

THE PARK POST

FALL of 2020



LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE PARK

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BEAUTIFICATION CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations campers in helping make the park a beautiful second home!
Certificates of Merit were presented to the winners by Seasonal Liaison Al Moorhouse.



(Left Photo)
Best Use of Colour in Display
Jean and Ed Woods, Site J-07



(Right Photo)
Best Overall Appearance
Sharon and Mike Kearney, Site I-08



MINI-PUTT UPGRADES



Thanks to a generous donation of 12 gallons of paint from Jim and Charlene Summers and the staff at Rideau Lakes Building Centre in Crosby, the mini-putt golf course will soon be repainted.



2021 SEASONAL RENEWAL PACKAGES

The Seasonal campsite renewal package return date is September 1st. Please ensure your paperwork has been completed and returned to the Gate House.



CANTEEN HOURS EXTENDED IN THE FALL

Great news for all our Canteen supporters!

Amy and Mike have agreed to operate the Canteen on a reduced schedule to the end of the camping season in October.



Hours subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances

Monday to Wednesday: Closed
Thursday and Friday: 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday: 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sunday: 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

POSTAL SERVICES

Campers are reminded that they need to open a general delivery mailbox at the Delta Post Office if they are using the park's civic address for mail purposes. Mail addressed to Box 130 after the park's closure in October will be returned to the sender.



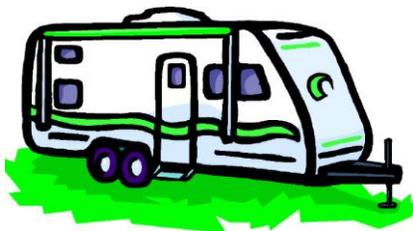
5 MONTH CAMPING NOTICE



Five-month campers wishing to have an in-ground blue septic barrel installed for the 2021 camping season are asked to contact Reception Staff at the Gate House before the end of September. Supplies will be ordered and installed later this fall. Campers wishing to purchase a hard pipe covering may order one at the same time for \$30.00.

Charges will be applicable for any installations requested in the Spring of 2021.

SALE OF TRAILERS



For those Seasonal Campers wishing to sell their trailers, please remember that if the trailer is sold to someone who is **NOT** on the Seasonal Camper waiting list, the trailer **MUST** be removed from the park when it is sold. If the purchaser is on the waiting list, please contact the Office to arrange for the transfer of the site. This information is provided annually to Campers in their renewal package.

Beautiful park rises where B. and W. rolled

DELTA — Where once the old Brockville and Westport Railway wended its merry way, a modern park, beautiful, spacious and alluring, has risen on the banks of stately Lower Beverley Lake.

Here, an ex-railroader, Douglas "Bud" Donald, shepherds 35,000 tourists a year through campsites and nature trails.

Donald, a native of Gananoque who has lived in Delta 25 years, took over as superintendent of the Lower Beverley Lake township park in 1973, after Art Southin, a former Brockville alderman and parks supervisor, took another parks post near Toronto.

180 CAMPSITES

The park was launched in 1967 as a centennial project for Delta and the township of Bastard and Burgess South. Located on Lower Beverley Lake a scant half mile from the heart of the village, the park consists of 104 acres, with 180 campsites and three miles of nature trails. It has eight house-keeping cottages

for rent.

The mound left when the old B. and W. right-of-way was torn up can still be seen in the park. Bud's home and office stand where once the railway ran. The rail line disappeared in 1952.

Donald catered to 35,000 tourists last year and expects more this coming summer. In public service, the park was the site last year of a junior Red Cross swimming survival course and will repeat classes this year. The Red Cross also runs a similar course at Portland.

The park has three natural sand beaches. All were improved during the winter, more camp sites were cleared and roads improved.

A Local Improvement Program grant has helped Donald to prepare the park for the coming tourist season.

"We put in 96 man-weeks of work on park development this winter and we are quite pleased with the results, says Donald. "The men were kept cutting trees, clearing sites, improving roads. They did a good job."

Donald supervised a six-man crew under the LIP grant from the federal ministry of manpower and immigration. The program gave the men work, kept them off welfare and improved the park. Donald hopes to keep the crew on for the summer, although he has already made provision for the addition of eight student workers during the school holidays.

"There is no question that the assistance of the LIP was really helpful to the park," said Donald.

The park was conceived as a centennial project with the idea of attracting tourists.

STAYING LONGER

"It has done its job well," said Donald. "We are getting more and more tourists every year and they are staying longer every time they visit."

