps, sauces / jams, canned goods, vegetable dishes, main dishes, maple syrup sweet treats, desserts, and those extra special creations.

Recipes are a great way to share stories that involve the food we cook and eat; it is an easy way to connect people and inspire learning about our communities and the many stories we have to share. Because this cookbook will also include the history of both the Delta Fair and the Delta Maple Syrup Festival, participants are welcome to submit their recipes along with any special anecdotes and photos of either event.

Recipes, anecdotes, and photos can be emailed to info@deltafair.com or mailed to the Delta Agricultural Society, Box 220, Delta, Ontario K0E 1G0 before July 20th.
Please include contact information to allow for the return of original materials.

To have your recipes picked up at your home, call Effie Warren at 613-539-1986 / 613-359-5240.

DELTA BAPTIST CHURCH



Delta Baptist Church is now open for Sunday worship services!

For the safety of the congregation and the community, attendance is restricted to 30% capacity. Everyone is asked to maintain physical distancing both inside and outside the building. Visitors who are interested in attending should call 613-928-2963 or 613-499-3008 or email deltabaptist@gmail.com to check on seating availability.

A Pastor's video message is posted on Facebook weekly and may be found at https://www.facebook.com/DeltaBaptistChurchDeltaOntario .

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY OVER 80 YEARS OR AN ANNIVERSARY OVER 50 YEARS?

If so, your special day can be included in the Delta Pilot.
Send your information to Lower Beverley Lake Park
via email to info@beverleylakepark.com or call 613-928-2881.

In the best interest of the health and safety of our Volunteers, Staff, Venders, Exhibitors and Patrons, the Board of Directors of the Delta Agricultural Society wishes to advise that the 190th Anniversary Edition of the Delta Fair (July 23-26) has been cancelled.

This decision was made after much consideration, discussion, and anxiety. We would like to thank everyone for their support and understanding during these unprecedented times.

Sponsors, venders, entertainers, and service providers have been contacted to confirm their involvement with next year's fair. Stay safe and stay well; we hope to see everyone next year: July 22-25, 2021.

RECOGNIZE ANY FACES FROM THE
1980 BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 150th ANNIVERSARY?

Back Row (l-r)
Brent Niblock, Howard Jones, Ross Bell, Herb Reed, Wayne Woods, Paul Ostrom, Rene Bongers, Lawrence Tedford, Dave Halladay, Jim Reid
Middle Row (l-r)
Ron Morris, Cathy Bongers, Willie Howard, Irene Stevens, Gerald Phillips, Alma White, Percy Kirby, Brenda Tedford, Clarence Seed, Betty Ostrom
Front Row (l-r)
Raymond Niblock, Graham Mallette, Susan Donald, Jim White, Sharon Mallette, Gary Raison, Arch Ostrom

HISTORY OF THE DELTA FAIR

Established in 1830, Delta Fair is one of Ontario's oldest continuously operating agricultural fairs.

With 39 prominent farmers and businessmen of Leeds County in attendance, the foundational meeting was held at the home of Joseph Derbyshire in Farmersville (now Athens) on June 10th, 1830. The Honourable Charles Jones, a pioneer merchant, miller, and Member of the Upper Canada Legislative Council became the first elected President. Jones was born in 1781 and died in Brockville in 1840 after serving the Society as President for ten years.

Photo: 1890 Board of Directors; 60th Anniversary

Three Vice-Presidents were also elected at the inaugural meeting including George Breakenridge, John Ketchum, and Joseph Wiltse. Ben Hamblin became the first Treasurer and J. K. Hartwell of Brockville assumed the role of the first Secretary. Nine community leaders were elected to a Board of Directors including the following citizens: Levi Soper, Edward Howard, Stirling Deming, Elijah Judd, Truman Hicock, George Delong, Jonathon Sexton, R. Munsell and Ebenezer Smith. The membership was comprised of farmers from Elizabethtown Township, Yonge Township, Lansdowne, Leeds Township, Bastard Township, South Crosby Township, Kitley Township and South Elmsley Township.

