

DELTA PILOT.



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Celebrating 50 Years

Rideau Lakes Cycle Tour on June 10th and 11th, 2023

Delta is along the route for many of the cyclists participating in the Ottawa Bicycle Club's Rideau Lakes Cycle Tour on June 10th and 11th. Approximately 600 cyclists will be travelling through Delta on both Saturday and Sunday with many stopping at the former Anglican Church for refreshments provided by The Old Stone Mill/Delta Mill Society, and the St. Paul's Anglican Community Centre (SPACC) as a combined fund-raiser.

In 1972, the Ottawa Bicycle Club organized its first two-day ride from Ottawa to Kingston and back. Over the years, the tour route has grown and to add a start/finish in Perth. This tour passes through the picturesque countryside of Rideau Lakes Township. The tour attracts cyclists from various locations throughout North America for an unforgettable cycling experience. In previous years, over 1800 cyclists participated in this event most of whom were accommodated at Queen's University in Kingston.

At St. Paul's Anglican Church, the cyclists will be able to refill their water bottles. Portable toilets will be available for participant usage. The Ontario Provincial Police will be providing officers for traffic management throughout the event.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting Byron Johnson, Event Manager Rideau Lakes Cycle Tour, via email to Byron.johnson@ottawabicycletour.ca.





SUBMISSION DEADLINE

July / August Edition

June 16th, 2023

Beverley Senior Citizens' Club #460

- Meeting with a Pot-Luck luncheon on May 24th and June 28th at noon in the United Church Hall.
- Picnic on June 22nd at the Bradford Pavilion in Lower Beverley Lake Park.

Delta Agricultural Society

- Meeting on May 29th and June 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fair Office.

Delta Athletic and Recreation Society

- Horseshoe games start on May 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation Centre.
For additional information, contact Wil Phillips at 613-349-2485.
- Sunday Slow Pitch games-contact Wil Phillips at 613-349-2485 for details.

Delta Baptist Church-Sunday Services at 9:30 a.m.

- Connections Café on May 4th and June 1st at noon at the Baptist Church.

Delta Food Bank

- Open on the second Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in St. Paul's Anglican Community Centre.

Delta Mill Society

- Mill opens for the season on May 20th with milling and blacksmithing demos at 1:00 p.m.
- Mary's Old Time Country and Gospel concert at the Old Town Hall on June 3rd at 7:00 p.m.
- DJ Lee Pankow-Classic Country Music at the Old Town Hall on June 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Delta United Church-Sunday Services at 9:15 a.m.

- Monday morning coffee and donuts from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the Church Hall.
- Church Council meeting on May 25th and June 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.
- UCW Meeting with a Pot-Luck luncheon on May 17th and June 21st at 11:00 a.m. in the Church Hall.
- Delta's Got Talent Showcase on May 26th and 27th at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary.
- Fiddlers' Service on June 4th at 11:00 a.m.; lite lunch will follow the service.

Harmony Lodge, Phillippsville

- Farmer's Breakfast on May 23rd and June 27th at 8:00 a.m. at the Harmony Lodge Hall.

Lower Beverley Lake Association

- BLAM #1-Beverley Lake Anglers' Meeting on June 14th at 7:00 p.m. at the Bradford Pavilion in Lower Beverley Lake Park.

Robertson Cemetery Board

- Memorial Service on June 4th at 2:00 p.m. at the Cemetery; Rain location will be the Baptist Church.

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #207

- Euchre games played every Friday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Legion Hall; doors open at 6:00 p.m.
- Weekly Youth Cornhole-Contact Wil Phillips at 613-349-2485 for details.
- Meeting on May 2nd and June 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Legion Hall.
- Chicken Barbeque on May 21st between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the Legion Hall.

Royal Canadian Legion Auxiliary, Branch #207

- Meeting on May 18th and June 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Legion Hall.

St. Paul's Anglican Community Centre




- Yard Sale on May 27th between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the SPACC.

