DELTA PILOT.



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Members of the Community are invited to join the Comrades of Royal Canadian Legion, Branch # 207 Delta for a Memorial Service at the Cenotaph in Stone Mills Park on November 8th at 11:00 a.m.

COVID restrictions will be observed; masks must be worn and social distancing will be required. All but five of the wreaths will be placed in advance of the service. Refreshments following the service will not be available.



DELTA PLATOON of the 156TH BATTALION





1-Wesley Halladay 2-Hymie Gilbert 3-N.K. 4-William Turling 5-William Gardiner 6-Jack Eaton 7-Peter Hillebrand 8-Rufus Carl 9-Lieutenant Pitt 10-Roy Halladay 11-Billy Baker 12-Nathan Judd 13-N.K. 14-Alex McCallum 15-Clifford Dillon (hidden) 16-Ben Pratt 17-Leonard Judge 18-William Carl 19-John Young 20-N.K. 21-Ray Atkins 22-Kensil Gilbert

The Captain of the Platoon was Charlie Sortaburg (not present)

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

As we are all sadly aware, many of our annual community festivals have been cancelled due to COVID-19 including the Maple Syrup Festival, the Delta Fair, the Harvest Festival, and Celebrating the Season Christmas Lights Program.



Through a partnership with the Delta Mill Society, the Delta Community Enhancement Committee and Rideau Islands & Lakes Theatre School (RILTS), a new storytelling walk (or drive for those with mobility limitations) celebrating Christmas in Delta through the past, present and our dreams for the future is coming to life! Participants in the walk will follow COVID protocols as they enjoy an opportunity to get together and celebrate US!



Would you like to get involved? We are looking to chat with you (yes, YOU!) about what Christmas in Delta means to you. Do you have a favourite family story about that time Uncle Alf knocked the turkey off the table, when you sang carols in the choir or when Auntie put the wrong ingredients in the pie? Please share them with

Rachel! We want this storytelling walk to be about the wonderful residents of Delta. You won't need to be the person sharing your story publicly - we have actors ready to weave all the stories together into one big, happy Delta Christmas story, so don't let a fear of public speaking stop you from letting us in on your favourite holiday traditions and family giggles. No matter what your age, we want to hear what Christmas in Delta means to you!

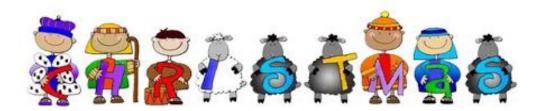
There are other ways to get involved too! We'll need "wayfinding" markers for the walk, so we're creating take home craft kits for folks who may want to flex their artistic muscles and help prepare props. We'll need lanterns - so please keep your juice cans for us to convert into battery operated lanterns for the walk.



Another way to get involved is through the Christmas Decorating Contest! Please refer to Page 3 for contest details.

We hope that this storytelling walk can bring us all a little joy in a world where we've been apart for so long. Let's meet in front of the Old Stone Mill on Saturday, December 5th at 4:00 p.m. and/or Saturday, December 12th at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to walk, laugh, sing and reminisce together. Participation in the walk will be by donation with all proceeds going towards the Delta Waterfront Park project.

To get involved, please contact Rachel at 613-928-3359 or rachel.marks@mac.com.



CHRISTMAS and FESTIVE HOLIDAYS of DELTA: PAST, PRESENT and FUTURE DRAWING CONTEST!



We want to see what "Christmas and Festive Holidays" means to you! Draw us a picture and enter to win a prize.

Drawings will be photographed and shared on social media leading up the Christmas and Festive Holidays of Delta: Past, Present and Future Storytelling Walks on December 5th and 12th.

Contest Rules

The contest is open to residents of Delta (past and present) and the surrounding area.

Category 1: 0-6 years of age Category 2: 7-12 years of age Category 3: 13-18 years of age

Category 4: 19 years of age and over

The deadline is 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 21st, 2020.

Submissions can be dropped off at the Delta Branch of the Rideau Lakes Public Library (please check their website for hours of operation).

Clearly indicate your name, age group, phone number and email on your drawing.