One of the curiosities which attracts tourist is an Environment Canada rain gauge set up in front of Donald's office, beside the toll gate. Once a week, Donald changes the roll of tape which registers the rainfall.



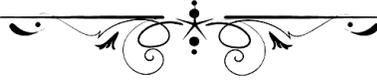
Newspaper article courtesy of Effie Warren, Site J-02
Focus on the District by Harry Painting, April 28th, 1977
Brockville Recorder and Times Limited



~OUR MEMORIAL BENCH~



Created in 2008, the Memorial Bench displays the names of those members of our camping family who have passed away. Family and friends share memories and tributes about our departed campers at a memorial service in August which is followed by a pot-luck supper. While a service will not be held in 2020 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions, we still honour the memories of our beloved campers.



Ann Boileau

Tribute provided by Jean Woods



It is very hard to believe that Ann is no longer with us. Ann and Carl have been camping at Lower Beverley Lake Park for 38 seasons. In the early years Carl, who worked for OC Transpo, would come to the park on Thursday night to set up their tent for Ann and the boys before returning to the city for work on the next day. Carl would join his family for the weekend on Friday night after his shift.

Ann was a wonderful woman. As a member of the Recreation Committee, Ann volunteered her time to help with the children's craft activities and the kids' bingo games. Ann loved bingo and she never missed a game of adult bingo on Saturday night. When Ann left to go home, she would never say "Good-bye" but rather "We will see you!"

Ann enjoyed going for car rides with Carl and they often joined Ed and Jean Woods for Chinese supper in Prescott. Ann will be sadly missed; she was a great friend and neighbour at the campsite. Rest In Peace Ann.



Wayne Conlon

Tribute provided by John Van Schie



Wayne was a man of many attributes. He began his career at Hershey Canada in Smiths Falls before moving onto a machine shop until he landed a position as Branch Manager at Air Liquide. Wayne was also a long-time member of the Lanark County Ontario Provincial Police Auxiliary where he was promoted to Sergeant.

We will all have our personal and special memories of the mark that Wayne left in our hearts and minds. His sense of humour was unparalleled. Wayne, who we all loved as a friend, a husband, a brother, a father, and Papa, will never be forgotten.

Elaine Pelkey

Tribute provided by the Davy and Moorhouse families



Elaine was the proud mother to three children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She always had a smile and was able to give everyone a good laugh.

She loved her daughter and was her daughter's best friend as they spoke to each other daily.

While Elaine was only with us at Lower Beverley Lake Park for a short time, she loved camping and very quickly became a member of our camping family. As a member of the Recreation Committee, Elaine volunteered at the Saturday night adult bingos.

She is truly missed by those who were lucky enough to have known her.

Allan McConnell

Tribute provided by Lori Simmons and Laurie Gordanier



Al was an amazing husband, father, grandfather, and friend to many.

He was always smiling and he enjoyed sharing his stories of his many years of service with the Ottawa Police Department and his many fishing experiences on Lower Beverley Lake where he caught the 'BIG' one that we never got to see!

Al will always be in our hearts and he will never be forgotten.

Robert (Bob) Baker

Tribute provided by John Van Schie



Bob was a quiet, caring individual with many talents. He worked at Hansler Industries in Brockville as a truck driver and mechanic. In his later years, he became a cattle rustler (well, not literally).

Bob succumbed to cancer at an age much too young. He will always be remembered for his thoughtfulness and his desire to help others.

Bob may be gone but he will never be forgotten.

RIDEAU LAKES VINTAGE RIDERS' RALLY



While the 19th Annual Vintage Riders' Rally has been cancelled this year, some members of the motorcycle club have opted to keep their reservations and still camp at the park during the weekend of September 11th-13th.

There will not be any rally-based activities in the park.

TERRY FOX VIRTUAL RUN



The Terry Fox Foundation is excited to announce that Canadians will continue to support cancer research through Virtual Runs from coast to coast to coast this September. Terry once said, "Anything is possible if you try." Today, 40 years later, the Foundation has become innovate as well – something that Terry would have appreciated. Help celebrate the 40th anniversary of Terry's Marathon of Hope by joining today.

- **When:** Sunday September 20th
- **What:** A virtual Terry Fox Run: One day, uniting in spirit, not in person!
- **Where:** Wherever you are! Around your neighbourhood, backyard, down the street or around the block. Walk, Ride, Run!
- **How:** Register as an individual, family or a virtual team – start your fundraising effort!
- **Why:** Because cancer research cannot wait for COVID-19 to be over.
Because Terry would want people to try.
Because its the 40th anniversary of Terry's Marathon of Hope!