NOTICE OF BY-ELECTION in WARD ONE on Monday, May 15th, 2023
for the position of Councillor in Ward One (former geographic Township of Bastard and South Burgess).

VOTING

Voting will take place via the internet/telephone. The process will remain the same as the Regular Municipal Election that took place in October 2022. The voting period will commence on Tuesday, May 9th, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. and continue thru until Monday, May 15th, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

CANDIDATE	CONTACT INFORMATION	DATE FILED	PHOTO
Laura Redman	630 Lake St. <u>Delta ON K0E 1G0</u> 613-349-7477 laurabethredman@gmail.com	07 February 2023	
Paula Banks	104 Golf Club Road <u>Smiths Falls ON K7A 4S5</u> 613-284-0238 paula-joshua@hotmail.com	08 February 2023	
Yann Hidioglou	2963 MacDonald Road <u>Portland, ON K0G 1V0</u> 613-727-6027 yannbarb@hotmail.com	13 February 2023	



MAKE SURE YOU ARE ON THE VOTER'S LIST

by emailing election@rideaulakes.ca
or by calling 1-800-928-2250 Extension 293

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available by contacting the following:

Mary Ellen Truelove

Clerk

Phone: 613-928-2251, Extension 293

Email: mtruelove@rideaulakes.ca **RIDEAU LAKES**

YOUR VOICE
YOUR VOTE

BUSINESS AWARDS

21 local businesses were nominated for recognition through the 2023 Rideau Lakes Business Recognition Program with the winners being announced at a gala recognition breakfast held on Friday, April 14th, 2023 at the Newboro Hall. Dignitaries in attendance included MP Michael Barrett, MPP Steve Clark, Leeds-Grenville Counties Warden Nancy Peckford along with Mayor Hoogenboom and Members of Council.

Rideau Lakes is home to nearly 400 businesses and residents and visitors are encouraged to continue supporting local establishments.



Businesses receiving special recognition included the following:

- ✓ Rideau Lakes Business of the Year Award – Wills Transfer Limited, Smiths Falls
- ✓ Young Entrepreneur Award – Tao Hipwell of the Bastard Coffee House, Delta
- ✓ Business Innovation Award – Elgin Bowling Lanes, Elgin



Tao Hipwell of Bastard Coffee House took home the *Young Entrepreneur Award* in recognition of the considerable time and investment made to renovate a heritage space in the historic Jubilee Block of Delta, in order to establish permanent venues for retail, a yoga studio, and a coffee shop in the village core. While offering positive wellness programs for adults and children, as well as operating the coffee shop, Tao organizes and hosts live music events featuring local musicians that have brought vitality to the village and provided community activities in the off season and during the evening hours. These efforts have made the historic Jubilee Block in Delta an active cultural space, eatery and exercise facility to meet the needs of the community.

Photo (l-r)

MPP Steve Clark, Mayor Arie Hoogenboom, and Recipient Tao Hipwell.

Light Up the Night

Thanks to a partnership between the Lower Beverley Lake Park Management Board and the William James Henderson Foundation, upgrades to the Lakersfield Ball Diamond will be completed later this year. The \$25,000 donation will facilitate the installation of new light standards at the diamond. Two of the aged wooden poles had to be removed in 2022 following irreversible damage caused by wood peckers. A sincere vote of thanks is extended to the William James Henderson Foundation for making a difference in our community!



CONNECTIONS CAFÉ~Building Connections for Body, Soul, and Spirit



Come and meet your neighbours, make some friends, and enjoy some time with others at Delta's Connections Café – Diner's Club. Sponsored by Community and Primary Health Care-Leeds Grenville, Diner's Clubs are available to seniors and adults who are looking for more opportunities to meet people and socialize.

Diner's Clubs provide a freshly-prepared, nutritious meal, as well as entertainment, educational presentations and the opportunity to socialize.

The Diner's Club is held at noon in Memorial Hall at the Delta Baptist Church on the first Thursday of each month (May 4th and June 1st) except for the months of July and August. A free will donation is gratefully appreciated. Regular attendees can anticipate a phone call to confirm their attendance. If you are a new participant, please call or email to confirm your attendance. On May 4th, Daisy Mae will be in attendance bringing some humour to lift everyone's spirits.