This contest is sponsored by RILTS (Rideau Islands & Lakes Theatre School).

CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

It is that time of the year again to put up your Christmas lights and decorations! Since a property decorating contest has not been held in a few years, we would like to encourage everyone to decorate their property / homes with lights to help brighten up what is and has been a very difficult year.

The contest is open to all residents within the village sign limits; everyone is encouraged to participate. If you live outside the village limits, but are within the Delta mailing area (K0E-1G0), please send an email to dodeltaontario@gmail.com to register prior to the deadline of December 1st. Judging will be completed during the evening of December 4th.

Help us to light up Delta and Area!



Photo
Delta Village Christmas Tree
1997

"Instilling a Passion for Our Heritage"

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Email: info@deltamill.org
Website: www.deltamill.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/DeltaMill

As everyone is aware, the Year 2020 has been filled with many challenges and it has been quite different from other years for the Delta Mill Society.

At the beginning of the year, the Society anticipated a normal season of welcoming visitors to the Old Stone Mill from Victoria Day to Labour Day. However, the advent of COVID-19 precipitated the closure of the Mill and the Old Town Hall for the season.

In spite of the pandemic, funding was provided to hire two students through the Young Canada Works program. Under the leadership of the Board of Directors, the students did an amazing job in sorting, organizing, and documenting all of the artefacts and archives stored on the upper floor of the Town Hall. The Society's collections are much better organized and documented.

A funding announcement was made in July which facilitated the hiring of two employees between the ages of 15 and 30 years through the Canada Summer Jobs program. These two employees completed various maintenance tasks such as the painting of the inside trim around the 33 windows in the Old Stone Mill, the cleanup of the upper floor of the Old Town Hall, the construction of box benches that will be placed throughout the mill for storage and as a rest station for the visitors.



Photo

Carter Perkins (left) and John Cairncross (right) constructed box benches for use in the mill.

Even though the Society's buildings have been closed to the public, 2020 has been a productive year as many tasks have been completed in preparation for the upcoming season. It is the hope of the Society that the buildings will be open in 2021 and the staff and volunteers will once again be able to welcome visitors to Delta.

In keeping with holiday traditions, the Old Stone Mill, the Old Town Hall and the Mill Drive will be beautifully decorated for Christmas; something everyone can look forward to at this time of year with hope for the future.

Have a safe, wonderful, and festive season!

Board of Directors of the Delta Mill Society.

DELTA WATERFRONT PROJECT UPDATE

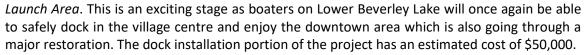
The Delta Community Improvement Committee (DCIC) is a volunteer subcommittee of the Delta & Area Community Enhancement Committee that is working on behalf of the Township of Rideau Lakes in continuing to seek out funding to help with the Delta Waterfront project. During the community presentation on September 15th, 2018, Option 2 was selected as the preferred design by the community residents and now, that work is being completed.

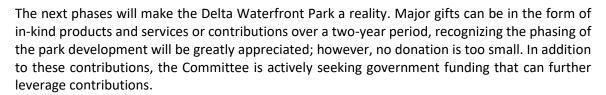
As many will recall, the Waterfront Project had been broken down into 7 phases. Phase 1 included the *Survey and Shoreline Stabilization* that was completed in 2019 and Phase 2 of the project, now under construction, includes *Excavations, Rough Grade, Granular Pathway, Boardwalk, and underground servicing for Lighting*. It is looking great and each phase thereafter will bring the project closer to completion.

The Township of Rideau dedicated \$153,000 as part of their 2019 and 2020 capital budgets and to date, \$21,040.66 has been collected in donations which will cover the costs for Phase 1 and 2.

But now the search for an additional \$206,000 in funding sources continues in anticipation of the next 5 phases of the project at an estimated cost of \$206,000.

Phase 3 will include a Dock and Canoe/Kayak





The Delta Waterfront Project is an investment in the creation of a community hub that builds an authentic 'sense of place' within the existing historical and natural assets. The community that is committed to and passionate about its youth, families, seniors and guests from around the world and with improved accessibility to the water's edge, this area will be available for everyone to enjoy for many generations to come.