The inaugural fair was held in Farmersville with several farmers from seven neighbouring townships exhibiting their stock and produce. Following a three-year period, the fair was moved to Gananoque which allowed farmers from each section of the County to participate without a great travelling distance being realized. The fair rotated throughout Leeds County for the next twenty-six years until 1856 when it became permanently lodged in Beverley (now Delta).

The existing fair grounds were purchased from William George Morris (farmer and merchant) and his wife Eliza Jane Morris (teacher) in 1911 for the sum of $1,600.00. Prior to this date, the grounds which formed a part of the original Thomas Morris farm, were leased from the Morris family.

Originally incorporated as the "South Leeds Agricultural Society", the membership adopted "the people's holiday" as a slogan to represent the fair. In 1930, the Ontario Department of Agriculture erected a stone monument on the grounds bearing a plaque which commemorated the first 100 years' service of the Society to residents of Leeds County. Following this anniversary, the membership opted to change the name to the current Delta Agricultural Society. In 1980, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food erected a similar plaque acknowledging the 150 years of service provided by the Delta Agricultural Society.

As the fair's popularity and size grew, the Society purchased additional parcels of land adjacent to the grounds on William Street from Dr. Hans Jacobs in both 1987 and 1993. The additional land allowed for the creation of a parking lot and a horse show ring. While the fair has been held in July, August and September, the fair settled into a new four-day Thursday to Sunday program in July of 2000.

Photo: 2000 Delta Fair; 170th Anniversary

Old Stone Mill NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE OF CANADA Delta ONTARIO

"Instilling a Passion for Our Heritage"

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Website: www.deltamill.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/DeltaMill

After much thought and consideration, the Delta Mill Society has made the difficult decision not to open the Old Stone Mill, the Old Town Hall or the Mill Drive Shed to the public this season.

The closure also means that flour or bread will not be sold onsite, however, people wishing to purchase flour can contact miller Chris Wooding directly at grow@ironwoodorganics.ca to place an order. Similarly, fresh bread will be available for purchase at Nana B's Bakery in Merrickville.

The Delta Mill Society regrets the inconvenience of the closure but the students, volunteers, community members must be kept safe from coming in contact with the COVID-19 virus. The Society felt that closing their sites this year is in the best interest of all.

Society members and staff will continue to work behind the scenes. Two students have been hired and they will be working for on various internal projects such as organizing archival materials and preparing the mill for a much-anticipated re-opening in 2021. Maintenance projects will also continue this year and will include the painting of the remaining sections of the mill painting and the much-needed replacement of the leaking turbine shed roof.

Summer students Adrianna and Jared have been working behind the scenes to organize and document various heritage collections, archives and artifacts. The first floor of the Old Town Hall makes for a great workspace to sort the materials.

The boxes on the stage contain the used books that would have been part of the Giant Used Book Sale during the Maple Syrup Festival.

Future updates will be posted to the website at www.deltamail.org .

DELTA UNITED CHURCH

An emergency meeting of the Delta United Church Council was held on Thursday, June 11th to discuss the reopening of the church building with the following decision being made:

Under the direction of the United Church of Canada and the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council, the Delta United Church Council has decided that they will not open the building for worship, UCW meetings, Monday morning coffee or any other events until Sunday, September 13th, 2020.

This had been a difficult choice to make, but the Church Council believes that this is the right decision to help keep the congregation, community, and any visitors safe during this pandemic.

The Delta Food Bank will continue with the practice of using the Church Hall to serve the community while volunteers continue to practise social distancing and proper hygiene.

Pastoral Care will continue without change. If anyone knows of a community member in need, please contact Pat Phillips by calling 613-928-2712 or via email to harymary@ripnet.com .

The church bells will continue to ring on each Sunday at noon followed by the singing of O Canada as parishioners stand in solidarity with the front-line workers and all those who have lost their lives due to Covid-19**.**

Photo

Pat Phillips and Bruce Ross lead in the singing of O' Canada.

In the meantime, various local ministers are continuing to share their Sunday services on Facebook.

LOOKING TO DISPOSE OF UNWANTED METAL MATERIALS?