For additional information, contact Brian by calling 613-928-2963 / deltabaptist@gmail.com or Marion at 613-342-3693, extension 2036.

EUCHRE PLAYERS NEEDED



Do you enjoy playing euchre and have some free time in the evenings? If so, join in the fun at the Delta Legion every Friday night at 7:00 p.m. The doors open at 6:00 p.m. and a lite lunch will be served at half time.



DELTA ATHLETIC & RECREATION CENTRE Is the place to be for Summer Fun!

Horseshoes every Thursday night.

All events are held at the
Recreation Centre and start
at 7:00 p.m.

For additional information,
contact Wil Phillips at 613-349-2485.



CHICKEN BARBEQUE



Sunday, May 21st from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Menu includes ½ chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, veggies, dinner roll, and dessert. Tickets are \$20.00 per meal.

All meals must be pre-ordered before May 15th by contacting Pat Phillips at 613-928-2712 or via email to harymary@ripnet.com. Dine in or take outs available at the Legion Hall, 32 William Street in Delta.

This event is being sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 207, Delta.

FARMER'S BREAKFAST



Come and enjoy a morning of fellowship and a delicious breakfast at the Harmony Lodge Hall in Phillippsville on the 4th Tuesday of each month. The menu includes bacon, sausage, eggs, hash browns, baked beans, pancakes, toast, juice, coffee and tea for \$12.00 per person. There is only one sitting at 8:00 a.m. so be sure to come early and get your seat!

Breakfast dates include May 23rd and June 27th.
For additional information, contact Len Vincent by calling 613-928-2671 or via email to vlenvincent@sympatico.ca.



MONDAY MORNING COFFEE

Be sure to stop by the United Church Hall for some coffee, donuts, and fellowship. This activity is offered every Monday morning as part of the Church's Outreach Program between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

There is no charge,
but a free will donation is welcomed.



DELTA MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL



THANK YOU
to all of the
volunteers, sponsors,
vendors, attendees
who helped make the
56th Anniversary
Celebrations
another great success.



Mark Your Calendars Now
57th Anniversary Edition
~April 20th and 21st, 2024~



DELTA'S GOT TALENT

May 26 and 27, 2023

Delta United Church will be hosting the second Delta's Got Talent competition on Friday, May 26th and Saturday, May 27th at 7:30 p.m. The first-place winner will receive \$1000 in prizes (\$500 cash and a recording session at Summit Sound Studio in Westport valued at \$500).

The judges for the competition include Mayor Arie Hoogenboom, Rideau Lakes Theatre Society President Rachel Marks and Ottawa Valley Country Music Hall of Fame inductee Dennis Whitty.

Tickets for the event will be available at the door at 36 King St. Delta. Admission for one night is \$25, and a pass for both nights is \$40.

OPEN CALL FOR ACTS! The competition is an open call for all performers including Singers, Dancers, Musicians, Comedians, Magicians and every other kind of entertainer with an act that can fit on the stage. To register to perform, please email dgt.register@gmail.com or call Chris at 343-585-5277.

ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN COMMUNITY CENTRE

In November of 2015, a group comprised of citizens in the village and former members of St Paul's congregation met to talk about potential plans for the recently deconsecrated church. Shortly thereafter, a meeting was held with the Anglican Diocese of Ontario where a proposal was made that St Paul's shall be re-purposed as a community centre. The concept was approved in 2016 and the St. Paul's Anglican Community Centre was born. Together with the



Anglican Diocese of Ontario and other community groups and agencies, the goal is to turn St. Paul's into a community centre; a place where together, a better community can be created for everyone.

Definite signs of spring in Delta include the sweet treats at the Maple Syrup Festival, the amazing bird migrations, and a fabulous yard sale at St. Paul's Anglican Community Centre. Be sure to mark your calendar for Saturday, May 27th between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. This event will be held without concern for the weather with lots of items never offered before. This year, heritage tomato plants, ready for tucking into your garden will be available for purchase. These promising plants have been germinated and planted by two green thumb members of SPACC so you can be assured of their quality! See you on the 27th. Everyone is welcome!