Membership of the Delta Community Improvement Committee

DCIC: Joanne van Dreumel (Chair), Colleen Myers-Hickey, Doug Cowley, Liz Priebe, Moel Benoit, Gus Brown and Cathy Livingston (Secretary).



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Delta Community Improvement Committee, a volunteer sub committee of the Delta & Area Community Enhancement Committee working on behalf of the Township of Rideau Lakes, continue to look for funding to help with the Delta Waterfront project.

We are looking for donations to help with the next 5 phases of the project at an estimated cost of \$206,000.

Phase 3 will include the Dock and Canoe/Kayak Launch Area, which is exciting as boaters on Lower Beverley Lake will once again be able to safely dock in the village centre and enjoy our downtown area, that is also going through a major restoration. This part of the project has an estimated cost of \$50,000. This year we had plans for fundraising events; however, because of Covid19 all those events had to be cancelled but let us hope that we can do so in 2021.

The next phases will make the Delta Waterfront Park a reality that requires all levels of contribution. Major gifts can be in the form of in-kind products and services or contributions over a two-year period, recognizing the phasing of the park development;

however, no donation is too small. In addition to these contributions, the Committee is

actively seeking government funding that can further leverage your contributions.

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A charitable tax receipt can only be issued for \$20.00 or more but we do appreciate all donations.







For more information about this project visit our website at https://www.deltaontario.com/parks-nature for pictures of the Proposed Waterfront Park REDEVELOPMENT UNDERWAY FOR CULTURAL HUB / RECREATION AREA.

DELTA CELEBRATES 190TH ANNIVERSARY OF FAIR WITH A 'RED RIBBON' COOKBOOK

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Written by Laurie Weir, Smiths Falls Record News

Photo (I-r)

Rideau District High School student Kristen Lavery worked with Delta Fair Directors Effie Warren and Connie Rathwell on a new Red Ribbon Recipe Book to celebrate the fair's 190th Anniversary in 2020.

The 190th rendition of Delta Fair was celebrated differently in 2020. The fair was cancelled earlier this year thanks to the Coronavirus Pandemic, but that doesn't mean the Delta Agricultural Society's office was under lockdown. Just the opposite, in fact. A trio of enthusiasts were hard at work, sorting through a plethora of recipes for a Red Ribbon Recipe Book to be released this year, in honour of 190 years of one of the longest-running country fairs in Ontario. It will also remember years of the Delta Maple Syrup Festival, another victim of COVID-19 this year.

Effie Warren and Connie Rathwell spearheaded the cookbook project — but Warren was quick to point out that it was Rideau Lakes Councillor and Delta resident, Cathy Livingston, who came up with the idea. Warren and Rathwell, as Directors on the Fair Board, agreed to help out with the project. "We don't need any more recipes," Warren said. She and Rathwell both have a collection of family favourites, as well as hundreds of submissions they're sifting through.

Fair Board Secretary, William Morris, applied for a grant through Canada Summer Jobs and they obtained financing to hire a student for eight weeks. Kristin Lavery, a Grade 11 student at Rideau District High School in Elgin, was the successful applicant. She's only been here a little more than a year, as she moved to the Lansdowne area with her family from Whitby, Ontario. Lavery is a quick study in cooking, having taken a food and nutrition course at RDHS, and she's already created her own cookbook. She was tasked with doing the typesetting of the recipes. She's even tried a few of them, she said.

Around the Board of Directors' table were folders — all you need to create anything and everything imaginable: from Grandma's pickle recipe to Aunt Mable's chocolate chip cookies. Handwritten cards were stuck together by something that resembles decades-old cake batter. Notebooks filled with ink that's run and dried again, as perhaps a cup of water or a splash of milk hit the pages — reminders of the classics and family favourites. Sweet and savoury tried-and-true recipes are included in this cookbook, and red ribbon winners from fairs gone by have been highlighted. There will also be fun stories and some interesting fair and maple syrup anecdotes sprinkled like flour throughout the spiral bound pages. But it won't be like previous publications from the Women's Institutes, the Plowing Match, or earlier renditions of similar cookbooks, the women advise.