The Delta United Church is once again 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.

LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE PARK

It has been a long journey back to the campsite for the campers of Lower Beverley Lake Park.

From the return of snowbird campers on April 5th to the return of Seasonal and long-term campers on May 19th to the opening of cottages on June 5th, transient campers were finally permitted to spend the weekend camping on June 12th. While the playground equipment remains closed until the announcement of Phase 3, the beach area is open for daily use.

PROPANE TANK EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Park staff are pleased to offer a propane tank exchange once again for the convenience of our customers and members of the general public. Empty 20-pound tanks may be exchanged for full tanks provided that the tank issuance date is not prior to 2012. Tanks with propane may also be purchased from staff at the Gate House.

ATM

For the convenience of our campers and members of the public, an automated teller machine has been installed in the Gate House.

Volunteer are needed for the **RIDEAU LAKES MUNICIPAL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

This Committee advises Council on current heritage conservation legislation; assists in the preparation of Municipal Legislation to conserve heritage properties and areas; and implements programs and activities to increase public awareness and knowledge of heritage and conservation issues.

Meetings are held at the Chantry Municipal Office on the 3rd Thursday of each month starting at 9:30 a.m. Anyone with an interest in the heritage of the community may apply by completing the Expression of Interest Form at http://www.rideaulakes.ca/explore/volunteer/ or by contacting the Clerk at 800-928-2250 Ext. 293 / mtruelove@rideaulakes.ca .

The **BASTARD & SOUTH BURGESS NON-PROFIT HOUSING CORPORATION** has a two-bedroom apartment for rent to Senior Citizens at Mill Bay Court in Portland. If anyone is interested, please contact the office at 613-272-3303 or email millbay@bellnet.ca .

MUNICIPAL NEWS from Deputy Mayor Cathy Livingston

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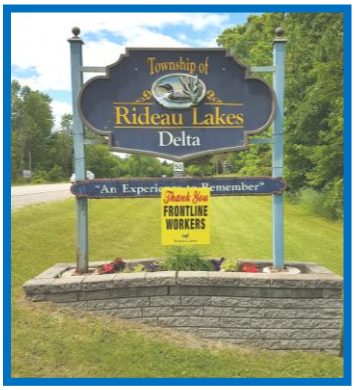
A lot has changed this year because of the Covid-19 Pandemic. After much consideration, Boards and Committees have made the difficult decision to cancel our major events including the Delta Maple Syrup Festival and the 190th Delta Fair. Churches have closed, the Old Stone Mill has closed to the public, Canada Day parades have been cancelled as well as Elgin Days celebrations.



We have been thankful to have the Delta Country Market, the liquor store, the Post Office, and the J & S Goodies Chip Truck remain open as essential services. Lower Beverley Lake Park reopened for cottage and camp site rentals and all municipal boat launches have been opened. A decision has yet to be made to cancel the September's Harvest Festival or the Small Halls Concert. We hope that the spread of the virus will be eliminated as people follow the restrictions and that 2021 will be a brighter year.

Municipal work continues as Council meets online through use of the MS Teams program.

- ✓ The Economic Development Committee has reviewed the draft cultural heritage strategic plan; the plan will be reviewed by the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee prior to presentation to Council for approval.
- ✓ Construction on the Harlem and Daytown Roads has been completed. 60 km / hr speed limit signage will be installed on both resurfaced roads.
- ✓ Capping the Portland Landfill site has been completed as per direction from the Ontario Ministry of the Environment.
- ✓ All Municipal buildings continue to be closed to the public.
- ✓ Updates will be completed to the municipal website by TD Graham and Associates.
- ✓ Phase 2 of the Delta Waterfront Project will soon begin.
- ✓ Fast Eddies' Demolition will be landscaping the vacant lot at 42 King Street.
- ✓ Sidewalk replacement will be completed in some areas of the village this year.

Thanks to Mariska Kriebel and all the volunteers of the Delta Beautification Committee. The flower beds and barrels throughout the village look beautiful; they are a ray of sunshine during these dull pandemic days.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE for the
September / October Edition Is August 14th, 2020

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