Rideau Lakes launches Investment Attraction Video

The Economic Development Committee of the Township of Rideau Lakes is pleased to launch a new video created to highlight the success of existing businesses and to attract new business investment to the Township of Rideau Lakes including the villages of Chaffey's Lock, Delta, Elgin, Lombardy, Newboro, and Portland.



As part of the Rideau Lakes Marketing Plan and Digital Content Strategy, the Township has continued to foster the partnership with Leeds Grenville Economic Development to showcase success stories and learn from business owners in the community. Through such programs and the Business Retention and Expansion program, and the Rideau Lakes Business Recognition Awards, locally owned businesses are able to share their secrets to success, and what strengths are derived from their location in Rideau Lakes.

"It became clear in speaking with business owners that the outstanding support of their peers in the local business community is a huge plus," says Marie White, Economic Development and Cultural Heritage Coordinator. "As we were filming, the iconic Canadian landscapes we captured showed us that quality of life is our selling point – but internet connectivity is the new advantage." Ms. White adds.

Rideau Lakes, working with its partner WTC Communications, recently completed a 1Gbs fibre-to-the-home roll-out in all six villages, key tourism nodes, and major routes in between. Businesses that depend on reliable high-speed service and developing 5G network technologies can now enjoy the quality of life that has been drawing people to the area for vacation while maintaining an urban level of internet service.

Work-life balance has made Rideau Lakes ultra-attractive to entrepreneurs looking to expand, start-up a new business or embark on their next business adventure.

The video features the following Rideau Lakes business owners, In order of appearance:

- Fiona McKeen, The Opinicon
- Elizabeth Murray, Ethereal Massage Therapy
- Timmy McNamee, Project Wakesurf
- Dylan Sliter and Stefano Ferrante, P3 Panels
- Dana McCulloch, Wolfe Springs Golf & Waterfront Resort
- Jim Summers, Rideau Lakes Building Centre
- Mark Hales, Hales Excavation & Trucking Ltd.
- Wendy Banks, Wendy's Country Market
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The new film can be seen on the Township's **YouTube Channel**, or on the website at **investrideaulakes.ca**





LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE PARK

146 Lower Beverley Lake Park, Delta, ON K0G 1E0

Phone: 613-928-2881

Email: info@beverleylakepark.com

Website: www.beverleylakepark.com

The park will open for the 2023 season on May 12th.

Members of the community are welcome to attend any of the events listed below.

May 19	Karaoke	7:30 p.m.
May 20	Children's Activities	11:00 a.m.
May 20	Bingo	7:00 p.m.
May 21	Entertainment: Washback	1:00 p.m.

June 2	Karaoke	7:30 p.m.
June 10	Kid's Crafts	11:00 a.m.
June 16	Karaoke	7:30 p.m.
June 17	Children's Activities: Mini Putt	11:00 a.m.
June 17	Entertainment: Rudy & Saddle Up	1:00 p.m.
June 24	Ray's Reptiles	1:00 p.m.
June 30	Karaoke	7:30 p.m.



CANTEEN OPERATIONS

Join us in welcoming back **Athena, Spiros and Paula Antonakos** to the park staff team as the operators of the Canteen. Many will remember this dynamic team as the owners / operators of the Rideau Restaurant in Elgin for many years. Feel free to stop by and order from the Canteen or call in your take-out order at 613-928-0291!

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 2015. 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.



FIDDLERS' SERVICE



Come and enjoy some Scottish fiddling music with the Glengarry Celtic Youth Fiddlers on Sunday, June 4th. The 11:00 a.m. service at the Delta United Church is being hosted by Bruce Ross.

A lite lunch will follow the service. While there is no admission charge, a free will donation is greatly appreciated.



The Lower Beverley Lake Association will be holding two BLAMs this year!