This cookbook has taken on a flair of its own — new and old recipes, some historical photos and news events of the past have also been tucked away inside.

RED RIBBON COOKBOOK IS OFF TO THE PRINTERS!



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 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 Red Ribbon Cookbook is dedicated in memory of *Fair Director Vivian Morris* who passed away in August of 2020. As a 20-year member of the Delta Agricultural Society, Vivian was a member of the Homecraft Committee, Coordinator of the Official Opening and an Office Assistant. Vivian was awarded the Ontario Meritorious Service Award / Agricultural Service Diploma in 2020.

'RED RIBBON' COOKBOOK ORDER FORM

Orders may be completed by using any of the following methods:

- Return this form and payment by mail to the Delta Agricultural Society, P. O. Box 220, Delta, Ontario K0E 1G0 Cheques / Money Orders are to be made payable to the DELTA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.
- 2. Electronically transfer payment to the Delta Agricultural Society at the following email: info@deltafair.com (password is deltafair1830).

Name:Address:	
Province / State:	Postal Code:
Please send copies of the c plus \$15.00 for postage and handli	ookbook @ \$30.00 per copy (taxes included) ng of each copy ordered.
Local orders that can be delivered opostage and handling fee.	or picked up are not required to include the
*Arrangements for local communit	y sales can be coordinated by calling

613-928-2800 or via email to the Fair Office at info@deltafair.com



DELTA BAPTIST CHURCH

Delta Baptist Church is open for Sunday worship services at 9:30 a.m.!

For the safety of the congregation and the community, pandemic procedures remain in effect. Attendance is restricted to 30% building capacity and everyone is asked to maintain physical distancing both inside and outside the

building while wearing face coverings. Visitors interested in attending should call 613-928-2963 or 613-499-3008 or email <u>deltabaptist@gmail.com</u> 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.

A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is being planned for 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 24th. Limited capacity, physical distancing, and face coverings will be required. It would be advisable to email or call the church closer to the date to confirm details given the ever changing COVID-19 situation.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



RIDEAU LAKES PUBLIC LIBRARY



Celebrate Ontario Public Library Week Visit us Oct 19th to 24th

Fill out a ballot to win gifts from each of our 5 Branches





Keep current with Monthly Newsletter



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



Check out our new library cards! Not a member yet or want to refresh your card email info@rlpl.ca





Check out our Digital Collections available 24/7

Curbside Pick-up -info@rlpl.ca



CELEBRATING THE SEASON

Looking ahead to December, it is very difficult to forecast the state of our society and what COVID related restrictions will be in place at that time given the ever increasing case numbers. Questions regarding the ability to host the event given crowd limitations, the willingness of patrons to attend the event, the ability to transport patrons on the wagons while respecting social distancing requirements, the ability to serve hot chocolate / cookies and the proximity to Santa and Mrs. Claus for photos are just a few concerns. Given all the above, the Park Management Board made the decision to cancel Celebrating the Season 2020.



LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE PARK



Cottage / campsite reservations for the 2021 season are now being accepted by calling 613-928-2881 and leaving a message. Calls will be returned on Wednesday mornings.

Campers may also complete their reservations online by completing the website registration form at www.beverleylakepark.com. Confirmation calls will be returned on Wednesday mornings.

Reservations for the 2022 camping season will be accepted after January 1st, 2021.

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.

WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE

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



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.





SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1st at 2:00 a.m.

UPGRADES CONTINUE AT THE LEGION HALL



Thanks to the efforts of Steve Sudds and a \$1,000 grant from the Township of Rideau Lakes, a new front entrance door has been installed at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 207 Hall on William Street. Thank you one and all for your continued support and generosity!

Photo (I-r)

Treasurer Pat Phillips, 2nd Vice President Wil Phillips and Contractor Steve Sudds.



CAMPERS SUPPORT TERRY FOX

Congratulations and Thank You to all of the campers who supported Delta's annual Terry Fox Walk in the name of cancer research.

