



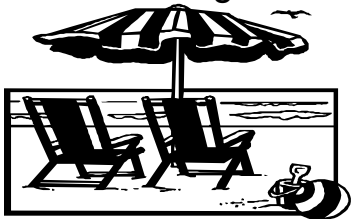
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Port Elgin & Saugeen Township
Beachers Organization



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Beachers' News

President's Report

Your board met Saturday May 22nd to start this summer season for the Beachers. A number of issues were discussed with beach preservation at the top of the list. John Sturgeon from the Town Waterfront Committee attended and gave a report highlighting the fact that the installation of snow fencing on the main beach area did indeed seem effective in reducing the amount of sand migration from the beach this past winter.

We are encouraged by this report and applaud the Town's efforts in this regard. We also wish to point out that an ongoing improving programme of this kind is essential for the main beach area. The natural events which created the beach in the first place are no longer present. Our beach, the Town's beach is a relic beach. It cannot be replaced. It must be preserved!!! More snow fencing next year should and can be afforded. The Town is on the right track... Lets keep going.

At our upcoming annual meeting on July 31 Mr. Pat Donnelly of the Lake Huron Center for Coastal Conservation has agreed to speak to us about this issue. Please plan to attend this important meeting. You may have questions about beach preservation techniques. Come and talk to an expert.

After the annual meeting we plan to adjourn to the North Shore Park for a BBQ. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be on the menu with great conversation and fun for the family. Please join us and bring your neighbours. Especially if they are not already members of our organization. Members and non members are welcome. We are looking for new members.

It is with regret that I announce the resignation of Jen Oliveira. As Business Manager Jen has done a great job for us since taking the role on. She has found that her young family is more important and we really can't disagree with that. With reluctance we say goodbye to Jen. We are fortunate to have found a very capable person to take this job over from Jen. Tina Hill has agreed and will be working with Jen through a transition period early this summer. Tina has a strong bookkeeping background and we are very happy that she has agreed to tackle this job. So... THANK YOU JEN and WELCOME TINA. Tina will be at our annual meeting so please come out and make her welcome.

One last point of interest is a day long conference July 17th. This conference is being run by the Lake Huron Center for Coastal Conservation at the CAW center. It promises to be an interesting day. You can register by calling the Center at 519 523- 4478.

All of your board members wish each and every one of you a happy safe summer season.
Cheers
David

Board of Directors 2004/2005

President	Dave Martin
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AGM & BBQ

Mark it on your calendar...
Saturday, July 31st

Join us at Rotary Hall at the Plex at
10am for the Annual General Meeting.

Then come to the Northshore Park
picnic shelter for the *Beachers' BBQ*.

See you there!

First Hand... the good life in Saugeen Shores!

By Bill Rose

1. The Picnic Shelter at the North Shore Park can be booked up to a year in advance by calling Community Services at 832 2008. Use of the facility is free and provides great opportunities for your special events - includes running water, electrical outlets, tables, nearby washrooms and a good play area for children.

2. Great biking along the North Shore Road from Port to South. The reduced speed limit and the avoidance of highway traffic makes for an enjoyable family ride. However, watch out for the flying critters that come out full force at sunset!

3. Make your entertaining at the cottage easier with homemade pies or desserts from the "B" Line Variety at 169 Huron Street South. Reasonable prices and reliable service! Call Brenda at 797 5382 to order and tell her Bill recommended the lemon pie.

4. Entertain your morning cottage guests by going out for breakfast to Johnny G's at the south end of Port Elgin or to the Colonial Motel's Sunrise Cafe at 235 Goderich Street. Both are open at 6 A.M. for the early birds!

5. Relax and enjoy those sunsets - two benches have been placed on the North Shore Road a kilometre up from the North Shore Park. Roadside parking is available. Enjoy!

6. Contact Thorncrest Outfitters at 797 1608 for full details on canoeing the Saugeen River. Transportation and equipment etc. is available with various drop-off points to accommodate all levels of expertise and adventure! Happy tripping!

These are just six ideas to add to your enjoyment of life in Saugeen Shores. Send me your ideas to include in the next Beacher's Newsletter.

Enjoy the good life. Bill

The Waterfront Committee

The following is copy of a letter received by the Beachers' Organization from Mike Myatt, Director of Community Services, outlining some of the Waterfront Committee's initiatives.

I am writing on behalf of the Saugeen Shores Waterfront Committee to bring you up-to-date regarding several initiatives that your members may be interested in hearing about.

We are pleased to announce that the Port Elgin Tourist Association have committed \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00 for playground equipment upgrades at Northshore Park and along the Port Elgin Beach. This is great news as our playground equipment is aging and the replacement of the existing equipment with CSA (Canadian Standard Association) approved equipment is essential as we strive toward providing a safe play environment.

Our flagpole on Millard Boulevard suffered serious damage during the November 2003 storm, and is scheduled to be repaired and raised by early June.

A new swing/slide set will be purchased for the Southampton Beach at the end of Palmerston Street. This work is scheduled for late June 2004.

Monteith, Brown & Stantec Consulting Firm has been awarded the contract to prepare our Parks & Trails Master Plan. This plan will include two community consultation meeting in July/August, at which time the general public will have the opportunity to contribute towards the vision for the future of Parks & Trails in Saugeen Shores. The plan will be completed early in December, with a final presentation to Saugeen Shores Council early in December 2004.

There have been mixed reports circulating in regards to the Public Beach Access Signage Report, which was completed in the fall of 2002 by Kim Alderton & Associates Ltd. The Waterfront Committee have been assigned the task of developing an implementation strategy for the signing of our beach access points. I would like to emphasize that this process will take several years and any decisions regarding the signing of beach access points will occur following consultation with residents, particularly those who border or surround the access points in question.

Our main priority is to protect our beach access points in respect to ownership and ensure that encroachments are kept to a bare minimum.

The Heritage Property Plaque Program

IS YOUR COTTAGE OVER 50 YEARS OLD?
If so, you can apply for a "Heritage Property Plaque".

These plaques display information such as when the home was built and the name and occupation of the original owner.

One of our Izzard Road members has just received their plaque from the Saugeen Shores Municipal Heritage Committee.



Application forms are available at the municipal offices or by calling 832-2008. The fee is \$60.

You will need to provide as much information as possible about the history of your home or cottage so it can be printed on the plaque.

Port Elgin & Saugeen Township

Beachers' Organization Annual General Meeting & B.B.Q.

Saturday July 31st, 2004

AGM

- Find out more about your Beachers' Organization
- Hear guest speakers discuss current community issues
- Meet Pat Donnelly of the Lake Huron Centre for Coastal Conservation, hear him speak and ask questions regarding this important issue

10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon
Rotary Hall, The Plex

BBQ

- A casual get-together
- Meet fellow cottagers and your Board Members
- Great food & fun for the whole family
- Bring guests, non-members and anyone interested in the Beachers'

Following AGM
Northshore Park Picnic Shelter

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND THE BEACHERS' AGM
& BBQ**