The first *Beverley Lake Anglers Meeting*, is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14th at 7:00 p.m. at the Bradford Pavilion in Lower Beverley Lake Park. Be sure to check the Association's Facebook page as well as the website (www.lbla.net) for any last-minute announcements or cancellations.

All anglers are welcome to attend and talk about their catches, the water conditions and levels, aquatic weed growth, and any other information which can help the Association prepare a lake profile. It will also maintain an eye on aids to navigation, wildlife on and in the water, and a general fellowship with other anglers on both of the Beverley Lakes. Please plan to attend and celebrate good fishing!



ROBERTSON CEMETERY



Delta's Robertson Cemetery is located near the entrance to Lower Beverley Lake Park on land that was donated by the Robertson family in the early 1800's and the Lower Beverley Lake Park in the late 1990's. The entrance of the cemetery, which is adorned with a masonry gate that was built by Lloyd Sawyer in 1994, serves as a foundation for the wrought iron sign that reads "Robertson Cemetery 1811".

This interdenominational cemetery, which is registered with the Township of Rideau Lakes and the Bereavement Authority of Ontario, has 200 plots remaining to be sold at a very reasonable price. The cemetery is managed by a volunteer Board of Directors which was established in 1989 and meets three times a year. The Board also organizes the annual memorial service which will be held on June 4th at 2:00 p.m. at the Cemetery, 115 Lower Beverley Lake Park Road, Delta. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held in the Baptist Church.

GRADUATION CEREMONIES



Friends, family members and members of the general public are invited to join in the celebrations as the Class of 2023 will be recognized in the Lions' Den.

The Grade 8 Graduating Class will be celebrated on Monday, June 26th with Grade 12 Commencement Exercises being held on Tuesday, June 27th. Both ceremonies begin at a new, earlier time of 5:00 p.m.

Congratulations to all of the graduates in our community!

DELTA UCW OUTREACH PROGRAM



Thanks to the generosity of the Delta United Church Women's Outreach Program, much needed medical supplies were donated to the "Clínica Esperanza" in Roatan, Honduras. Special thanks to Effie Warren, Pat Phillips and Judy Marx for supporting the cause and to Pharmacist Dan O'Farrell from Elgin Drugs for his contributions.

The supplies were transported to the clinic by Delta residents Connie & Brent Rathwell and Marg & Rick Jackson during the month of March.



The Delta United Church Women (UCW) is a very active group of 16 ladies who contribute over \$2000 in donations each year to local area charities including the 'Breakfast Milk Program' at South Crosby Public School in Elgin, the 'Kick in For Kids' program at Rideau District High School, the Dental Issues Group, and the Delta Community Food Bank.

The UCW also supports international projects through the Mission & Service fund and the 'Arms of Jesus' program in which funding was provided to women in Haiti to support the creation of their own businesses in 2018.

Meetings are held in the United Church Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meetings which are followed by a pot-luck luncheon. Come out and help make a difference in the lives of others.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



Our Village is full of people worth celebrating!

They are our neighbours, people who care about others, adults who give more than they take for the betterment of the community. These caring leaders are found throughout the Delta area, and they set an example for others to follow. Their contributions, as informal volunteers, make life brighter for us all.

Sponsored by the Delta Agricultural Society, this award is intended to recognize the numerous unpaid, voluntary contributions made behind the scenes which provide extraordinary help, care, and leadership to groups in the community over a long period of time.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR RECIPIENTS

1997 - William H. Morris	2006 - Brenda L. Perrin	2015 - Millard S. Goodsell
1998 - Cathy J. Livingston	2007 - John MacTavish	2016 - Betty Penstone
1999 - Lorna H. Pearson	2008 - Hazel W. Wykes	2017 - Florence M. Pratt
2000 - Dennis B. Halladay	2009 - Howard E. French	2018 - Sharon Okum
2001 - Nellie M. Carbino	2010 - Carl G. Willard	2019 - Chris Patterson
2002 - Marie J. Flood	2011 - Ruth L. Sheridan	2020 - Arvin Riskie
2003 - Vivian E. Morris	2012 - Gerald A. Phillips	2021 - Judy Marx
2004 - Heather J. Halladay	2013 - Edith I. Woods	2021 - Lillian Willison
2005 - M. Patricia Phillips	2014 - Melinda & Art Cowan	2022 - Marlaine Hart