Since our campers started supporting this cause in 2003, a total of \$18,752.00 has been collected within the park. Help ensure the condition continues in 2020. For further information, contact Valerie Doyle at Site H-09 or visit <https://terryfox.org/run/> for registration details.

PROPANE TANK EXCHANGE PROGRAM

We are pleased to offer a propane tank exchange for the convenience of our customers and members of the 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.

GOLF CARTS AND SCOOTERS IN THE PARK

Park Rules: 2020-01-Schedule A, Section #42

Unless pre-authorized under permit for accessibility, the use of any off-road vehicle or any other unlicensed vehicle including but not restricted to dirt bikes, all terrain vehicles, mini bikes, scooters, and golf carts, within the boundaries of the park is prohibited.

Seasonal campers requiring the use of an unlicensed motorized vehicle to improve their access within the park may do so following consultation with Park Management. Campers are reminded that the golf cart / scooter is not signed out to a site for anyone to drive but only for the person requiring support. If other campers / children are riding with the designated camper in the cart, they should not be standing up but rather sitting in the cart for safety reasons.



Campers operating golf carts / scooters are reminded that while they will go faster, the speed limit in the park is 15 km/hr.

Additional information has been included in the renewal package that was distributed to every Seasonal and Five-Month Camper.

Thanking you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

St. PAUL'S ANGLICAN COMMUNITY COMMITTEE



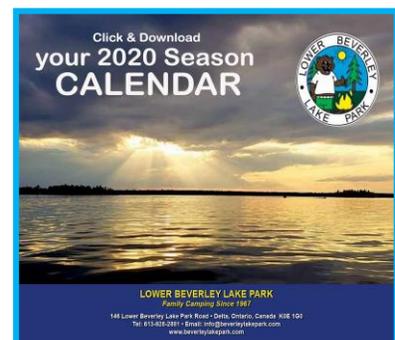
St. Paul's Anglican Community Centre will be having an outdoor yard sale at the Church on Saturday, September 12th between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and noon. Face coverings are mandatory as are hand sanitizing and social distancing. Please bring your own bags.

For information, contact 613-928-2761. Come and find some treasures!

PHOTOS NEEDED FOR 2021 SEASONAL CALENDAR

Plans are now being finalized for events and activities held during the 2021 camping season.

In previous years, the seasonal calendars have included a wide variety of photos from various activities held in the park. With all activities being cancelled as part of the COVID-19 restrictions, new photos are limited. Campers who enjoy photography and are willing to share some of their photos are invited to email their best photos to the Park Office at info@beverleylakepark.com before the end of the camping season.





SAFETY TIPS

- Install smoke alarms. Make sure they work.
- Stay in the kitchen while you cook. Keep anything that can catch fire away from the stovetop.
- Only use one heat-producing appliance plugged into a receptacle outlet at a time. Major appliances should be plugged directly into a wall receptacle outlet.
- Refrigerators, furnaces, ovens and stovetops use propane. Check them for leaks. Keep an updated gas leak detector on board.
- Have your propane system inspected to make sure it still works properly.
- Know two ways out. Make sure windows open easily.
- Have everyone practice the home fire escape plan.
- Do not keep camping heaters and lanterns on while sleeping.
- Before setting up a campfire, make sure it is allowed.
- If campfires are allowed, they need to be at least 25 feet away from anything that can burn.
- Have your vehicle serviced by a qualified mechanic.
- Keep a portable fire extinguisher on board. Only adults who know how to operate it should use it. Only use it if the fire is small and can be contained. Make sure everyone else is leaving. Make sure someone is calling the fire department.



Carbon Monoxide Awareness

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a gas. You cannot see it. You cannot taste it. You cannot smell it. CO poisoning can result from leaks in the exhaust. It can happen because of improper use of appliances. Sometimes CO comes from another vehicle. Make sure you have a working CO alarm.

FACT

When the vehicle is used as a structure, the most common area for these fires to start is the kitchen or cooking area. This is followed by the engine area, running gear, or wheel area. Check for safety inside and outside of the vehicle.



Because some of our Seasonal and 5 Month Campers will have closed their trailers and moved home before October 1st, the next issue of the *Park Post* will be distributed via Canada Post during the first week of October.

The first issue of the 2021 *Park Post* newsletter will be mailed to all Seasonal Campers during the first week of April.