A total of \$1,135.00 was raised from Seasonal Campers and staff sponsorships within Lower Beverley Lake Park. Since the Seasonal Campers started supporting this cause in 2003, a total of \$19,887.00 has been collected within the park.



Participate in the

12 Days of Holiday Fire Safety Make this the Safest Holiday Season to Date!

DAY 1	Water fresh trees daily.
DAY 2	Check all sets of lights before decorating.
DAY 3	Make sure smoke alarms function.
DAY 4	Make sure carbon monoxide alarms function.
DAY 5	Make sure everyone knows how to get out safely in the event of a fire.
DAY 6	Use extension cords wisely and properly.
DAY 7	Give space heaters proper space.
DAY 8	Blow out candles before leaving.
DAY 9	Keep matches and lighters out of the sight and reach of children.
DAY 10	Watch what you heat. Don't wear baggy clothing around flames.
DAY 11 NO SMOKING INSIDE BUILDING	Encourage smokers to smoke outside.
DAY 12	There's more to responsible drinking than taking a cab home.





Email: <u>cathy.livingston9@gmail.com</u> Telephone: 613-928-2796

The Economic Development Committee has made a lot of progress this year starting off with a new logo, signage and a web site. It will prepare the municipality for the future and once communities can be safely opened again; these changes will support the promotion of the tourism industry.

The new and improved web site (<u>www.rideaulakes.ca</u>) has been launched by TD Graham Ltd. Home page options enable the user to visit a page for each of the villages/hamlets and their respective web site links. It also has easier access to municipal information including the agenda, minutes and the live streaming of Council meetings.

TD Graham Ltd. has also finished the signage design options. All signage in Rideau Lakes has been documented and each one has been evaluated for replacement. Signage has been designed for boundaries, villages, hamlets, historic settlements, community halls, libraries, fire halls, parks and vehicles. This has been a huge project; the new signs will be great and visitors will find them to be more attractive and welcoming.

MHAC has completed a Cultural / Heritage Strategic Plan with the recommendations being considered during future budget deliberations.

The Development, Planning and Building Staff have experienced a very busy year in spite of the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Official Plan is in the 3rd draft with the 4th and final draft coming soon.

The Emergency Response Team has been doing a great job in protecting our residents.

There has been a lot of road construction completed within the municipality. Construction of a new salt dome in South Elmsley Ward and Phase 2 of the Delta Waterfront Project has begun.

New accessible sidewalks have been installed along King Street and Recreation Drive as a replacement for the existing aged, unsafe sidewalks. Additional sidewalks will be replaced throughout the municipality when time and financial resources allow.

Following the relocation of the OPP station to the former Rideau Centennial School in Portland, the South Elmsley Library will be relocated from the Lombardy School to the Ronald E Holman Complex. A consultant has been hired to create plans for a recreational area at this complex.

The 52 King Street lot is to be cleaned up and landscaped this year by Fast Eddies' Demolition.

Congratulations to all the business who won and were nominated for the 2019 Business of the Year program. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the tradition presentation ceremony was not permitted.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy festive season!



BUILD A MOUNTAIN OF FOOD

From humble beginnings in 2007, 'Build A Mountain of Food' collects 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.



There will be a food drive at the Delta Country Market on December 12th between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. The Delta Food Bank regularly supports 12 families each month.

Christmas hampers will be prepared this year for those families in need. Should you know of anyone who requires a food hamper, please contact Linda Gifford at 613-213-4828 or Jana Curtis at 613-928-2217.





Christmas and Festive Holidays: Past, Present and Future

Lecember 5th at 4:00 p.m., December 12th at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Delta Baptist Church

♣ Christmas Eve Service on December 24th at 6:00 p.m.

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 for information.

Delta United Church

Christmas Eve Service on December 24th: Visit their website to confirm a start time.

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #207 and Auxiliary

Remembrance Day Service on November 8th at 11:00 a.m. in Stone Mills Park.





SUBMISSION DEADLINE January / February 2021 Edition Is December 16th 2020

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SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

United Church at 9:15 a.m. / Baptist Church at 9:30 a.m.

LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE PARK MANAGEMENT BOARD

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