YOUTH AWARD OF EXCELLENCE



The Youth Volunteer Award of Excellence was created to recognize the outstanding achievements of Delta's youth. The personal commitment of time and effort made by our youth are valuable contributions to the quality of life within the community. The leaders of tomorrow are among the many youth volunteers of today!

Young volunteers eligible for nomination must be between the ages of 10 and 18 and have made a substantial and innovative contribution of time, leadership, initiative, originality, and perseverance without remuneration to a charity, not for profit organization or an individual.

If the youth reside in another community other than Delta but still volunteer at a Delta based event, the nomination will be accepted providing that one of the nominating letters is from a representative of the organization confirming the youth's contributions.

This award is sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #207 and The Delta Agricultural Society.

YOUTH AWARD OF EXCELLENCE RECIPIENTS

2002 - Kristen Patterson	2008 - Connor Perrin	2014 - Abigail Okum
2003 - Andrew Willard	2009 - Travis Perrin	2015 / 2016 - Not Awarded
2004 - Emily Willard	2010 - Sierra Miller	2017 - Jack Young
2005 - Caitlin Simpson	2011 - Rebekah Perrin	2018 / 2019 - Not Awarded
2006 - Shawn Sudds	2012 - Not Awarded	2020 - Autumn Ferguson
2007 - Olivia Patterson	2013 - Connor Pearson	2021 - Not Awarded
		2022 - Ava Phillips

NOMINATION FORM

Anyone may nominate a resident of Delta or the surrounding Rural Route area by completing the Nomination Form printed below and submitting it to the following:



DELTA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
Awards Selection Committee
P. O. Box 220
Delta, Ontario K0E 1G0



Former recipients are not eligible for future nomination for the same award.

The deadline for submission is June 1st of each calendar year.

Recipients will be notified of acknowledgement by a Committee Representative.

Recognition Program

Please select a program for consideration:

- ☐ Citizen of the Year
- ☐ Youth Award of Excellence

Name of Nominee: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Name of

Primary Nominator: _____

Contact Number: _____

Name of

Supporting Nominator #1: _____

Name of

Supporting Nominator #2: _____

The Primary Nominator must provide a Letter of Nomination explaining in detail the Candidate's community involvement.

Supporting Nominators must also provide detailed letters of support on behalf of the Candidate.

All three letters must be attached to this form and submitted before the June 1st deadline.

**The awards will be presented as part of the Delta Fair Opening Ceremonies
on July 27th at 6:00 p.m.**

Instilling a Passion for Our Heritage"

Box 172, Delta, ON K0E 1G0

Telephone: 613-928-2584

Email: info@deltamill.org

Website: www.deltamill.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/DeltaMill

The Old Stone Mill will open for the season on Saturday, May 20th with a milling demonstration scheduled for 1:00 p.m. that day. The Blacksmith Shop will also be open that day with blacksmiths hammering away. The complete schedule of milling and blacksmithing demonstrations is available on the events page of the Society's website at <http://www.deltamill.org/events.html>

The newly renovated Blacksmith Shop has been a huge success. Big thanks to Art Shaw, DMS director and our Blacksmithing Co-ordinator, for managing that large renovation project. More work still needs to be completed including rebranding the building as the 'Blacksmith Shop' with a new 16-foot-long sign that was expertly painted by volunteer Darlene Campbell. Plans are in place to have the sign installed on the building prior to May 20th.

The "new" shop opened for the first time during the Harvest Festival in September of 2022 followed by another showcase during last month's Maple Syrup Festival when several blacksmiths hammered away and showcased the heritage art of blacksmithing to the visiting public. The Society is fortunate to have two new volunteers that will be helping with this project namely Megan Carter and Mike Armstrong of Armstrong and Carter Ironworks on the Daytown Road. The involvement of these local smiths will ensure the continued success of the Blacksmith Shop for years to come.



Photo (L-r)

The newly reconstructed main forge being lit at the 2022 Delta Harvest Festival.
Amanda Van Bruggen, Megan Carter & Art Shaw.

The 'Collections Project', of properly documenting and caring for the large collection of archives and artefacts, is now entering its fourth year. A summer staff person is now in place and is working on the project. This project will also greatly benefit from the skills of the newest director, Paul George. Paul, who was the former curator from 2004 to 2005 and 2007 to 2012, joined the Board in January of this year. Paul brings his professional expertise, now as a volunteer, to the Board of the Delta Mill Society. Welcome Paul!





MUSICAL EVENTS *at the OLD TOWN HALL*

Come out and join your neighbours in an evening of musical entertainment and friendship!

During the month of June,
there will be two musical artists showcased at the Old Town Hall.



Saturday, June 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Mary's Merry Minstrels presents

Mary's Old Time Country and Gospel concert at the Old Town Hall. Refreshments will be available. No admission fee is applicable but donations are greatly appreciated.

Saturday, June 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Join **DJ Lee Pankow** of TRANDISFIR for an evening of **Classic Country Music** at the Old Town Hall. Refreshments will be available. No admission fee is applicable but donations are greatly appreciated.

Proceeds from the musical events help to support the preservation of the Old Stone Mill.



SWIMMING LESSONS AT LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE PARK

Registration Period opens on May 8th.

Waiting lists will be prepared once a session is filled. Parents will receive an e-mail or telephone call to confirm their child's registration in the Swim Program and the level.

To register your child for the program, contact the Municipal Office at 800-928-2250, extension 238.

Information available online at

<https://www.rideaulakes.ca/live/community/recreation/rideau-lakes-swim-program>





**From the Desk of
Councillor Sue Dunfield
Ward One, Township of Rideau Lakes**

Email: 736SueD@gmail.com

Cell: 613-802-1415



Welcome to Spring 2023 and thank you to those folks who have offered their time and talent to become Delta's Community Enhancement Committee (CEC). Your community members include Joanne van Dreumel (Chair), Olivia DeFreitas (Treasurer), Tao Hipwell, Jeff Patry, Liz Priebe, Doug Wilson, Ernie Olivo and Cathy Gould. There is still room for two additional individuals on the committee. If you would like to become involved, please contact Leila Stafford at the Municipal Office by calling 800-928-2250, extension 238 or via email to lstafford@rideaulakes.ca. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend these CEC meetings, with the next one being scheduled for May 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Old Town Hall.

Community groups who want to exchange information about their upcoming events are encouraged to contact Leila so this information can be shared on social media (the Township's website) and Liz Priebe (priebe.liz@gmail.com) for the Delta Facebook page.

Folks are reminded that the Ottawa Cycling Club will be riding through Delta on June 10th and 11th. Rest areas will include the Delta Mill, and St. Paul's Anglican Community Centre.

The Delta Athletic and Recreation Society (DARS) will be running a summer program at the Recreation Centre this summer. For details and opportunities for employment, please contact Pat Philips by calling 613-928-2712 or via email to harymary@ripnet.com. The corn-hole athletes will be returning to the Recreation Centre for summer play in May. What a bunch of fun...all are welcome!

Folks asked about power on replacement hydro poles and the following information was provided by Ontario Hydro "Unfortunately, Hydro One does not allow for unmetered variable connections (like an outlet) on their infrastructure anymore. They only permit electrical fixtures with a defined power draw, light for a light standard, to be unmetered since its power draw can be reliably estimated and costed. They explained that therefore, as infrastructure is replaced (like replacing a pole) they do not put back what they no longer permit."

I have also been asked about the status of the former Beverley Elementary School property on Foundry Street and have been informed that after environmental testing, a record of site condition (RSC) is completed to determine the environmental condition of the property. We are still waiting for more information from the Ministry.

A BIG Shout Out to the volunteers who make Delta rock! Volunteers support the overall health, vibrancy, and sustainability of the community and the effective delivery of programs, services, and events. Mayor Hoogenboom stated that "The Township is fortunate to have such an incredible team of dedicated and experienced volunteers. It is their life experience, hard work and input that helps positively shape our community."

My personal thanks are extended to everyone for making Delta DO! Have a Great Summer.



DELTA ROCKED BY UNITED MAPLE CLOSURE

By JULIANNA MASSON
Staff Writer

DELTA — The closing of this village's only industry is a major blow to an already suffering economy, the reeve of the township and members of the local business community said Wednesday.

"United Maple Products has been the backbone of the community ever since the Hydro office closed about 20 years ago and wiped out a lot of things with it," said Bastard and South Burgess Reeve Arch Ostrom Wednesday.

"United Maple was the only industry left to stabilize things; the company employed about 40 people about that time. The economy got better, although it never was quite the same. But where are all the people going to go now? I know one man who is 38 or 39 years old and has worked there since he was 16. What is going to happen to him and the others like him?"

Members of the local business community stunned by the announcement of the United Maple closure echoed the views of Ostrom.

"I never saw it coming. Things used to be pretty good in the days with the hydro office and the railroad here. Now there's nothing left," said Ron Morris of Morris and Son Grocery in Delta.

Morris and Ostrom both said

the closing of the plant, which employed 18 people and packaged and shipped maple syrup and byproducts, would adversely affect local businesses.

"You can't take 18 to 20 paychecks out of a community as small as Delta and not have it hurt business. It's going to hurt a lot," said Morris.

"It's not just the paychecks of the people that work there we're going to lose," said Ostrom. "The truckers who come in to pick up a load at the plant and buy gas at the local station or grab a bite to eat for lunch at the local snack bar won't be coming around any more. Neither will the salespeople."

Ostrom said he has suspected the United Maple would close ever since it was purchased by the United States food giant Borden Inc. from the John Labatt company earlier this year. But he and local residents were confused by the companies apparent success in the recent months and the increase in work hours and pay enjoyed by the employees.

But operations manager Bob Bayles said Wednesday success was not an issue in the closure.

"We were enjoying a good business, the closure is due to different circumstances."

The circumstances were outlined in a press release

issued by Borden's head office in New York City which stated the main reasons were the high costs to bring the 50-year-old plant up to acceptable production standards.

Ostrom didn't buy that reason. He blamed the closure on free trade.

"I say it's free trade and I always will believe it's free trade. They're moving some of the processing operations to their plant at Essex Junction in Vermont. Why? Because the wages are cheaper there. Why should they pay more for the same work?"

Ostrom said he doesn't believe the plant is below standards.

"The bottling part is only about 10 to 11 years old and the office is in good shape. Sure that front part of the plant isn't in terrific shape, I'll give them that; but it's not even being used, hasn't been used for anything in years except for storage. Besides, they've been doing upgrading work on the plant since they bought it."

But Bayles said the work that has been done has only been "housekeeping type" work.

"There are a lot of major repairs which have to be considered before everything is up



JULIANNA MASSON/ THE RECORDER AND TIMES

United Maple Products will close down production today after Borden Inc. of New York City announced it was closing the Delta-based plant. The closure puts 18 people out of work and is expected to be a blow to the economic health of the village, according to township Reeve Arch Ostrom.

AND NOW, TODAY.....



During a recent meeting of the Rideau Lakes Council-Municipal Services Committee, discussion was held regarding the future of this property. Council approved a motion to proceed with a work plan starting this year which includes structural and environmental studies. The Township of Rideau Lakes recently assumed ownership of this property.

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*Country Roads Community Health Centre

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PORTLAND	X	4-7	X	2-5	X	9-12	1-4
SOUTH ELMSLEY	X	X	9-12	2-5	4-7	X	9:30 - 12:30

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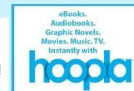
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